



**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
4:00pm, Tuesday, January 6, 2026
1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC**

MINUTES

1. Call to order

Present: Glenn Thornburg, Susie Wheeler, Bob Miller, Zoning Administrator Hart

Absent: Ellen Gower

2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

MOTION: Mr. Thornburg made a motion to postpone the election of Chair and Vice Chair until the next meeting. Ms. Wheeler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

Ms. Wheeler noted that the minutes should be corrected to indicate she was absent from the November meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 5 2025 meeting as amended, and Ms. Wheeler seconded the motion. The minutes passed unanimously.

4. Swearing in of applicants

Mr. Thornburg swore in the applicants.

5. Special Exceptions

A. 29 25th Avenue

Zoning Administrator Hart said, "The applicant is requesting a special exception to allow the establishment of a drone and photography business in the home. The applicant has indicated that there will be no business-related traffic coming to the house and no work at the home other than office work. He has indicated that there will be no exterior evidence of a business and no employees."

Mr. John Cottingham, the applicant, said there will be no exterior signage on his house or car indicating the presence of a business.

MOTION: Mr. Thornburg made a motion to approve, and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Cottingham and Board members about the potential safety concerns surrounding the posting of personal information such as an applicant's email address that has led to attempts to scam applicants.

6. Miscellaneous

Mr. Thornburg asked for an update about the status of the golf cart rental business on Palm Boulevard that has visible signage advertising a business. Zoning Administrator Hart said she would determine whether or not this is a special exception approved by the Board and whether or not he is permitted to have the signage.

7. Adjournment

Ms. Wheeler made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk