

## Drax Gloster Community Advisory Panel

### Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 5/7/2025

**Time:** 5:30pm

**Location:** Drax Amite Plant

Present	In attendance (from Drax)	Apologies
Velicia Anderson, Vivica Hoover, Linda Campbell, Jackie Robinson, Krystal Wilson, Christy Havard	Shelby Stewart, Daniel Cook, Shelby Kelmell, Aarika Plunkett, Crystal Murray	Inez bell Elaine Green Shalonda Weathersby

- 1. Welcome and Introduction** - The meeting opened with a welcome to attendees, followed by introductions. Panel members were thanked for their continued participation and commitment to community engagement efforts.
- 2. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes** - The panel reviewed the minutes from the prior meeting. One correction was noted—the word “form” should be changed to “from.” Following the correction, the minutes were formally approved.
- 3. Community Partnerships and Outreach** – The Panel was provided with an update on efforts to engage NAACP and HBCUs in Mississippi. The Panel encouraged Drax to continue with this outreach.
- 4. Community Concerns about misinformation** – Panel members raised concerns about misinformation being spread within Gloster. The Panel emphasized the importance of proactive, transparent communication to ensure that residents are receiving accurate information from trusted sources. The Panel discussed various options including starting a Community Question Box.
- 5. Leveraging Local Support** - Panel members emphasized that there is a strong base of Drax supporters in the Gloster area who want to be more visibly involved. The

Panel encouraged Drax to lean into this local network to foster stronger community ties and improve public perception.

#### **6. Other Community Topics**

- *Main Street Benches* - No updates were available regarding the previously discussed benches for Main Street. The panel member who initially raised the idea stated it may no longer be necessary and suggested tabling the topic.
- *Community Fund* - The Panel was informed that Drax is actively seeking applicants from the area for its Community Fund, and members were encouraged to help identify local organizations or initiatives that could benefit from support.

*There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7pm. Details of the next CAP meeting will be circulated to the Panel in due course.*