

Drax Gloster Community Advisory Panel

Meeting Minutes

Date: 8/27/2025

Time: 12:00pm

Location: Gloster Public Library

Present	In attendance (from Drax)	Apologies
Mayor Norwood Velicia Anderson Jackie Robinson Linda Campbell Eric Brown Vivica Hoover	Shelby Stewart, Shelby Kelmell, Aarika Plunkett, Crystal Murray	Christy Havard Dominick Kunze 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 minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and confirmed. No amendments were required.

3. Community Project Updates –

- Drainage Improvements
 - Work continues on addressing a local drainage issue. Dungan Engineering is leading the project with oversight in place, and surveying is underway. Weather remains a key factor, but the goal is to have progress made by mid-fall.
 - Panel members discussed the importance of ensuring projects are carried out equitably across the community.

4. Community Outreach and Engagement

- MDEQ Hearing

- The upcoming MDEQ hearing is scheduled for October 14–15 in Jackson, MS. The panel encouraged community members, employees, and local leaders to consider attending. Transportation is being arranged, including a charter bus. Flyers and registration information was suggested by panel members to be made available at local stores and churches.
- Funding Updates
 - Recent funding supported classroom projects at Amite County Middle School and community health initiatives at Field Health Systems. The latest funding round closed on September 1, with applications under review.
- Holiday Outreach
 - The panel discussed Thanksgiving plans, exploring ways to best support families during the holiday season, including possible use of vouchers or alternative meal packages.

5. Conclusion

- Next Meeting
 - The next CAP meeting will take place in November. Details will be shared with the community in due course.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm.