



## **MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING September 21, 2025**

The regular Board meeting of the Gold Coast Amateur Radio Association, Inc., was called to order on September 21, 2025, at 2:03 p.m. by President Melanie Fernandez, KJ4VCT, on Zoom.

Present were Melanie Fernandez, KJ4VCT, President; Ben Echavarria, N7BBE, Vice President; Dirk Basting, N4AN, Treasurer; Ricki Witte, KJ4FSJ, Secretary; Jeff Stahl, K4BH, Director at Large; and Ricky Eaton, KD4HGR, Repeater Trustee,

The Minutes of the August 17, 2025, meeting were erroneously dated July 13th; two additional errors mentioned turned out to be in the Agenda.

Ricky Eaton said the cameras have been installed in the room with our equipment at John Knox Village, he and showed a video of what the cameras see and record. The Board agreed to continue using the software that makes and retains the recordings for a monthly \$5 charge. The future of the repeater at what was the Boca Raton Community Hospital that has become part of Baptist Health is uncertain. There was a discussion of seeking an alternate site, such as Briarwood.

The inventory of our equipment is partially done. Some of the equipment we do not need and wish to sell will have to be removed to make room for the rack we have purchased from Mike Meeks. Ricky renewed the club's call sign, which is now paid for until 2035. The \$35 fee will be reimbursed to Ricky. The repeater team has not yet expanded, still consisting of just Ricky, Joe McGee, N4XT; Eric Rodriguez, KF4LZA; and \_\_\_\_\_.

The Board accepted the resignation of Tom Savoca, K9TJS, who has served as web administrator and public information officer. There was a discussion of the process of replacing Tom with one or more individuals and agreement that the individuals under consideration should be interviewed by the entire Board before a final decision. In the interim, Carol Sjursen, KJ4AWB, is able to post items on the website.

A list of suggested amendments to the Bylaws had been sent to Board members before the meeting by Ricki Witte. The suggestions contained several errors and will be redrafted. The Board did discuss and vote on the composition of the Board and agreed on

Section 6.1 Board Members – The Board of Directors for the GCARA shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Repeater Trustee. The Board shall appoint two non-voting directors. The term of office for all Officers and Board Members shall be one calendar year.

The Board agreed that Mike Wolf's status as a Life Member, which was previously agreed to, should be commemorated with a plaque rather than a certificate. Sufficient funds have been donated, and the memorial brick for silent key, Rhonda Pitone, KJ4FSH, will be ordered.

The meeting was adjourned when business was concluded.

Ricki Witte, KJ4FSJ  
Secretary Pro Tem