



The Augusta Homeless Task Force held its January 2026 meeting with strong attendance and important milestones for the year ahead.

✓ **New Charter Adopted**

Members officially approved a revised Governance Charter designed to improve transparency, clarify voting procedures, and strengthen compliance with HUD requirements. Updates include:

- Clearer voting structure (individual voting rights)
- Defined quorum and membership standards
- Creation of a new **Compliance Chair** position to provide quarterly reporting on federal grant expenditures
- Formalized committee structure for stronger oversight and engagement

This updated charter positions the Task Force for greater accountability and collaboration in 2026.

🏠 **2026 Officers Elected**

The following officers were elected:

- **Chair:** Luke
- **Vice Chair:** Donna Moraine
- **Secretary:** Bethany Trapp
- **Compliance Chair:** Danielle Shelton

Additionally, committee chairs were confirmed for Street Outreach, Housing, and the newly formed **Community Engagement Committee**, which will focus on public awareness, website oversight, and community visibility.

🏠 **2026 Priority: Housing Expansion**

Funding updates were provided regarding the HUD Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). While this year's funding is a renewal cycle, the Task Force is preparing for a highly competitive funding round later in 2026.

Top priorities moving forward:



- Increase Permanent Supportive Housing capacity
- Expand Rapid Rehousing resources
- Strengthen partnerships with housing developers and community stakeholders

The Task Force emphasized the need for new partners at the table to address Augusta’s growing housing needs.

🏠 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Underway

The annual Point-in-Time Count is currently in progress across Richmond County. Volunteers are conducting outreach, surveys, and shelter counts through January 31. The data collected will directly impact future funding and housing strategy.

🔍 Looking Ahead

2025 focused on rebuilding the Task Force’s foundation — including governance updates, compliance alignment, and administrative transitions.

2026 will focus on growth, collaboration, and measurable housing solutions.

The Augusta Homeless Task Force invites community members, housing providers, developers, and service agencies to join us in working toward sustainable and equitable solutions to homelessness in our region.