



# Chatham County Zoning Board of Appeals

Action Minutes  
April 28, 2026 9:00am  
112 East State Street, Arthur Mendonsa Hearing Room

## April 28, 2026 Chatham County Zoning Board of Appeals

Members Present: Robert Vineyard, Chair  
Meredith Stone, Vice Chair  
Benjamin Polote  
Keewan Drayton  
Jenna Watkins

Others Present: Ely Zarka, Senior Planner, Current Planning/Development Services  
Sally Helm, Administrative Assistant II, Development Services/Current Planning  
Subhashi Karunaratne, Planner, Development Services/ Current Planning  
DeAndrae Spradley, Senior Planner, Development Services/Current Planning  
Hind Patel, IT Support

### I. Call to Order and Welcome

### II. Pledge of Allegiance

### III. Notices, Proclamations and Acknowledgements

### IV. Petitions Ready for Hearing

### V. Approval of Minutes

#### [1. Approval of the March 24, 2026 CZBA Meeting Minutes](#)

#### **Motion**

Approval of the March 24, 2026 CZBA Meeting Minutes.

#### **Vote Results ( Approved )**

Motion: Benjamin Polote, Jr.

Second: Meredith Stone

James Coursey	- Not Present
Meredith Stone	- Aye
Robert Vinyard	- Aye
Benjamin Polote, Jr.	- Aye
Kewaan Drayton	- Aye
Jenna Watkins	- Aye
Tia Acker-Moore	- Not Present

**VI. Item(s) Requested to be Removed from the Final Agenda**

**VII. Consent Agenda**

**VIII. Old Business**

[2. 10 Riverwatch Ln | Variance to encroach into the County Marsh Buffer | ZBA-0226-000603](#)

**Motion**

Denial of the variance to reduce the required 35-foot riparian buffer setback by 6 feet and 3 inches in order to construct a single-family dwelling.

**Vote Results ( Approved )**

Motion: Benjamin Polote, Jr.

Second: Jenna Watkins

James Coursey	- Not Present
Meredith Stone	- Nay
Robert Vinyard	- Nay
Benjamin Polote, Jr.	- Aye
Kewaan Drayton	- Aye
Jenna Watkins	- Aye
Tia Acker-Moore	- Not Present

**IX. Regular Agenda**

[3. 226 Catalina Dr | Variance to Height | ZBA-0326-000609](#)

**Motion**

Denial of the variance to increase the height of a fence in the front and side yard from 6 feet to 8 feet.

**Vote Results ( Approved )**

Motion: Meredith Stone

Second: Jenna Watkins

James Coursey	- Not Present
Meredith Stone	- Aye
Robert Vinyard	- Aye
Benjamin Polote, Jr.	- Aye
Kewaan Drayton	- Aye
Jenna Watkins	- Aye
Tia Acker-Moore	- Not Present

**X. Other Business**

**XI. Adjournment**

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***interested party.***