



POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD ~ AGENDA
City Hall – Council Chambers
865 SE Barrington Drive, Oak Harbor, WA 98277



JANUARY 7, 2026

4:15 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Position 1	Melinda Buchanan, VC	In Person	Absent
Position 2	River Powers	in Person	Absent
Position 3	vacant	In Person	Absent
Position 4	Rachel Paul, CH	In Person	Absent
Position 5	Marty Malloy	In Person	Absent
Position 6	vacant	In Person	Absent
Position 7	vacant	In Person	Absent
Student Rep	vacant	In Person	Absent
Ex-Officio	Chris Wiegenstein	In Person	Absent
Staff Liaison	Chief Tony Slowik	In Person	Absent
Staff Liaison	Meg Massey	In Person	Absent

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 19, 2025 CAB MEETING

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

During this time, citizens may comment on subjects of interest not on the agenda or agenda items. To ensure comments are recorded properly, state your name clearly. Individual comments will be limited to three (3) minutes to ensure maximum participation during the 15-minute timeframe allotted for this item. Public Comment may also be submitted online at <https://www.oakharbor.gov/publiccomment> at least two (2) business days in advance of an advisory board meeting.

Online comments received:

- Michael Szemplinski re: Micromobility infrastructure

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- Elect Board Chair for 2026
- Elect Board Vice-Chair for 2026
- CAB Recruitment to Fill Vacant Positions (3 board members and 1 student representative)
- Annual Report to City Council - Discussion
- Police Chief's Comments

6. MEMBER COMMENTS

7. DETERMINATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8. NEXT MEETING DATE: MARCH 4, 2026

9. ADJOURNMENT

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November 19, 2025

Minutes

(without attachments)



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NOVEMBER 19, 2025 MINUTES

This meeting was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The YouTube video counter is in parentheses () next to each agenda item.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: (:21) Chair Paul called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

Position 1	Melinda Buchanan, VC	In Person ✓	Absent
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Position 3	Rachel Paul, CH	In Person ✓	Absent
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Position 7	Vacant	In Person	Absent
Student Rep	Vacant	In Person	Absent
Ex-Officio	Chris Wiegenstein	In Person ✓ @4:51pm	Absent
Alternate Ex-Officio	James P. Marrow	In Person ✓	Absent
Staff Liaison	Chief Tony Slowik	In Person ✓	Absent
Staff Liaison	Meg Massey	In Person ✓	Absent
Staff Liaison	Deputy Chief Kevin Barton	In Person ✓	Absent

City Staff Present: Videographer Tim Shelley Jr. and Records Management Analyst Kim Perrine

2. Approval of Agenda: (:58)

MOTION: Board Member Malloy moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Board Member Powers. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes from September 3, 2025 meeting: (1:22)

MOTION: Board Member Malloy moved to approve the September 3, 2025 minutes as written, seconded by Vice-Chair Buchanan. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comment: (1:44) The following two public comments were submitted online:

- a. Howard Scott Strickland re: Sumner Park Tennis Courts
- b. Bill Snyder re: Stay Out of Zone

5. Items for Discussion:

- a. Review the Chronic Nuisances Ordinance No. 2031. (3:00) Chief Slowik shared with the board a handout entitled “Chronic Nuisance Property – FAQ – City of Oak Harbor – OHMC Chapter 6.25” (copy attached) summarizing the ordinance passed by Council at their November 18, 2025 meeting. The purpose of this ordinance is to provide a process for identifying and correcting properties where repeated criminal or nuisance activities occur. It ensures the health, safety, and welfare of the community and it may be used along with any other state or local enforcement tools. Discussion ensued.
- b. Review the Stay Out of Designated Area (SODA) Draft Ordinance No. 2034. (13:13) Chief Slowik shared with the board a handout entitled “Understanding the Stay Out of Designated Area (SODA) Ordinance” along with the draft/incomplete SODA map for Option 2 (see attached). Chief Slowik would recommend Option 1 which covers SW 8th Avenue (north boundary), SR20 (east boundary), SW Bayshore Drive (south boundary), and SW Erie Street (west boundary). This ordinance helps keep

neighborhoods safe and healthy by restricting certain individuals from returning to specific areas where repeated drug activity has occurred. Discussion ensued. This ordinance will be on the Council's December 2nd agenda. Chief Slowik stated he will be reaching out to the property owners in this zone to notify them of the Council meeting date/time.

- c. Set Calendar for 2026: (27:19) January 7th, March 4th, May 6th, July 1st, September 2nd, and November 11th (November 4th conflicts with City Council meeting). The board discussed the proposed meeting dates for 2026. It was noted that the November 11th proposed date is Veterans Day so that meeting date was changed to November 18, 2026. The board is good with these dates and Chief Slowik will post these dates for 2026.
- d. Discuss Police Community Advisory Board Presentation to City Council. (28:27) Chair Paul drafted the "Annual Report to City Council – Oak Harbor Police Department Community Advisory Board – 2025" (copy attached) and discussed it with the board. Board members please provide comments/feedback to Chair Paul as soon as possible so the report can be finalized and a PowerPoint presentation created. The board would like to make the presentation to Council on January 20th, 2026 and can then decide if it should be added to a workshop at a later date.
- e. Added item. (35:01) Board Member Malloy introduced Dr. Michael Lemme who owns property on SW 8th Avenue. Chair Paul reopened public comment and Dr. Lemme spoke about homeless people sleeping, defecating, and leaving debris on his property.

6. Member Comments: (50:26)

- a. Chief Slowik shared with the board that on November 17th, the City received ownership of the training facility and thanked Council, the Mayor, the community, and CAB for their support.
- b. Vice-Chair Buchanan, Chair Paul, and Board Member Malloy's positions are expiring on December 31st, 2025. All three would like to be reappointed although Chair Paul would like to move to an even-year position. Anyone interested in being a member of CAB can apply online at <https://www.oakharbor.gov/335/Advisory-Boards>.

7. Determination of Future Agenda Items: (43:21)

- a. Recruiting to fill positions on CAB – Currently 3 board member vacancies and 1 student representative vacancy.

8. Next Meeting Date: (57:05) The next CAB meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2026 at 4:15 p.m.

9. Adjournment: (57:03)

MOTION: Board Member Malloy moved to adjourn the CAB meeting, seconded by Vice-Chair Buchanan. Motion carried unanimously. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Minutes taken by Records Management Analyst Kim Perrine.

Public Comments

Kim Perrine

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Tuesday, December 16, 2025 10:34 AM
To: Julie Nester; Macalle Finkle; Sabrina Combs; Magi Aguilar; Tony Slowik; Kim Perrine; Sarah Heller
Subject: Online Form Submission #84585 for Public Comment Form

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Public Comment Form

Full Name	Michael Szemplinski
Email	[REDACTED]
Are you a resident of the City of Oak Harbor?	Yes
Street Address	[REDACTED]
Agenda Item	Micromobility infrastructure
Public Comment	Please accelerate use of physical infrastructure to separate people rolling (bike, wheelchair, scooter, etc.) from driving. I had a person driving a large model truck intentionally close pass (less than 3 feet) me on going southbound on North Oak Harbor Street. He honked during the close pass and crossed the shoulder paint line to do so. He could have killed me with 0 consequences since their would be no counter story. Paint isn't protection.
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Draft
Annual Report
to
City Council

Discussion

**Annual Report to City Council
Oak Harbor Police Department Community Advisory Board
2025 – DRAFT**

CAB Members: Rachel Paul (Chair); Melinda Buchanan (Vice Chair); River Powers (Board Member); Marty Malloy (Board Member); Chris Wiegenstein (Ex-officio)

Purpose of Report: Under the Powers and Duties established in Ordinance No. 1997 and Resolution No. 24-11 Bylaws & Rules of Procedure (adopted by Council on 5/21/24), the Police Community Advisory Board (CAB) shall “Advise and make recommendations to the mayor, city council, and the chief of police concerning the provision of police protection and services within the city.”

CAB Member Activities to Date:

- Made minor changes to our Bylaws to include allowing members to reside or work within the 98277 or 98278 zip code areas.
- Assisted in the collection of survey data for the Community Survey on Public Safety and Law Enforcement. We participated in data collection at National Night Out 2024 and through door-to-door and business community interaction, as well as reviewing survey questions beforehand.
- Reviewed the OHPD Strategic Plan and Annual Reports.
- Met with and learned about the OHSD School Resource Officer, Tyler Adamson.
- Hosted Island County Mental Health officials to learn about the intersection of public safety, housing and homelessness, mental health and addiction crises in Oak Harbor and Island County at large.
- Visited Friendship House and Recovery Café in Skagit County.
- Some members attended “Coffee With A Cop”.
- Hosted graduates of Citizen Academy to learn about that program.
- Attended Pioneer Way and SW Business District meetings to discuss public safety concerns as well as two forums on SPiN Cafe concerns and Pathways to Stability Task Force meetings.
- Visited proposed regional police training facility (since approved).
- Met privately with businesses in the Barlow area as well as directors and providers at SPiN Cafe.

Findings and Recommendations for City Council.

1. We recommend that the City continue to strive for full staffing of the Oak Harbor Police Department. This includes a focus on continued recruitment of officers as well as support staff.
2. Survey data, public testimony and one-on-one meetings suggest that the community has great concern for public safety especially in the Barlow Street area. Concern is expressed for the safety of all citizens: business owners, customers, and our unhoused neighbors.
 - a. The CAB supports the adoption of SODA zones, especially in the Barlow Street and Pioneer Way areas, to help mitigate public safety concerns.

- b. We inquire whether the mayor has reached out directly to the property owner at 1241 SW Barlow Street to ask about construction of fencing that might improve safety both within and outside that property.
- c. Additionally, because public safety concerns in the city represent the intersection of homelessness, drug use disorder and mental health concerns, we believe the City should move forward with plans for transitional housing units modeled after the pallet shelter program in Skagit County and other similar multi-site transitional housing programs across the country. These multi-site constructions provide the security necessary for both residents and the community at large and allow those facing homelessness a private, secure space that can accommodate persons, properties and in some cases children and pets. This approach addresses the concerns for the safety and well-being of all members of our community.

We recommend that this housing be located in an area close to medical and addiction-related services and further believe that local businesses and community leaders should be called upon to buy-in to the program (purchasing and sponsoring individual shelters).

We recognize that coordination and cooperation with Island County is preferable but also recommend that the City plan for transitional units to serve our unhoused citizens with or without County support.

Future CAB Goals:

1. Include a form, if abbreviated, of Citizen Academy during CAB meetings so that the training becomes a requirement of CAB.
2. Recruitment to the CAB: positions remain unfilled. Of special attention, no student has responded to outreach to fill the OHHS spot.
3. Support City efforts to fully fund and fully fill positions within OHPD.
4. Support efforts to address public safety concerns city wide, especially in the Barlow Street area.

Submitted by the Police Community Advisory Board this ____ day of _____, _____.

Rachel Paul, Chair

Melinda Buchanan, Vice-Chair

River Powers, Board Member

Marty Malloy, Board Member