

Hampton Neighborhood Commission

Meeting Notes 2/9/2026

Attendance Record

Commissioner	Role	Present	Virtual	Absent
<i>Pamela Kelly</i>	D1	X		
<i>Lakia Davidson</i>	D2	X		
Linwood Williams	D3	X		
VACANT	D4			X
Don Butcher	D5	X		
Kathy Rogers	D6	X		
Joseph Griffith	D7	X		
Larry McKenzie	D8	X		
Vacant	D9			
Cheryl Collier	D10	X		
Whalan McDew	AL1	X		
Peggy Todd	AL2	X		
Jennifer Oliver	HCS			X
Tyler Zminkowski	HPD			X
Kwasi Obeng	CMO			X
Open	PRLS			
Myra Smith Jones	Nonprofit			X
Phoebe Mitchell	Faith			X
Vacant	Business			X
Honesty Williams	Youth1	X		
<i>Zoraya Meier</i>	Youth2	X		

Staff			
Dave Hunt	X		
Laura Walker	X		
Raquel McMillian	X		
Perrin Williams	X		
Travis Rash	X		
Angela King, CAO	X		
Monica Meharg	X		

Meeting Notes

- I. Opening
 - A. 12 Commissioners attending; quorum achieved.
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance
 - C. January 12, 2026, meeting minutes approved
 - D. Chair Announcements
 1. Committee Split Postponed. Please complete the survey

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2. Gabriella Hayes, District 9 (Wythe), has resigned

II. Director's Report

- A. HRSJC Reminder
- B. Process for filling vacancies:
 1. Staff to solicit applications via email blast and the Marketing Dept.
 2. Initial Candidate Screening done by staff
 3. Assess basic eligibility
 4. Connect with the applicant
 - a) Explain the role and answer questions
 - b) Use this opportunity to identify institutional candidates
 - c) Staff to schedule interviews
 5. Commissioners Sharing Schedule -RCLL
 - a) Staff provides copies of the schedule

III. Items to be Presented by the Public:

A. Melanie Paul brought concerns about property maintenance violations at several residences in her neighborhood, Willow Oaks. She has made repeated requests via 311 and by contacting police. There has been no response. There are multiple residences in Willow Oaks where she has noted concerns, though the focus of her public comment was primarily on 310 Beauregard Heights, where the owner has been overseas for three years. The issues with 310 Beauregard Heights include trash and recycle receptacles not being stored properly, visible debris in the driveway and in the back yard, and an inoperable vehicle deteriorating in the driveway. She asked Neighborhood Commissioners what they would do if these issues were present in their neighborhood. City staff offered to follow up by reaching out to Property Maintenance and Zoning Enforcement to ask for some history regarding these issues and attempted resolutions at 310 Beauregard Heights.

B. Wendy Iles of Hampton Clean City Commission invited Neighborhood Commissioners to take part in an upcoming Litter Index Tour. The event will begin at the Clean City Commission offices on June 6th, 2026, at 8:00 AM. The city-wide index will take approximately six hours and lunch will be provided. She also provided data to demonstrate a positive trend: in 2024, Clean City calculated a litter index of 1.78 and in the fall of 2025 that score was down to 1.43. Commissioners can follow up with Wendy at HCCC@hampton.gov

IV. Action Items: none

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V. Briefings & Discussions

A. First reading of the Bylaws update: Commissioners reviewed the proposed changes to the Neighborhood Commission Bylaws and gave the following feedback items:

1. Commissioner Pamela Kelly a change in the language of Article 2, Section 3, Item f, which states that “If a Commissioner’s term expires and a new appointment has not been made, then the current Commissioner shall serve until a successor is appointed.” Commissioner Kelly requested that the word “shall” be changed to “may” or “can”. Deputy City Attorney Angela King stated that she would work on a change of language.
2. Commissioner Don Butcher asked for clarity on how the changes to term lengths and limits would affect commissioners currently serving and was informed that the changes being considered now would be retroactively implemented. Commissioner Butcher asked staff to check on current Commissioners’ terms and update Commissioners regarding any changes to their term-end dates.

VI. Real Challenges & Lessons Learned

A. Whalen McDew was joined by former Neighborhood Commissioner Dina Moore and the two spoke about their early experiences with the Commission, to include how they were introduced to the work of the neighborhood commission and the difficulty that has historically been felt in explaining the role of neighborhood commissioner. Ms. Moore and Commissioner McDew spoke about strategies of making connections and encouraged more collaboration between commissioners.

VII. Commissioner Sharing

A. Whalan McDew: The Do Gooders Annual Gala will take place on Sunday, 2/15/2026, at Spring Hill Suites in Hampton from 3pm – 6pm. Tickets are still on sale at \$25 per person. A theme of this event will be Honoring Hometown Heroes

B. Cheryl: Spoke about attending the grand opening of the City’s office of Family Resilience and Economic Empowerment (FREE). She brought brochures to share with other commissioners and gave encouraged others to connect with FREE. She also shared information about Aberdeen Gardens Historic and Civic Association’s 28th annual Black History Breakfast, which will occur on 2/21/2026 at Liberty Live Church.

C. Joe Griffith shared a flyer that he created especially for Commissioners to enable them to attract participant organizations for the upcoming Clean Sweep (Apr 2026). He relayed that any organization who can assemble ten or more volunteers to clean an area of their choosing will get sponsorship and have their name appear on the t-shirts. He asked Commissioners to instruct such organizations to send their team information and

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the location they intend to clean to him (Joe Griffith). He asked that the organizations follow up with him after the event to report on the total area covered and trash collected.

- D. Honesty Williams shared that the Hampton Youth Commission recently reaffirmed their shared values.
- E. Zoraya Meier shared that the Youth Surveys are complete
- F. David Hunt (City Staff) shared staff assignments from the combined Community Engagement and Housing and Neighborhood Services Divisions

VIII. Committee Updates

- A. Neighborhood Resource Review
- B. Development & Training: no updates
- C. Nominating Committee:
- D. Youth Commission:

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.