

City of Clearwater

*Main Library - Council Chambers
100 N. Osceola Avenue
Clearwater, FL 33755*



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

8:00 AM

Special Meeting

Main Library - Council Chambers

Marine Advisory Board

Roll Call

Present5 - Board Member Michael Grohman, Board Member John Renton, Board Member Marvin Siple, Board Member Rick Broom and Board Member David Farrar

Absent 3 - Board Chair Kevin Laughlin, Board Member Deena Stanley, and Board Member Francis Bugaj,

Also Present3 - Marine and Aviation Director Mike MacDonald, Marine and Aviation Division Manager Bill Hodgson, and City Clerk Specialist Dani DeBois

1. Call To Order

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 8 a.m.

2. Citizens to be Heard Regarding Items Not on the Agenda

Rudy Mikeleck expressed support for the efforts of the board and shared experiences with reduced marine life sightings in places of development along Clearwater Beach.

3. New Business Items

3.1 Stevenson Creek Advocacy Group Draft Letter

Representatives of the Stevenson Creek Advocacy Group discussed the drafted letter of support for a manatee protection zone. Discussion ensued regarding needed edits to the verbiage around the docks being eliminated with focus being honed on the statistics behind the need for increased protection measures for manatee wellbeing.

Marine and Aviation Director Mike MacDonald said the letter will support and define a manatee protection zone and expanding slow speed areas in Stevenson Creek.

4. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 a.m.

Chair, Marine Advisory Board

Attest:

Board Reporter