

City of Clearwater

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



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

8:00 AM

Special Meeting

Main Library - Council Chambers

Marine Advisory Board

Roll Call

Present5 - Board Chair Kevin Laughlin, Board Member Michael Grohman, Board Member John Renton, Board Member Marvin Siple, and Board Member Rick Broom

Also Present 2 - Marine and Aviation Division Manager Bill Hodgson, and City Clerk Specialist Dani DeBois

1. Call To Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 Approval of December 10, 2025, Marine Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Board Member Michael Grohman moved to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2025 Marine Advisory Board meeting as submitted in written summation. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

2.2 Approval of January 28, 2026, Special Marine Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Board Member Michael Grohman moved to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2026 Special Marine Advisory Board meeting as submitted in written summation. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

3. Citizens to be Heard Regarding Items Not on the Agenda: None

4. New Business Items

4.1 Stevenson Creek Advocacy Group Update

Sherry Day, President of Stevenson Creek Advocacy Group presented an update regarding the manatee protection zone draft letter.

Board Member Marvin Siple moved to approve the manatee protection zone letter to be signed and sent to City Council. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Mike Foley said the city has historically been supportive of manatee protection efforts and commented on the repeated sightings and environmental protection.

4.2 Approval of Rate Increases to City Council

Bill Hodgson, Division Manager Marine and Aviation said the recreational and commercial final rate increases will be implemented by mid-April.

4.3 Harbor Marina Update

Public works Engineer II Kelly Peterich said the south end construction for the Harbor Marina has a low bidder, the Kelly Brothers, and is estimated to be completed by the end of 2026 or early 2027. The north end construction will be going out to bid in June and have a 90-day process with approval estimated at the September 16 City Council meeting. The completion is anticipated for six months to one year from that date.

4.4 Beach Marina Reconstruction Project Update

Mr. Peterich said phase two is now activated and the demolition of previous structures are complete. In response to questions, Mr. Peterich shared the dredging status, kiosk information, and information detailing concrete pouring, timber, underground roughing, and tenant coordination.

4.5 Elect 2026 Chair and Vice Chair

Board Member Rick Broom moved to re-elect the Marine Advisory Board Chair Kevin Laughlin and the Vice Chair Michael Grohman to remain as Chair and Vice Chair. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

5. Director's Report

In response to board discussion, Marine and Aviation Division Manager Bill Hodgson confirmed that the Parks and Recreation Department is in the process of meeting the planning and compliance requirements for the desired kayak launch at the Seminole Boat Ramp.

6. Board Members to be Heard: None

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

Attest:

Chair, Marine Advisory Board

Board Reporter