

MINUTES
SALEM PLANNING COMMISSION
January 13th, 2026

Reviewer: Fought

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Robert Vieyra-Braendle, President
Kaley Fought, Vice-President
Ben Fryback
Lisa Heller
Beth Rhoades
Michael Slater
Marissa Theve
Nick Infante

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Nathan Levin – not excused

STAFF PRESENT

Lisa Anderson-Ogilvie, AICP,
Planning Administrator,
Olivia Dias, Current Planning
Manager
Tom Cupani, Deputy City Attorney
Megan Smith, Admin Analyst

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Slater called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

1.1 Oath of Office for New Commissioner Infante

2. ROLL CALL

Roll was taken and with quorum established, President Slater proceeded with the meeting.

2.1 Elections: President and Vice President

Motion: Move to elect Commissioner Robert Vieyra-Braendle as President

Motion by: Commissioner Slater

Discussion on the Motion: None.

Vote: Aye: Fought, Fryback, Rhoades, Slater, Theve, Infante, Vieyra-Braendle, Heller (8)
Nay: (0)
Absent: Nate Levin (1)
Abstentions: (0)

Action: Moved to elect Commissioner Robert Vieyra-Braendle as President

Motion: Move to elect Commissioner Fought as Vice-President

Motion by: President Vieyra-Braendle
Seconded by: Commissioner Slater

Discussion on the Motion: None.

Vote: Aye: Fought, Fryback, Rhoades, Slater, Theve, Infante, Vieyra-Braendle, Heller (8)
Nay: (0)
Absent: Levin (1)
Abstentions: (0)

Action: Moved to elect Commissioner Fought as Vice-President.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** This time is available for interested citizens to comment on specific agenda items other than public hearings, deliberations and the merits of land use issues that are reviewable by the Planning Commission at public hearings. Each person's comments will be limited to three minutes.

None

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR** (approval of minutes, adoption of routine items requiring Commission action)

4.1 Approval of Minutes: (December 2, 2025.)

Motion: Move to approve the minutes.

Motion by: Commissioner Fryback
Seconded by: Commissioner Heller

Discussion on the Motion: None.

Vote: Aye: Vieyra-Braendle, Fryback, Heller, Slater, Theve, Rhoades (6)
Nay: (0)
Absent: Levin (1)
Abstentions: Fought, Infante (2)

Action: Motion passes

4.2 Resolutions: None.

4.3 Action Items: None

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

6. **Special Orders of Business:**

6.1 [Discussion of Planning Commission Membership Requirements](#) - Lisa Anderson-Ogilvie LMAnderson@cityofsalem.net

Questions/comments- Fought, Slater, Rhoades, Fryback-
Continuation to next meeting for recommendations due Tuesdays January 20th 9am.

6.2 [Discuss recommending City Council Interview for potential Commissioners](#) -Lisa

Motion: A letter be written to the City Council stating that the Planning Commission requests that Commissioners being appointed to a non-consecutive term be interviewed by Council and that the Public be notified of the vacancy on the Commission at least two weeks prior to an individual being selected for interview to fill that vacancy.

Motion by: Commissioner Fryback

Seconded by: Commissioner Fought

Discussion on the Motion: Fryback, Fought, Rhoades, Slater

Vote: Aye: Fought, Fryback, Heller, Rhoades, Slater, Theve, Infante, Vieyra-Braendle (8)
Nay: (0)
Absent: Levin (1)
Abstentions: (0)

Action: Motion passes

6.1 [Appointment to Mill Creek-Waller Dam Advisory Committee](#) - Lisa Anderson-Ogilvie LMAnderson@cityofsalem.net

Comments: Bradin Hilbrandt Executive Director of the North Santiam Watershed Council

Motion: Nominate Commissioner Slater

Motion by: President Vieyra-Braendle

Seconded by: Commissioner Heller

Discussion on the Motion: none

Vote: Aye: Fought, Fryback, Heller, Rhoades, Slater, Theve, Infante, Vieyra-Braendle (8)
Nay: (0)
Absent: Levin (1)
Abstentions: (0)

Action: Motion passes

7. **INFORMATION REPORTS:** None

8. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Commissioner Slater spoke on his meeting with Kristin Retherford and Dan Atchison about the Wetlands Subcommittee.

9. **PLANNING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** 3 items on next agenda-

- Continuation of membership discussion.
- State Street Improvement project.

- Transportation Subcommittee presentation
- 2 new Admin Staff 2 new Planners- Fully Staffed

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Wetlands

Commissioner Slater requests Climate Action Manager come present the 2025 report.

Subcommittee will convene on different session on the same Youtube Channel directly following this meeting.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT (other than agenda items): none

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for the record, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

SUBMITTED:



Robert Vieyra-Braendle, President

ATTESTED: