



Local Government Review Board 5/7/26

Minutes

May 07, 2026 at 5:30 PM

1. Call to Order

Chair Sergeant called the Local Government Review Board meeting to order at 5:30pm.

2. Old Business

a. Ward Representation

The LGRB continued the discussion on the hybrid at-large election model, where wards 1, 2, and 3 elect together, and at-large seats 1, 5, and 6 are elected together, alternating every two years. Concerns for the hybrid model included a potential for the majority control in one neighborhood with benefits including more opportunities for qualified candidates to run and the survey indicating majority support for at-large representation.

Motion was made to put in the tentative report the proposal for the ballot to change the representation structure for the City of Sidney to being a the hybrid model.

Motion made by Whiteman, Seconded by Mayer.

Voting Yea: Sergeant, Whiteman, Mayer

3. New Business

a. March 5th, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Mayer, Seconded by Whiteman.

Voting Yea: Sergeant, Whiteman, Mayer

b. April 9th, 2026 Training Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve.

Motion made by Whiteman, Seconded by Sergent.
Voting Yea: Sergent, Whiteman, Mayer

c. Schedule Update/Special Meetings

Interim CAO Chamberlin presented a tentative updated schedule for meetings and task items, should there be ballot items. She stated the meetings could be subject to change depending on public participation and the want of the LGRB, as there time available to schedule more meetings and push the final adoption. The LGRB requested the meeting on June 18th also contain an open house with food such as pizza to entice people to attend and ask questions.

d. General vs Self-Governing Powers

The LGRB discussed the report provided in the packet explaining the general versus self-governing powers. They also reviewed examples with Mayor Norby and Interim CAO Chamberlin where being self-governing would have been beneficial, especially during the oil boom and the need for nuisance controls and service fees being refined to better suit the community. The LGRB discussed a charter not being pursued as part of the self-governing powers, as they do not feel it is necessary to refine or restrict the city at this time.

Motion was made to put in the tentative report the proposal for the ballot to change the City of Sidney powers to self-governing.

Motion made by Mayer, Seconded by Whiteman.
Voting Yea: Sergent, Whiteman, Mayer

e. Recommendation for Tentative Report Items

4. Questions/ Comments from Public

Nothing.

5. Questions/ Comments from Board

Nothing.

6. Adjournment

at 6:01pm.