

Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 5, 2026, 5:30 PM
City Hall, Lakeland, Tennessee 38002

I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Josh Roman 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 5, 2026.

II. INVOCATION:

The invocation was offered by Mayor Josh Roman.

III. PLEDGE:

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Mayor Josh Roman.

IV. ROLL CALL BY RECORDER:

Commissioner Connie McCarter	Present
Mayor Josh Roman	Present
Commissioner Derek Johnston	Present
Commissioner Jim Atkinson	Present
Vice Mayor Michele Dial	Absent

Staff personnel in attendance were City Manager Emily Harell, Planning Director Paul Luker, City Attorney Representative Chris Patterson, Human Resource Manager Sue Lipscomb and City Recorder Rebecca Hume.

V. PUBLIC HEARING:

None.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT:

None.

VII. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS & OTHER OFFICERS:

1. City Manager's Report

City Manager Emily Harrell offered this report.

2. Commissioners' Report

a. **Lakeland Board of Education** - *Commissioner McCarter*

Commissioner Connie McCarter offered this report.

b. **Industrial Development Board** - *Commissioner Johnston*

Commissioner Derek Johnston offered this report.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

IX. SEWERAGE COMMISSION BUSINESS:

None.

X. CONSENT AGENDA:

None.

XI. REGULAR AGENDA:

1. **Approval of previous meeting minutes** - February 19, 2026

Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner McCarter.

Discussion ensued.

When the question was called the meeting minutes passed as presented, roll call vote, 3 in favor 0 against 1 abstain (3-0-1).

Yea: Commissioner Johnston, Commissioner McCarter, Mayor Roman

Nay: None

Abstain: Commissioner Atkinson

2. **Ordinance First Reading** - amending the City of Lakeland Code to Revise the Ethics Ordinance and Revise Relevant Portions of Lakeland Policies to reflect the same

Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Atkinson.

Mayor Roman presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

When the question was called the Ordinance First Reading passed as presented, roll call vote, 4 in favor 0 against 0 abstain (4-0-0).

Yea: Commissioner Atkinson, Commissioner Johnston,
Commissioner McCarter, Mayor Roman

Nay: None

Abstain: None

3. **Discussion and Possible Action** - regarding the Neighborhood Watch Program and proposed Community Beautification grants.

Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Atkinson.

Resident Charles Carroll, 3000 block of Creekwood Ln, made comments.

City Manager Emily Harrell presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

4. **Disussion and Possible Action** - regarding the Lake District Townhomes.

Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner McCarter.

Resident Randall Hardy, 10000 block of Plantation Woods Drive, made comments.

Resident David Loveland, 4000 block of Pine Hill Cove S., made comments.

Resident Richard Gonzales, 5000 block of Conifer View Ln, made comments not related to Lake District.

Commissioner McCarter presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

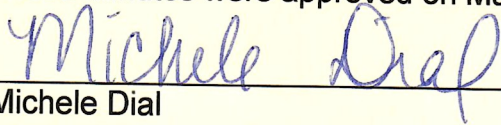
XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Josh Roman made an announcement.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

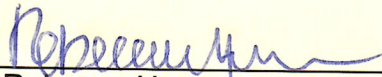
There being no other business on which to act, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 6:44 p.m. on Thursday, March 5, 2026.

These minutes were approved on March 19, 2026.



Michele Dial
Vice-Mayor

ATTEST:



Rebecca Hume
City Recorder