

ANDERSON ISLAND CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD

OCTOBER 8, 2026, MEETING MINUTES

This meeting was conducted at the American Legion Community Center and via ZOOM.

Call to Order and Verification of Quorum: Chair Jeremy Kamel called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00pm. Present in person and online were Jeremy Kamel, Jacob Anderson, Amy Wilburn, Doug Kuehne, Tiffany Waggoner, Bob Bedoll, Vickie Driver, Jim Cook, and Aaron Reynolds. There was a quorum.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda Items: It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to adopt the agenda.

Approval of the April 9, 2026, meeting minutes: It was moved, seconded, to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2026 meeting.

Guests: Guests (both in person and via Zoom) included Senator T'wina Nobles (Washington State Senator), Mari Leavitt (Washington State Representative), Ying Smith (Pierce County Ferry Administrator), Josh Diekmann (Director of Public Works), and Troy Serad, (liaison between AICAB and the Pierce County Planning and Public Works department.)

Updates and Announcements

- The three upper parking lot spots have been vacated and marked off to facilitate the school bus pick up and drop off.
- Mari is negotiating to secure more parking in Steilacoom for islanders.
- The dry-dock report for the M/V Christine Anderson has been received and made available to AICAB Board members. Ying says the work is on track.

Election of AICAB Board Officers

The following people were nominated, accepted the nomination and were voted on. The new officers for 2027 are:

Chairman:	Vickie Driver
Vice Chair:	Jeremy Kamel
Treasurer:	Jacob Anderson
Secretary:	Tiffany Waggoner

Ferry and Sustainability Committees

It has come to our attention that the Ferry Committee and the Sustainability Committee are not permitted in their current form by the AICAB bylaws. Therefore, a motion was made, seconded and approved to disband those committees.

Vickie Driver then made a motion to reconstitute the committees in accordance with the law. The motion was seconded and approved.

AICAB Member Term Limits

There was a brief discussion of member term limits. We will find out the exact term limits for the current AICAB members.

Old Business

- There has been no update on the status of the dog waste stations near the ferry dock.
- There has been no update on the status of repairs to the potholes on Villa Beach Road near the ferry dock.
- A motion was made, seconded and approved that AICAB request that the US Postal Service install a Postal dropbox on Anderson Island. The chair and vice chair are charged with working together to draft A letter to the US Postal Service.

New Business

• 2027 Ferry Schedule:

Ying tried to give a presentation via ZOOM. It was very difficult to hear and there were some technical problems as well. After numerous attempts to address the problems, Ying stopped the presentation and discussion continued.

Ying discussed ferry maintenance issues.

She was asked how many cars per ferry trip does it take to break even. Ying replied that the ferry will never break even so the decisions about the ferry must be made independently from fares. Safety and costs are more important for service reductions.

It was agreed that we must stay ahead of the ferry maintenance needs. To be able to discuss this in more detail it was proposed that AICAB have a meeting within the next month and that Ying attend this meeting in person.

It was noted that the proposed 2027 Sunday ferry service cancellations are to facilitate monthly maintenance checks. These Sunday cancellations were a huge sticking point for many islanders.

Tori Paul brought up the fact that this schedule change will impact her ability to get to her job. Others brought up the impacts on family and family time (this was continued in the later open discussion time.)

Melissa brought up the possibility of extra ferry runs if necessary and was told that Hornblower needs county permission to do that.

Others brought up that changing the Sunday runs impacts not only family time, but also impacts the ability to attend religious services.

Ying repeated that the ferry schedule is not finalized and they are hoping to have it finalized by Thanksgiving. She also noted that Pierce County makes the fare decisions.

Mark K. said that with more people moving to the island are there any plans for larger ferries? Ying said we have no facilities that can handle larger ferries.

Lane Sample said that the proposed ferry schedule will take Christmas away from people as family visits will be impossible.

Josh Diekman said that Ying will post more information regarding the schedule online. He thanked everyone who had already responded to the online survey regarding the proposed ferry schedule and encouraged everyone who hadn't yet done so to fill out the online survey by November 1st. He added that the ferry landing update will be completed in 2027.

Owen requested that the county hold a similar meeting for Ketron Island.

Mari Leavitt said that it was important the Pierce County hear from all of us.

Jeremy mentioned that he, Mari, Ying and others had a meeting last night about these issues as well.

Yin reiterated that she is happy to revisit the Sunday and holiday schedule proposals.

- A motion was made, seconded and passed to read as follows:

AICAB requests that the Pierce County extend "peak season" and provide two boat service for the Thursday before Memorial Day and the Tuesday following Labor Day as those days have been shown to be extremely busy. The County Council should amend as needed PCC 10.38.010 along with any other codes or policies as necessary to accomplish this.

- A motion was made, seconded and passed to read as follows:

AICAB requests that the County Council designate all 25 mph roads on Anderson Island as Golf Cart Zones in accordance with RCW 46.08.175. This would include making all of Yoman Rd and all of Eckenstam Johnson Rd 25 mph zones.

- A motion was made, seconded and passed to read as follows:

AICAB requests that the county come out with the extended reach flail mower and mow the roadside right of ways for the whole island.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.