

CENTRAL KITSAP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Central Kitsap Community Council

Monthly Meeting Agenda

January 14, 2026 | 5:00 - 6:30

Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue Meeting Room
5300 NW Newberry Hill Road, Silverdale

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- 5:00 pm A. Call to Order – Sarah Philley Obert, Chair**
1. Adoption of Agenda
 2. Approval of December 3, minutes
 3. Commissioner Walters recognitions
- 5:10 pm B. Welcome New members**
1. **New Member Intros**
 2. **CKCC Board Retreat – No Presentation**
 - Ice Breaker
- 5:20 pm C. 2026 Election and transition of Officers**
1. Sarah Moves from Vice Chair to Chair
 2. Kirsten Moves from Secretary to Vice Chair
 3. Nominate and elect a new secretary
 4. Review council member information and update
- 5:45 pm D. Council Priorities and Work Plan**
1. Review 2025 Work Plan
 2. Modify and add 2026
 3. Subcommittees 2026 planning (Community Engagement, Silverdale Community Center, Silverdale Plan)
- 6:15 pm E. New Business**
1. 2026 planning calendar
 2. Upcoming presentations
- 6:30 pm F. Final Comments from Council**
1. February 4 meeting: HEART Team update
 2. March 4 meeting: The state of healthcare in Kitsap County
 3. Adjourn

The Central Kitsap Community Council is an advisory group created by the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners with a mission to: facilitate and improve communication among the Central Kitsap community and the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC); promote a sense of community; advise the BOCC and government agencies of the desires and concerns of the community; bring to the Central Kitsap community issues and projects of the County and convey the community response as requested by the BOCC.



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Name & Term	CK Area	Occupation / Affiliations/Community Engagement
Term Ending 12-31-25		
David Emmons 2023-2025	Silverdale	President/CEO of the Greater Kitsap Chamber, former Director of Philanthropy at YMCA of Pierce and Kitsap Counties, former Executive Director of Olympic College Foundation.
Ryan Wixson 2025 2023-2025	Seabeck/ Silverdale/ Tracyton	Family runs small manufacturing business; manages Silverdale industrial park and other properties; avid member and advocate for local business community; conduit to share concerns, struggles, successes of neighbors and friends with county officials.
Jay Christian 2023-2025	Tracyton	Chief of Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue, Kitsap Emergency Medical Services Council, Hospital Task Force, Chamber of Commerce, Silverdale Rotary.
Caleb Reese 2023-2025	Olympic View	Port of Silverdale Commissioner, Kitsap resident for over 55 years, graduate of Central Kitsap High school and Olympic College; advocate for maintaining and increasing public access to waterfront.
Term Ending 12-31-26		
Kristen Fabry Vice Chair 2024-2026	Silverdale	Retired Naval Officer, graduate of Central Kitsap High and District Ambassador, classroom volunteer and mentor, member of Puget Sound Navy League, US Naval Academy Alumni Association Puget Sound, NYYC Naval Services Committee, Sunday School Director/Teacher, HOA Treasurer, and Mathis Guild.
Neal Gaulden 2024-2026	Silverdale	Retired Naval Chief Petty Officer, former Federal Contractor Officer for Naval Engineering Facilities Northwest, owner of Gaulden Management Group, Head Track Coach at CK High School, President of Kitsap Fliers Track and Field, former Central Kitsap Fire District volunteer firefighter and EMT.
Donna Hart 2024-2026	Silverdale	Secretary of Silverdale Senior Center organization, former school board member and city mayor in Florida, managed major construction and road projects, served on chamber of commerce economic development task forces.
Wendy Kile 2024-2026	Chico Lake	Currently the Executive Director of the Kitsap Regional Library Foundation with over 20 years of fundraising experience in Kitsap County, a lifelong Kitsap resident with roots in Chico/Erlands Point, current chair of Kidzz Helping Kidzz and former chair of Leadership Kitsap, supporter of organizations serving at-risk and homeless youth.
Sarah Philley Obert 2025 Chair 2024-2026	Seabeck	Developer of community-based programs and experiential learning curriculum with a passion for community thriving, championing at-risk teen success, and growth-minded leadership development; social justice advocate with a Master's in community psychology and PhD scholar of Leadership and Change.
Gretchen Ritter-Lopatowski 2024-2026	Enetai Beach/ Illahee	Graphic designer working with many local nonprofit organizations, board member of Leadership Kitsap, AVID counselor for Bremerton High School students, parent of charter school student, community volunteer.
Paula Wildes 2024-2026	Chico/ Newberry Hill/Eldorado	Resident of Central Kitsap over 40 years, member of Navy Hospital Patient/Family Partnership Council, neighborhood Block Watch Coordinator, Kitsap County Long-Term Care Ombudsman, Elections Poll Worker, retired from Central Kitsap School District.
Term Ending 12-31-27		
David Fergus	Tracyton	Retired architect and planner that has resided in Central Kitsap over 30 years; former owner of Rice Fergus Miller Architecture & Planning; former Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue Commissioner and long-time member of Bremerton Central Lions Club; designed and served as spokesperson for Kitsap 9/11 Memorial.
Youth Rep		
Garth Steedman	Chico	A junior at Klahowya Secondary School who is interested in civil engineering. Believes that this program would help him better understand how our community runs and the work he might get to do in the future.
Student Rep		
Kyle Bardwell	Chico	currently a sophomore at Olympic College, interested in engineering, wants to get involved in the community and learn how the town operates