



Town of Lakeview
525 N. 1st Street, Lakeview, OR 97630
541-947-2029 General Business

To: Madison (Matthews) Gibbons
From: Town of Lakeview
Date: February 28, 2026
Subject: Official response to Grievance of 2/25/26

This letter is to confirm that the Town is in receipt of your grievance under ORS 192.705.

Each of your grievances as they relate to purported violations of the Oregon Public Meeting Law are addressed below.

Grievance 1

Violation of Agenda Requirements (ORS 192.640): During the meeting on January 27, 2026, the Council took official action to appoint Planning Board members that was not listed on the public agenda. Under Oregon law, "principal subjects" require at least 24 hours of public notice.

ORS 192.640 requires a public meeting notice to include a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting but this requirement shall not limit the ability of the governing body to consider additional subjects. The Town denies it violated the requirements of ORS 192.640.

Grievance 2

Secret Deliberations & Bypassing of Board Process (ORS 192.610): The individuals "presented" as new Planning Board members on Monday, January 26 were selected via a non-public process. Furthermore, at the February 10, 20226 meeting, the Town Manager admitted the annexation was "his idea" presented directly to Council, effectively bypassing the Planning Board's role in vetting land-use actions.

The Town denies it violated ORS 192.610.

The remaining concerns you identify in your grievance do not relate to the Oregon Public Meeting Law and do not fall under the Public Meeting Law grievance process under ORS 192.705. The Town has met its legal obligations under ORS 192.705 and considers its response obligations under the law complete.

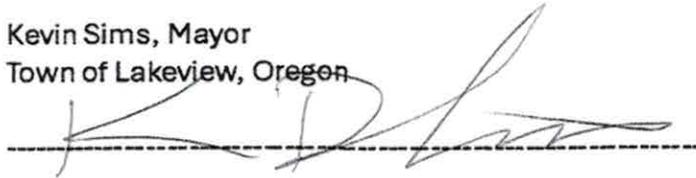
While Oregon Public Meeting Law does require that the public be allowed to witness a public process, it does not require that the Town provide an opportunity for citizen comments. Citizen comments are not a right, but a privilege extended by the Town Council to our citizens provided that the rules of conduct set forth in detail on every Town Council agenda are followed. Citizens are not allowed to interrupt or engage in conduct of Town

business unless recognized by the presiding officer. The comment process requires that comments be stated in manner that addresses official Town business. Your recent behavior in the public hearing of February 24th was disruptive and violated the rules of conduct. A copy of those rules is being provided at the end of this letter for ease of reference.

The remaining concerns identified in your complaint have been received and acknowledged. The Town will continue to follow all requirements of the Oregon Public Meeting Law, annexation process, and ethics.

Sincerely,

Kevin Sims, Mayor
Town of Lakeview, Oregon

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Sims', is written over a horizontal dashed line.

CITIZENS ISSUES AND COMMENTS

Members of the public desiring to address the Town Council shall sign in and must be recognized by the mayor and/or the presiding officer for the Town Council prior to speaking. Each person wishing to speak must adhere to the following guidelines for conduct during an official proceeding.

1. Be first recognized by the presiding officer.
2. Step up and speak from the podium.
3. State your name and address for the record.
4. Limit your comments to three minutes unless granted an extension of time.
5. Speak to the issue of concern. Personal attacks shall not be tolerated, and the Council reserves the right to remove abusive persons from the Council chambers.
6. Please do not interrupt or cause a disruption to the conduct of Town's business.
7. If you have an issue with an individual Town employee, please schedule a time to come to talk to the Town Manager regarding your concerns.

PERSONAL ATTACKS OR INSULTS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR DURING TOWN COUNCIL OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS AND MAY RESULT IN THE OFFENDING INDIVIDUAL BEING ASKED TO LEAVE THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.