



Agenda Item C.1
DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM
Meeting Date: November 5, 2025

TO: Chair and Members of the Public Engagement Commission

FROM: Kelly Hoover, Community Relations Manager/PIO

SUBJECT: Selection of Meeting Dates for 2026 Calendar Year

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Provide feedback on scheduling options for the Public Engagement Commission meeting dates for 2026, and,
- B. Adopt the recommended meetings dates for 2026 and 6:00 pm start time.

BACKGROUND:

On May 16, 2023, the City Council amended the Goleta Municipal Code Chapter 2.19 entitled "Public Engagement Commission" (Commission). The revised chapter includes, but is not limited to, provisions regarding the purpose and powers of the Commission, qualifications of members, and responsibilities. Moreover, Chapter 2.19.060 states, "The Public Engagement Commission shall meet four times per year or as needed to fulfill its duties."

DISCUSSION:

Staff is recommending keeping the Commission meetings on Wednesdays. Since the number of meetings held is now four, staff found dates that were spaced apart, yet did not conflict with other City events, holidays and the school district's calendar (i.e. first week of school). The recommended dates for 2026 are listed below:

Day of the Week	Date
Wednesday	February 25, 2026
Wednesday	May 20, 2026
Wednesday	September 9, 2026
Wednesday	December 2, 2026

Although meetings will be set through the end of the calendar year, an actual meeting will only take place if there are issues to be discussed and, at times, meeting dates may be adjusted with the approval of the Commission. Moreover, if a subject arises that needs Commission action prior to the next meeting, Chapter 2.19.060 provides the

opportunity for the Chair of the Public Engagement Commission to call a special meeting of the Commission. That date/time would be determined based on the Commission's availability and urgency of the matter.

Staff also recommends the Commission maintain its 6:00 pm meeting start time. The Commission may choose to continue with this start time or propose an alternate time.

Reviewed By:

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Jaime A. Valdez
Assistant City Manager