



**MEETING MINUTES
OAK ISLAND BUSINESS ADVISORY BOARD
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025 – 9:00 AM
TOWN HALL**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

Absent Members: Ken, Annette, Chasey, Zach

Motions:

- Ronnie made a motion to excuse Ken. Motion was seconded by Joe and unanimously approved.
- Hugh made a motion to excuse Annette. Motion was seconded by Jackie and unanimously approved.

II. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

III. Approval of Minutes

No previous minutes presented.

IV. Presentations

No formal presentations were scheduled. The board discussed potential future presenters, including:

- Small Business Center
- Oak Island Police Department
- Tourism Development Authority
- Town Manager
- Howie – Cape Fear Jetport
- Cape Fear Radio
- New Marina Manager
- Town Council Members

V. Public Comment

No public comments were received.

VI. Old Business

VI.1 – BAB Workplan Discussion

- The board decided to schedule the Medallion Hunt for the second week of June.
- Workshop series events will be held in the mornings, with a focus on a coffee-style setting.
- The board requested a full list of businesses within the Town of Oak Island.
- Suggested adding in additional context for each of the programs.
- Lisa made a motion to recommend the workplan for adoption. Motion was seconded by Hugh and unanimously approved.

VII. New Business

VII.1 – Business Hours/Noise Discussion

At the request of Town Council, the board discussed potential changes to the noise ordinance and its impact on businesses. Key points included:

- General support for live outdoor music ending at 10:00 PM.
- Concerns about potential negative impacts on the new baseball team.
- Encouraged Council to also consider early-morning construction noise, not just late-night activity.
- Preferred consistent enforcement of hours across weekdays and weekends.
- Noted that businesses such as grocery stores may receive deliveries at various hours.
- Consideration for home-based businesses (e.g., woodworking) and their potential impact.
- Acknowledged that tourists can be noisy at night, often resulting in complaints to rental companies.
- Overall consensus was that the current ordinance works well and does not require changes at this time.
- The board encouraged Council to take a thoughtful, precise approach: “use a scalpel, not a hammer.”

VIII. Staff Reports

No staff reports were presented.

IX. Board Member Reports

No additional board member reports were given.

X. Adjournment

Joe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Hugh and unanimously approved.