

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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MEETING MINUTES

COTTONWOOD PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
STATION 6-5
680 NORTH SEWARD MERIDIAN PARKWAY, WASILLA

ASSEMBLY SPECIAL MEETING

9:00 AM

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Saturday, March 1, 2025, at the Cottonwood Public Safety Building Station 6-5, 680 N. Seward Meridian Parkway, Wasilla, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Assemblymember Bernier.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers, Assemblymember Maxwell Sumner, Assemblymember Bill Gamble, Assemblymember Dmitri Fonov, and Assemblymember Ron Bernier

Excused: 2 - Assemblymember Tim Hale and Assemblymember Dee McKee

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ken Barkley, Emergency Services Director.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following person spoke to landfills, substandard roads, and Road Service Area contracts: Mokie Tew.

VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Strategic Planning Session

Mr. Brown Borough Manager, led the discussion regarding:

- *healthy care costs;
- *agency rating;
- *performance reports;
- *SWAT analysis; and
- *energy policy and strategy.

The meeting recessed at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

Discussion continued:

- *community clean-up program.

[Clerk's Note Mayor DeVries arrived at 10:50 a.m.]

The meeting recessed at 11:35 a.m. and reconvened at 12:01 p.m.

Discussion ensued:

- *transit;
- *Road Service Areas contracts;
- *public communications;
- * economic measures;
- *wildfire preparedness; and
- *affordable housing.

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENT

Assemblymember Bernier said a prayer.

Assemblymember Gamble thanked staff and noted he likes less formal meetings and how informative they are.

Ms. McKechnie spoke to the IT Department re-purposing the paper counters that were used in the election.

Mr. Brown spoke to scheduling future strategic planning meetings.

Mayor DeVries spoke to her arrival time and new board position.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.




Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

March 1, 2025, Assembly Strategic Planning Minutes

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EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 04/01/25