

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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BOROUGH MAYOR
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Tim Hale, District 1
Stephanie Nowers, District 2
Dee McKee, District 3
Robert Yundt, District 4
Mokie Tew, District 5
VACANT, District 6
Ron Bernier, District 7

MEETING MINUTES

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS
350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY SPECIAL MEETING

5:00 PM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2022

Election Certification

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Mayor Edna DeVries.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Assemblymember Tim Hale, Assemblymember Dee McKee, Assemblymember Robert Yundt, Assemblymember Mokie Tew (entered at 5:09 p.m.), and Assemblymember Jesse Sumner

Telephonic: 2 - Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers and Assemblymember Ron Bernier (entered telephonically at 5:14 p.m.)

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Canvass Board.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no one present who wished to testify.

VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Canvass Board Report

Ms. McKechnie thanked her staff, the Palmer City Clerk and Deputy Clerk for assisting with the hand count. Noted that the Canvass Board put in an extraordinary amount of hours to ensure a timely certification of the election.

Tereasa Thompson, Canvass Board Chair, provided the Canvass Board report.

B. Certification of the November 8, 2022, Regular Borough Election

Assemblymember Sumner moved to certify the election results for the November 8, 2022, regular Borough election. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

C. Oath of Office for Newly Elected Officials Taking Office on November 28, 2022

Ms. McKechnie issued the oath of office for Tim Hale, with his new term beginning on November 28, 2022.

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENT

Assemblymember Hale thanked everyone who worked the election. Commented that Assembly District 1 had the highest voter turnout. Thanked his constituents who voted for him. Stated that he is honored to continue to serve.

Assemblymember Yundt thanked the Canvass Board for their hard work. Commented that this election had the highest voter turnout yet, with 40.58 percent. Stated that he wonders how the Borough's voter turnout compares to the States.

Assemblymember McKee opined that having the Borough's election on the same day at the State's was a good idea.

Assemblymember Sumner thanked the Canvass Board, Ms. McKechnie, and her staff for their hard work on the election. Congratulated all newly elected members.

Ms. McKechnie advised that the machine count of ballots and the hand count of ballots came out identical. Reported on some process issues that were encountered on Election Day.

Assemblymember Nowers thanked those that worked the election. Stated that she is honored to be re-elected. Spoke to her pleasure with voter turnout.

Mayor DeVries invited everyone to the employee break room for cake.

Assemblymember Bernier related that he entered the meeting telephonically at 5:14 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

November 22, 2022, Assembly Special Meeting Minutes/Election Certification

(3 pages)

EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 01/17/23

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION
NOVEMBER 8, 2022 REGULAR ELECTION**

The results of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Regular Election of November 8, 2022, are as follows

	<u>PRECINCT/ EARLY VOTE</u>	<u>ABSENTEE</u>	<u>QUESTIONED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 1				
ENDLE, Brian K.	<u>2345</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>2,502</u>
HALE, Tim	<u>3124</u>	<u>258</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>3,399</u>
Write-in	<u>62</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>68</u>
ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 2				
NOWERS, Stephanie J.	<u>2043</u>	<u>166</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>2,242</u>
RAFFANIELLO, Dana	<u>961</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>1,056</u>
TRUPP, Meghan C.	<u>1329</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>1,426</u>
Write-in	<u>89</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>96</u>
SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 2				
KRUSE, Kendal W.	<u>2267</u>	<u>184</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>2,488</u>
MICHAELSON, Ray G.	<u>1942</u>	<u>134</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>2,108</u>
Write-in	<u>102</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>108</u>
SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 3				
MCCOLLUM, Kathryn G. "Kathy"	<u>3,648</u>	<u>277</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>3,961</u>
Write-in	<u>192</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>208</u>
SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 5				
AKELKOK, Shirley	<u>765</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>849</u>
BUTCHER, Jacob N.	<u>2,018</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2,141</u>
ELROD, Kimmie N.	<u>603</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>644</u>
Write-in	<u>109</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>117</u>
SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 6				
LARSON, R. "Ole"	<u>3,541</u>	<u>316</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>3,904</u>
Write-in	<u>266</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>293</u>
SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 7				
SITBON, Christiana G.	<u>1,609</u>	<u>221</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>1,852</u>
SWANSON, Theodore J. "Ted"	<u>2,314</u>	<u>264</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>2,597</u>
Write-in	<u>113</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>128</u>

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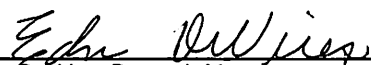
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PROPOSITION 1				
YES	<u>20056</u>	<u>1574</u>	<u>407</u>	<u>22,037</u>
NO	<u>7979</u>	<u>735</u>	<u>178</u>	<u>8,892</u>

	<u>CAST</u>	<u>NOT COUNTED</u>	<u>COUNTED</u>
TOTAL PRECINCT/EARLY VOTERS:	<u>30,826</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>30,826</u>
TOTAL QUESTIONED BALLOTS:	<u>1,078</u>	<u>410</u>	<u>668</u>
TOTAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS:	<u>2,725</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>2,651</u>
TOTAL:	<u>34,629</u>	<u>484</u>	<u>34,145</u>

WE, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly, jointly certify that the information listed herein is a true and accurate statement.


DATED this 22 day of November, 2022

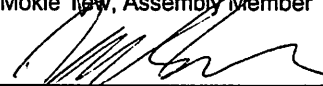

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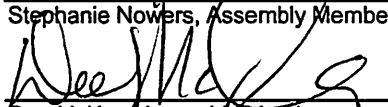

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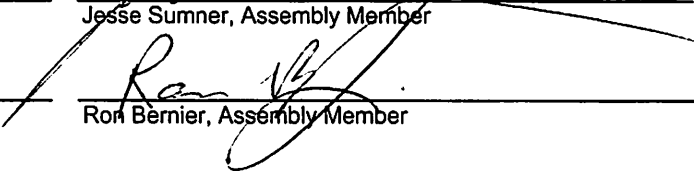

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