

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

350 East Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska 99645 - 907-861-8683

BOROUGH MAYOR
Edna DeVries

BOROUGH CLERK
Lonnie R. McKechnie, CMC

BOROUGH MANAGER
Michael Brown

BOROUGH ATTORNEY
Nicholas Spiropoulos



Tim Hale, District 1
Stephanie Nowers, District 2
Dee McKee, District 3
Maxwell Sumner, District 4
Bill Gamble, District 5
Dmitri Fonov, District 6
Ron Bernier, District 7

MEETING MINUTES

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS
350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY SPECIAL MEETING

5:00 PM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025

Election Certification

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, 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: 7 - Assemblymember Tim Hale, Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers, Assemblymember Dee McKee (entered at 5:12 p.m.), Assemblymember Maxwell Sumner, Assemblymember Bill Gamble, Assemblymember Dmitri Fonov, and Assemblymember Ron Bernier

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assemblymember Hale.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no one present who wished to testify.

VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Canvass Board Report

25-175 Canvass Board Report 2025

Ms. McKechnie thanked the Canvass Boards for their hard work and the Clerk's office staff.

Helen Mielke, Canvass Board Chair, provided the Canvass Board report.

B. Certification of the November 4, 2025, Regular Borough Election

Assemblymember Bernier moved to certify the election results for the November 4, 2025, regular Borough election.

The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

C. Oath of Office for Newly Elected Officials Taking Office on November 24, 2025

Ms. McKechnie issued the oath of office to Assemblymembers Michael Bowles, Stephanie Nowers, Maxwell Sumner with terms beginning November 24, 2025.

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENT

Assemblymember McKee remarked she was glad to be back.

Assemblymember Bernier thanked everyone for coming, spoke to the election, and said a prayer.

Assemblymember Hale thanked the clerk's office and the Canvass Board. Congratulated the newly elected assemblymembers.

Assemblymember Nowers thanked the election officials.

Ms. McKechnie noted that the assembly needed to sign the Election Certification.

Assemblymember Gamble spoke to Assemblymember Hale and his future.

Assemblymember Fonov thanked everyone who came and spoke to observing the early vote hand count. Encouraged everyone to get involved.

Mayor DeVries thanked the Canvass Board and spoke to the election.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.




Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment


For

November 18, 2025, Election Certification Meeting Minutes

(3 pages)


EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 12/02/25

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
CANVASS BOARD CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION
NOVEMBER 4, 2025, REGULAR ELECTION**

The results of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Regular Election of November 4, 2025, are as follows:

	POLL/ EARLY VOTE	ABSENTEE & SPECIAL NEEDS	QUESTIONED	TOTAL
ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 1				
BOWLES, Michael	1,721	148	13	1,882
HUEN, Michelle	949	131	10	1,090
Write-in	12	0	0	12
ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 2				
NOWERS, Stephanie	1,384	188	30	1,602
RAFFANIELLO, Dana	541	51	14	606
Write-in	22	1	0	23
ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 4				
SUMNER, Maxwell	822	134	9	965
Write-in	76	7	2	85
SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 2				
KRUSE, Kendal W.	1,251	133	29	1,413
SAXTON, Gage D.	751	106	14	871
Write-in	11	0	0	11
SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 5				
PITCHER, Brooks	904	85	6	995
Write-in	77	10	1	88
SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 7				
COLLEE, Lorie A.	1,034	115	14	1,163
MCCHARGUE, Dena M.	691	179	26	896
Write-in	5	3	0	8
PROPOSITION NO 1 Prorated Senior & Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemption				
YES	9,901	1,287	278	11,466
NO	1,558	239	42	1,839
PROPOSITION NO 2 Advisory Vote On Motor Fuel Excise Tax				
YES	3,465	584	91	4,140
NO	8,012	936	227	9,175

PROPOSITION NO 3 Annexation into
the Meadow Lakes RSA (existing
properties)

YES	<u>354</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>384</u>
NO	<u>279</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>303</u>

PROPOSITION NO 4 Annexation into
the Meadow Lakes RSA (properties being
annexed)

YES	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
NO	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

	<u>CAST</u>	<u>COUNTED</u>
TOTAL POLL/EARLY VOTERS:	<u>11,498</u>	<u>11,498</u>
TOTAL ABSENTEE AND SPECIAL NEEDS:	<u>1,152</u>	<u>1,527</u>
TOTAL QUESTIONED BALLOTS:	<u>383</u>	<u>320</u>
TOTAL:	<u>13,033</u>	<u>13,345</u>

WE, the Canvass Board of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, jointly certify that the information listed herein is a true and accurate statement of the poll, questioned, absentee, and special needs votes cast in the regular election of November 4, 2025 and declare said election to be valid to the best of our knowledge and belief.

DATED this 12 day of November, 2025.

Helen Mielke
Helen Mielke

Marie E. Michaelson
Marie Michaelson

Cynthia Medbery
Cynthia Medbery

n/A
Tanya Garrett

Amber Ouzts
Amber Ouzts

Lonnie R. McKechnie
Lonnie R. McKechnie, CMC, Borough Clerk

Audra Godin
Audra Godin

Kay Peterson
Kay Peterson

n/A
Debra Wetherhorn

Ann Riggs
Ann Riggs

Amber Vukich
Amber Vukich