

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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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

4:00 PM

TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025

Annual Evaluation of the Borough Attorney

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Mayor Edna DeVries.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Assemblymember Maxwell Sumner, Assemblymember Bill Gamble, and Assemblymember Dmitri Fonov

Excused: 1 - Assemblymember Dee McKee

Telephonic: 3 - Assemblymember Tim Hale, Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers, 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 Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three Minutes Per Person.)

There was no one present who wished to testify.

VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Executive Session (For Subjects That Tend To Prejudice The Reputation And Character Of Any Person Provided The Person May Request A Public Discussion.)

1. Annual Evaluation of the Borough Attorney

Mayor DeVries queried if Mr. Spiropoulos would like his evaluation in public or in executive session.

Mr. Spiropoulos stated that he would like to have his evaluation in private and introduced the Law Department's new summer legal intern, Raegan Visker.

Assemblymember Gamble moved to enter into executive session for subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person provided the person may request a public discussion, in particular to conduct the annual evaluation of the Borough Attorney. Those present during executive session were the Mayor, the Assembly, and the Attorney.

There was no objection noted and the Assembly entered into executive session at 4:05 p.m.

Assemblymember Hale entered during executive session at 4:15 pm.

Assemblymembers Nowers and Bernier entered during executive session at 5 p.m.

Assemblymember Gamble moved to exit executive session.

There was no objection noted and the Assembly exited executive session at 5:15 p.m.

Assemblymember Gamble moved to give the Attorney a two percent longevity increase and a four and one-half percent cost of living increase.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENT

Mayor DeVries noted that she appreciates the support of Mr. Spiropoulos and commented that he provides solid advice.

Assemblymember Sumner stated that Mr. Spiropoulos is the best municipal attorney he has ever met.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

June 3, 2025, Assembly Attorney Evaluation Meeting Minutes

(3 pages)

EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 06/17/25