

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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Dmitri Fonov, District 6
Ron Bernier, District 7

MEETING MINUTES

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS
350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY SPECIAL MEETING

4:00 PM

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025

Annual Evaluation of the Borough Manager

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Mayor Edna DeVries.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers (entered at 4:05 p.m.), Assemblymember Dee McKee, Assemblymember Maxwell Sumner (entered at 4:05 p.m.), Assemblymember Bill Gamble, and Assemblymember Dmitri Fonov

Excused: 1 - Assemblymember Tim Hale

Telephonic: 1 - 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 John Aschenbrenner, Deputy 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 Manager

Mayor DeVries queried if Mr. Brown would like his evaluation to be conducted in public or in executive session.

Mr. Brown stated he would like his evaluation to be conducted in executive session.

Assemblymember McKee 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 Manager. Those present during the executive session were the Mayor, the Assembly, and the Manager.

There was no objection noted and the Assembly entered into executive session at 4:06 p.m.

Assemblymember Bernier moved to exit executive session. There was no objection noted and the Assembly exited executive session at 5:24 p.m.

Assemblymember Nowers moved to continue the Manager's contract with a 4.5 percent for cost of living increase and 2 percent for a step increase.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Assemblymember Hale

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENT

Assemblymember Nowers spoke to the Borough Manager and thanked him for his work.

Assemblymember Sumner agreed with Assemblymember Nowers' comments.

Assemblymember Gamble agreed with Assemblymember Nowers' comments.

Assemblymember Bernier thanked the Borough Manager for all that he does.

Mayor DeVries spoke to the work of the Borough Manager and thanked him.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

May 20, 2025, Assembly Manager Evaluation Meeting Minutes

(3 pages)


EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 06/17/25