

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

5:00 PM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024

Election Certification

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Edna DeVries.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Assemblymember Tim Hale, Assemblymember Bill Gamble, Assemblymember Dmitri Fonov, Assemblymember Ron Bernier, and Assemblymember Maxwell Sumner

Excused: 2 - Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers 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 Lonnie McKechnie, Borough Clerk.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following persons spoke to concerns with the paper counters used during the election hand counting process: Richard Stoffell, Thomas Oels, Lee Norman, Jan Norman, and Loy Thurman.

The following person spoke to concerns with hand counting: Al Strawn.

The following person thanked the Borough Assembly for what they do and spoke to his experience as a hand counter in the November 5, 2024, regular Borough election: John Miller.

VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Canvass Board Report

Ms. McKechnie thanked the Canvass Boards for their hard work and noted the size of the election and hours worked by the boards and the Clerk's office staff.

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

B. Certification of the November 5, 2024, Regular Borough Election

Assemblymember Bernier moved to certify the election results for the November 5, 2024, regular Borough election.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

C. Oath of Office for Newly Elected Officials Taking Office on November 25, 2024

Ms. McKechnie issued the oath of office to the Mayor, Edna DeVries; Assemblymembers Dmitri Fonov; and Ron Bernier, with terms beginning November 25, 2024.

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENT

Assemblymember Bernier said a prayer.

Assemblymember Hale thanked the canvass board, the Clerk, and her staff for their work on the election.

Assemblymember Sumner thanked the canvass board and all the election workers.

Assemblymember Gamble thanked staff, the canvass board, and the election workers. Congratulated the newly elected members.

Assemblymember Fonov thanked everyone who came out and voted in the election and congratulated the newly elected mayor and assembly members.

Mayor DeVries thanked the canvass board and the workers. Noted questions regarding hand counting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

November 19, 2024, Special Assembly Meeting Minutes

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EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 12/17/24