

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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BOROUGH MAYOR
Edna DeVries

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Lonnie R. McKechnie, CMC

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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

4:00 PM

TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2025

Annual Evaluation of the Borough Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Mayor Edna DeVries.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers (entered at 4:04 p.m.), Assemblymember Dee McKee, Assemblymember Maxwell Sumner, Assemblymember Bill Gamble, Assemblymember Dmitri Fonov, and Assemblymember Ron Bernier

Excused: 1 - Assemblymember Tim Hale

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 (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 Clerk

Mayor DeVries queried if Ms. McKechnie would like her evaluation in public or in executive session.

Ms. McKechnie stated that she would like her 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 Borough Clerk. Those present during executive session where the Mayor, the Assembly, and the Clerk.

There was no objection noted and the Assembly entered into executive session at 4:04 p.m.

Assemblymember McKee moved to exit executive session.

There was no objection noted and the Assembly exited executive session at 5:09 p.m.

Assemblymember Bernier moved to give the Clerk a 2 percent longevity increase and a 4.5 percent cost of living increase.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Assemblymember Hale

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENT

Assemblymember Bernier said a prayer.

Assemblymember Nowers thanked the Clerk.

Ms. McKechnie thanked the Assembly for her evaluation and spoke to the length of the meeting.

Assemblymember Fonov jested that him and Assemblymember Nowers made history by voting the same way and that Assemblymember McKee made history today by being the first member at the meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

June 17, 2025, Assembly Clerk Evaluation Meeting Minutes

(3 pages)

EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 07/15/25