

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 5, 2026

Annual Evaluation of the Borough Manager

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. by Mayor Edna DeVries.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers, Assemblymember Dee McKee (entered at 4:07 p.m), Assemblymember Maxwell Sumner, Assemblymember Bill Gamble, Assemblymember Dmitri Fonov, and Assemblymember Ron Bernier

Telephonic: 1 - Assemblymember Michael Bowles

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mike Brown, Borough Manager.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three Minutes Per Person.)

The following person spoke to the assessment of his properties, the process he went through with the Board of Equalization, and the criminal history of the Borough Assessor: Butch Moore.

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 Bernier 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 4:07 p.m.

Assemblymember Bernier moved to exit executive session. There was no objection noted and the Assembly exited executive session at 5:23 p.m.

Assemblymember Bernier moved to provide the Manager with a 3.3 percent for cost of living increase and 2 percent for a step 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 Bowles

(Assemblymember Bowles was excused from the meeting during executive session.)

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENT

Assemblymember Fonov thanked Mr. Brown for everything he does.

Assemblymember Bernier said a prayer.

Mayor DeVries spoke to Mr. Brown and opined he is outstanding as a manager.

Assemblymember McKee opined to how impressive Mr. Brown is as a manager.

Assemblymember Sumner spoke to Mr. Brown.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

May 5, 2026, Special Assembly Meeting Minutes

(3 pages)

EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 06/16/26