

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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Ron Bernier, District 7

MEETING MINUTES

COTTONWOOD PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
STATION 6-5
680 NORTH SEWARD MERIDIAN PARKWAY, WASILLA

ASSEMBLY SPECIAL MEETING

10:00 AM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Saturday, February 14, 2026, at the Cottonwood Public Safety Building Station 6-5, 680 N. Seward Meridian Parkway, Wasilla, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Mayor Edna DeVries.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Assemblymember Michael Bowles, Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers, Assemblymember Dee McKee (entered at 10:03 a.m.), Assemblymember Maxwell Sumner, Assemblymember Bill Gamble, Assemblymember Dmitri Fonov, and Assemblymember Ron Bernier

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Assemblymember Bernier moved to have Audience Participation moved to after the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was approved as amended without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by George Hays, Deputy Manager.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three Minutes Per Person.)

The following person spoke to issues with property tax assessments: Dawson White.

V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Strategic Planning Session

Mr. Brown, Borough Manager, led the discussion regarding:
*performance reports; and
*role of elected officials during a disaster.

The meeting recessed at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 12:35 p.m.

Discussion ensued:
*Strategic Plan overview;
*waterbody setbacks;
*State Trooper Facility; and
*AKLNG Tax structure.

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENT

Ms. McKechnie spoke to publishing in the Frontiersman and the definition of "a newspaper of general circulation" referred to in the Opening Meeting Act.

Mr. Brown spoke to recent road bids.


Assemblymember McKee spoke to potential taxes.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment
For
February 14, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes
(2 pages)


EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 03/17/26