

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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Edna DeVries

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Michael Brown

BOROUGH ATTORNEY
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BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
Michael Bowles, 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 REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Edna DeVries.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Assemblymember Michael Bowles, Assemblymember Dee McKee, Assemblymember Maxwell Sumner, Assemblymember Bill Gamble, Assemblymember Dmitri Fonov, and Assemblymember Ron Bernier

Telephonic: 1 - Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Assemblymember Fonov moved to remove Ordinance Serial No. 26-045 from the agenda.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember McKee, and Assemblymember Fonov

No: 4 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Bernier

Assemblymember Bernier called for a moment of silence for the tragedy regarding the dogs in Caswell.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assemblymember Bowles.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

There were no minutes of preceding meetings.

VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

A. AGENCY REPORTS (MSB 2.12.082; Seven minutes per person)

1. Reports From Cities

There were no reports provided.

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

There was no report provided.

3. State of Alaska

There was no report provided.

4. MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission

26-070

MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission

Andy Couch, Vice Chair of the MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission, presented on changes to the Upper Cook Inlet Central District Drift Gillnet Management Plan.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committees

There were no reports provided.

2. Assembly Public Relations

There was no report provided.

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation

2. Strategic Planning Issues

Manager Brown spoke to the Animal Care case and recent arrest and upcoming investigation. Spoke to letting the investigation run its course. Spoke to the Borough Animal Care team.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie spoke to the upcoming meeting schedule and inquired about scheduling Valley Transit as an agenda item on the April 28, 2026, special meeting agenda.

There was no objection.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

26-068

1. Glacier View Community Council: 02/26/26
2. Local Road Service Area Advisory Board: 02/19/26
3. North Lakes Community Council: 09/25/25, 10/30/25, 11/20/25, 12/18/25, 01/15/26, 01/29/25, 02/15/26, 02/26/26, 03/15/26
4. Planning Commission: 03/16/26
5. South Colony RSA Board of Supervisors: 01/14/26
6. Talkeetna Sewer & Water Board: 02/04/26, 03/04/26, Resolution No. 26-01
7. Transportation Advisory Board: 02/13/26

The citizen and other correspondence were presented, and no comments were noted.

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

IM 26-077 Informing The Assembly Of The Manager's Signature On A Grant Application For Submission To The Rasmuson Foundation For The Matanuska River Park And Campground.

IM 26-078 Informing The Assembly Of The Manager's Signature On A Memorandum Of Agreement Regarding The Talkeetna Village Airstrip Revetment Reconstruction.

The informational memorandums were presented, and no comments were noted.

VII. SPECIAL ORDERS

A. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (You can speak under one of the audience participations on the agenda, but not both; Three Minutes Per Person.)

The following persons spoke to Animal Care and Regulation and the Caswell 26: Kathleen Frederick, Holly Thorssin, Casey Randall, Christine Witzman, Eric Kelly, Alyssa Buser, Sara (Last name was indiscernible), Holly Lynn, Margaret Woods, Lance Lesley, Kimberly Wells, Michael Garcia, Jessica Scialfan, Amanda Brooks Henderson, Laura Mullin, and Alyeska (Last name was indiscernible).

The following person spoke to the Borough Tax Assessor and the Board of Equalization: Butch Moore.

The following person spoke the Caswell Lakes Road Service Area No. 15 road maintenance: James Skinner.

The following person spoke in support of Resolution Serial No. 26-033: John Miller, North Lakes Community Council member; Father Randy Hillman; and Nate (Last name was indiscernible)

The following person spoke in opposition of data centers: Karen Lewis.

The following person spoke to the library book, "Let's Talk About It", Senate Bills 41 and 238: Linda Spohn.

The following person spoke to the Borough Tax Assessor, property taxes, assessments, the Board of Equalization, and the formula for the mill rate: Dawson White.

The following person spoke in opposition of Ordinance Serial No. 26-020 and in support of Ordinance Serial No. 26-045: Tracy Barickman.

The following person spoke to the bid process of the Big Lake Road Service Area No. 21 road maintenance contract: Mokie Tew.

The following person spoke to concerns with Ordinance Serial No. 26-045: Joel Stefanski.

The following person spoke to concerns with AM 26-041: Jason Calloway.

The following person spoke to library books, the book "Let's Talk About It", and Caswell 26: Jackie Goforth.

The following person spoke in support of Resolution Serial No. 26-033: Lyle Downing.

The following person spoke in opposition of the claim there are obscene books in the library and to the upcoming Library Board Meeting: Mary Robinson.

The following persons spoke in opposition of the proposed location for the Talkeetna Water and sewer treatment plant: Andrea Larson and Alan Larson.

The following persons spoke to the closure of Meadow Lakes Elementary: Heather Bauman and Mary Doer.

The meeting recessed at 7:55 p.m. and reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

The following person spoke to the education fund, Valley Transit, and library books: Elizabeth Kiddo.

The following person spoke to the Animal Care and Regulation investigation: Maxine Franklin.

The following person spoke to Ordinance Serial No. 26-045 and culverts: Andrew Traxler.

The following person spoke to a review of the Borough kennel licenses, the license renewal process, and the Animal Care and Regulation response time: Joselin Doerumer.

The following person spoke in support of Valley Transit: Raven Amos.

The following person spoke to the Talkeetna Library, the Caswell 26, and Borough Code regarding kennel licenses: Ruth Wood.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three Minutes Per Person.)

OR 26-037 An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$28,792.55 From The Alaska State Division Of Forestry, Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant Program; And Appropriating \$2,879.25 In Matching Funds For Firefighter And Firefighting Equipment, Supplies, And Communications Equipment.

RS 26-023: A Resolution Approving The Scopes Of Work And Budgets For The Alaska State Division Of Forestry Volunteer Fire Capacity Grants And Matching Funds For The Fire Service Areas Of Willow-Caswell, Talkeetna, And Sutton.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

Assemblymember Bernier moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 26-037 and Resolution Serial No. 26-023.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

OR 26-038 An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating Disaster Relief Funds From The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management In The Amount Of \$823,135.48 For The January 2022 Mat-Su Windstorm Disaster.

RS 26-024: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Disaster Relief Funds For The January 2022 Mat-Su Windstorm Disaster Project No. 55030.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

Assemblymember Bernier moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 26-038 and Resolution Serial No. 26-024.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

OR 26-040 An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$175,000 From The Alaska State Department Of Military And Veteran's Affairs, Emergency Management Performance Grant; And Requesting A Reappropriation Of \$175,000 From The Emergency Management Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget For Emergency Management Wages And Benefits.
RS 26-026: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For A Grant In The Amount Of \$175,000 From The Alaska State Department Of Military And Veteran's Affairs, Emergency Management Performance Grant, For Emergency Management Wages And Benefits.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

Assemblymember Bernier moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 26-040 and Resolution Serial No. 26-026.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

OR 26-042 An Ordinance Extending The Date Of Completion On The Palmer High School Elevator Replacement Project Through June 30, 2028.
RS 26-029: A Resolution Amending The Budgets Of The Palmer High School Elevator Replacement, Finger Lake Elementary School Boiler Replacement, And Snowshoe Elementary School Boiler Replacement Projects; And Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District Deferred Maintenance - Fiscal Year 2026 Project.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

Assemblymember Bernier moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 26-042 and Resolution Serial No. 26-029.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

OR 26-043 An Ordinance To Accept And Appropriate 2026 Series B Taxable General Obligation Transportation System Bonds Proceeds Including Issuance Costs And Additional Premium To Debt Service.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished the testify, the public hearing closed and discussion went to the Assembly.

Assemblymember Bernier moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 26-043.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

OR 26-044 An Ordinance Appropriating The 2026 Series A General Obligation School Refunding Proceeds For Issuance Costs.
Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

Assemblymember Bernier moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 26-044.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

OR 26-045 An Ordinance Changing The Exemption To Weight Restrictions On Borough Roads For Essential Purposes Only.

Sponsors: Sumner and Bowles

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke in opposition of Ordinance Serial No. 26-045: Patricia Fisher

The following person spoke in support of the oversight of weight restrictions in the Borough and having a process: Mokie Tew.

There being no others present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

Assemblymember Sumner moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 26-045.

Assemblymember Fonov moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 26-045 by striking all changes except for Section F of MSB 11.08.10.

Assemblymember Sumner moved to a secondary amendment to reinsert the changes to subsection MSB 11.08.025 (B)(2).

The secondary amendment passed by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Assemblymember Nowers

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 2 - Assemblymember Nowers and Assemblymember Gamble

The main motion passed by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Assemblymember Fonov

OR 26-046 An Ordinance Amending MSB 3.28 To Increase The Property Owner Ballot Threshold For Contiguous Local Improvement Districts From 54 Percent To 75 Percent.

Sponsors: Bowles

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

Assemblymember Bowles moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 26-046.

Assemblymember Nowers moved a primary amendment to strike "67%" and insert "75%" throughout the legislation.

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 2 - Assemblymember Sumner and Assemblymember Fonov

Assemblymember Fonov moved a primary amendment to strike "75%" and insert "70%" throughout the legislation.

The primary amendment failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Assemblymember Sumner and Assemblymember Fonov

No: 5 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Bernier

The main motion passed as amended by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Assemblymember Sumner

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (You can speak under one of the audience participations on the agenda, but not both; Three Minutes Per Person.)

The following person spoke to AM 26-041: Wayne Whaley.

Assemblymember Bernier moved to suspend the rules and extend the meeting past 10 p.m. and not to exceed 10:30 p.m.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

RS 26-031 A Resolution Establishing The Minimum Level Of Funding For The Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District From Local Sources For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2027.

RS 26-033 A Resolution Directing The Manager To Acquire Land On Wolf Lake From The Alaska State Department Of Natural Resources To Develop And Manage A Park For Public Purposes.

Sponsors: Fonov

RS 26-036 A Resolution Directing The Manager To Determine The Costs And Requirements Associated With Subdividing The Tanaina Elementary School Property Into Multiple Lots For The Purpose Of A Land Sale To The YMCA Of Alaska And The Tanaina Community Council For A Public Purpose.

Sponsors: Fonov

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

- AM 26-040** Approval Of Additional Utility Relocation Cost Of \$75,850 To Matanuska Electric Association, Inc. For The Crimsonview Drive, South Vermillon Drive, South Thalo Drive, And South Ochre Drive Reconstruction Project In South Colony Road Service Area No. 16; And Extend The Completion Date To August 31, 2026.
- AM 26-042** Award Of Bid No. 26-125B To Tutka, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$1,897,024.41 To Construct Phase 1 Fern Street Upgrades And Pathways.
- AM 26-043** Award Of Proposal No. 26-138P To Lounsbury And Associates In The Contract Amount Of \$175,220 To Provide Construction Management Services For Phase 1 Fern Street Upgrades And Pathway Improvements.
- AM 26-044** Approval of Election Officials For The November 3, 2026, Regular Borough Election.
Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.
Assemblymember Bernier moved to approve the consent agenda as read into the record by the Clerk.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

AM 26-033 Award Of Contract No. 26-143C To McKenna Brothers Paving, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$1,232,145.33 For Big Lake Road Service Area Annual Road Maintenance.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Assemblymember Sumner declared a conflict of interest on AM 26-033 as he has worked with McKenna Brothers Paving, Inc.

RULING: Mayor DeVries ruled that Assemblymember Sumner had a conflict of interest and would be recused from voting.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Assemblymember Fonov declared a conflict of interest on AM 26-033 as his family worked with McKenna Brothers Paving, Inc.

RULING: Mayor DeVries ruled that Assemblymember Fonov had a conflict of interest and would be recused from voting.

(Assemblymembers Sumner and Fonov exited the meeting.)

Assemblymember McKee moved to adopt AM 26-033.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Assemblymember Nowers and Assemblymember Gamble

No: 3 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember McKee, and Assemblymember Bernier

Recused: 2 - Assemblymember Sumner and Assemblymember Fonov

AM 26-041 Approval To Vacate The 50-Foot-Wide Section Line Easement, On The Western Boundary Of Block 6, Lot 6, Geor Dol Estates, Plat No. 77-179 (Tax ID No. 1343B06L006), Located Within The Northwest ¼, Section 15, Township 16 North, Range 3 East, Seward Meridian.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Bowles moved to adopt AM 26-041.

Assemblymember Bowles moved a primary amendment to strike the word "vacate" and insert the words "veto the vacation of" in the title and summary statement.

Assemblymember Bernier moved to suspend the rules and to extend the meeting past 10:30 p.m. and not to exceed 10:45 p.m.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

The primary amendment failed by the following vote:

Yes: 1 - Assemblymember Bowles

No: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

The main motion passed by the following vote:

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

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

IX. VETO

There were no vetoes presented.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 05/05/26 Assembly Chambers)

OR 26-047 An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$250,000 From The Mat-Su Trails And Parks Foundation For The Government Peak Recreation Area Traverse Trail And Skeetawk Summer Trails Survey Project And Authorizing The Manager To Execute The Grant Agreement.
RS 26-032: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget Of The Government Peak Recreation Area Traverse Trail And Skeetawk Summer Trails Survey Project.

OR 26-049 An Ordinance Reappropriating \$125,000 From The Planning Department's Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget, To Fund The Port MacKenzie Master Plan Update.
RS 26-035: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Port MacKenzie Master Plan Update.

B. INTRODUCTION (For Public Hearing 04/23/26, At The Willow Community Center; 04/28/26 At The Menard Sports Complex; And 04/30/26, In Assembly Chambers)

OR 26-026 An Ordinance Appropriating Monies From The Central Treasury For The Borough Operating Funds, Enterprise Funds, Education Operating Fund And Capital Funds, Establishing The Rate Of Levy For All Borough Functions For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026, And Ending June 30, 2027; And Setting The Surcharge Rate For The Wireline And Wireless Enhanced 911 Systems For The Period Of July 1, 2026, Through June 30, 2027.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Bernier moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and to set the public hearing for April 23, 2026; April 28, 2026; April 30, 2026; and May 5, 2026, respectively.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

C. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

26-069 Mayoral Requests for Confirmation
 Platting Board
 Reginald Carney, Jr.
 Amanda Salmon, resignation
 Big Lake RSA No. 21
 Nate Suing, resignation

Assemblymember Bernier moved to confirm the resignations and appointments requested by the Mayor.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

D. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

There was no other new business.

E. REFERRALS (For Referral To The Planning Commission For 90 Days Or Other Date Specified By The Assembly)

There were no referrals presented.

XI. RECONSIDERATION

There were no reconsiderations presented.

A. MOTION TO RECONSIDER PUBLIC HEARING DATE

OR 26-045 An Ordinance Changing The Exemption To Weight Restrictions On Borough Roads For Essential Purposes Only.

Sponsors: Sumner and Bowles

[Clerk's Note: The reconsideration was not moved.]

XII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Assemblymember Nowers spoke to the Caswell 26, budget hearings, and schools.

Assemblymember McKee spoke to the Caswell 26.

Assemblymember Sumner spoke to the potential school closures, Caswell 26, and potential creation of a citizens advisory board regarding kennels.

Assemblymember Bernier spoke to management in Animal Care and Regulation and the Caswell 26.

Assemblymember Bowles directed the Manager to remove "Let's Talk About It" from every Borough Library.

Assemblymember Sumner moved to postpone the motion until May 5, 2026.

The motion to postpone discussion passed by the following vote:

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

Assemblymember Bowles directed the Manager to put the Animal Care Officer involved with the Caswell 26 on leave without pay until the investigation concluded.

Assemblymember Bernier moved to suspend the rules and to extend the meeting past 10:45 p.m. and not to exceed 10:52 p.m.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Assemblymember Bernier moved to suspend the rules and to extend the meeting past 10:52 p.m. and not to exceed 11:15 p.m.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Assemblymember Sumner called for the question (to stop debate)

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

The main motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Assemblymember Bowles and Assemblymember McKee

No: 5 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

Assemblymember Bowles spoke to loss of life, to saving lives, and the March for Life event coming up.

Assemblymember Gamble spoke to innocent until proven guilty and Animal Care and Regulation.

Assemblymember Fonov spoke to the justice system and the loss of life.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:59 p.m.



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

April 21, 2026, Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes

(20 pages)


EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 05/19/26