Federation of Community Councils
Board of Delegates Meeting

Wednesday, January 21, 2026 | Hybrid
Final Minutes

Zoom meeting being recorded, including the "Chat". There is no expectation of privacy.

FCC Delegates in attendance (28)

Abbott Loop – Lizzie Newell
Airport Heights – Emily Weiser
Basher – Dirk Sisson
Bayshore/Klatt – Bob Laule
Bear Valley – Kaitlyn Jackson
Birchwood – Not Present
Campbell Park – Kevin Fimon
Chugiak – Darryl Parks
Downtown – Not Present
Eagle River – Chuck Homan
Eagle River Valley – Glen Justis
Eklutna Valley – Not Present
Fairview – Kelly Ittenbach
Girdwood (GBOS) – Jennifer Wingard
Glen Alps – Greg Kuijper
Government Hill – Bob French
Hillside – Not Present
Huffman/O'Malley – Jason Norris
Midtown – Rosemary Borchardt
Mountain View – Charlie Welch
North Star – Jade Powell
Northeast – Not Present
Old Seward/Oceanview – Gary Meaders
Rabbit Creek – Tim Alderson
Rogers Park – Not Present
Russian Jack – Kathleen Plunkett
Sand Lake – Liz Vasquez
Scenic Foothills – Roger Shaw
South Addition – John Thurber
South Fork – Not Present
Spenard – Sarah Preskitt
Taku-Campbell – Sarah Alexander
Turnagain – Cathy Gleason
Turnagain Arm – Michael Packard
UMed / Tudor – Steven Callaghan

Others in attendance:

Mike Edgington, FCC Executive Board Chair
Arianna Bellizzi, FCC Executive Director
Ali Rambo, FCC Office Administrator
Anna Brawley, Assembly
Lucas Bertram, Planning Department
Taylor Keenan, Parks & Recreation
Paul Schneider, Chugiak Alt
Joy Webb, Eagle River Valley Alt
Gloria Lyons, Old Seward/Oceanview Alt
Robert Hayes, Sand Lake VP
Jon Isaacs, Member of the public
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PART I – THE BOARD MEETING

Call to Order and Establish Quorum: Sarah Preskitt, Vice-Chair
The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

I. Meeting Opening
- **a.** Roll Call & Group Agreements

II. Consent Agenda
- **a. Approval of Agenda**
  - **i.** Motion to approve made by Charlie Welch, seconded by Kathleen Plunkett. Approved by assent.
- **b. Approval of Minutes**
  - **i.** Motion to approve made by Cathy Gleason, seconded by Kevin Fimon.
  - **ii.** Motion made to correct the minutes on page three "to read the motion was ***Divide the Question*** of the Sand Lake's representative's original motion (page 3), thereby breaking the motion into two portions, the first portion ended before the sentence beginning with the word *"Furthermore…."* made by Charlie Welch, seconded by Kevin Fimon. The motion passed by assent. The minutes as amended were approved.

III. Discussion Topic: 2026 Board Meeting Dates
- **a.** Arianna introduced the list of potential meeting dates, with members catching and amending an incorrect date. There was discussion regarding picnic date flexibility due to 50th anniversary and potential celebration ideas.
- **b.** Motion to approve board meeting dates as presented, with November 28th corrected to November 18th made by Kevin Fimon, seconded by Cathy Gleason. The motion passed by assent.

IV. Discussion Topic: Potential Executive Session
- **a.** The board discussed scheduling an executive session to address a legal matter. Mike Edgington confirmed it would require an in-person meeting and there would be a notice period as per the bylaws.

V. Educational Topic: Bylaw Draft 2 Introduction – Bylaw Committee
- **a.** Sarah Preskitt introduced the Bylaws Draft 2 to the body, explaining that this meeting was just an introduction, and encouraged the Delegates to read over the draft. Discussion about the Bylaws Draft 2 will occur at the February meeting with a potential to vote in March.
- **b.** There was discussion amongst the body surrounding the idea of potentially postponing the vote to a later date at the next meeting to provide more time for Community Councils to give input. This was tabled until the February meeting.

VI. Move to second agenda

PART II – THE COALITION MEETING
Meeting Opener: Sarah Preskitt, Vice-Chair

I. **Education Topic: Council Updates** – Girdwood thru Old Seward / Oceanview
   a. **Girdwood** – Reported that Girdwood is actively trying to get more residents on the Heritage Land Bank Advisory Council. They are trying to get more control over the local economy and short-term rentals.
   b. **Glen Alps** – Recently expanded from the Boundary changes, there is an ongoing privacy issue on Jeanne Road and speeding issues on Canyon Road. Canyon Road is now included in the Traffic Calming program to help.
   c. **Government Hill** – A DOT poster has advertised the Knik River Crossing as a project that could be picked up again, along with Matsu Rail extension and other projects – there is concern about where the funds could come from for so many projects along with certain projects coming back.
   d. **Huffman / O'Malley** – Big topic of conversation recently has been funding deficit for ASD. They also recently voted on several resolutions at their most recent meeting including finalizing the HOCC's CAPSIS list and making the AFD Wildfire Division permanent.
   e. **Midtown** – There is a new women's only hotel opening up in the area, Chugach AK is building a museum that is also a gathering area and apartment complex. Midtown CC is still dealing with Marijuana smell issues along with the ongoing Walmart homelessness issue.
   f. **Mountain View** – Reported the Circle K shut down, there are still some homeless issues being addressed in the area, included that their recent holiday celebrations were successful.
   g. **North Star** – They have had special meetings on housing. Mentioned Anchorage Housing Working Group and Anchorage Housing Club meetings next week. Valley of the Moon officially in the Community Council boundary. North Star CC started a committee to advocate for Fireweed Lane improvements and passed a resolution from Rogers Park CC regarding Fireweed Lane improvements being expedited.
   h. **Old Seward / Oceanview** – Has been actively pursuing funding for Elden Subdivision's failing wells and expressed concerns about Vision Zero initiative on Old Seward Highway and in their Community Council.
   i. **Turnagain** – Mentioned TCC would be participating in West Anchorage Candidates Forum with other councils and always seeking volunteers. FCC staff shared that Sand Lake and Turnagain Community Council held their first candidates forum in 1976, making this year's the 50th anniversary.
   j. **Russian Jack** – Talked about snow clearing around fire hydrants and width of snow clearing is a citywide issue, noted there have staffing issues in the fire department.
   k. **Rabbit Creek** – Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Safer Seward Highway project has come out, urged others to read the Draft EA / submit written comments for the project while continuing to stay informed. Expressed concern at the scope of the project. Also mentioned watching out for Assembly member Zach Johnson's upcoming potential ordinance to allow neighborhood

retail in some form.

II. **Education Topic –** Representative Reports
   a. **Mayor's Office –** Not Present
   b. **Anchorage Assembly –** Anna Brawley
      i. Anna shared information about an upcoming Assembly meeting where Community Councils will be recognized for their 50th anniversary.
      ii. Anna also discussed several upcoming items for the April ballot, including bonds for various service areas and a proposed one-time ASD tax levy of $11.8 million to address increasing class sizes. She explained the complexities of state education funding formulas and why a one-time levy was chosen over a permanent solution. Anna also mentioned upcoming budget education meetings and provided information on property tax assessments, noting that appeals can be filed until February 11th. She also briefly discussed Assemblyman Zach Johnson's proposed ordinance for neighborhood retail, though details were still pending.
   c. **School Board –** Not Present
   d. **Planning Department –** Lucas Bertram
      i. The community council boundaries were approved at the last Assembly meeting. Maps will be updated in the coming weeks, with larger maps available upon request from Tom Davis in the planning department.

III. **Education Topic:** Better Public Meetings & 2026 Summit
   a. Arianna started off by noting that there will be no CIP survey this year due to funding restraints.
   b. She also highlighted the upcoming celebratory resolution from the Anchorage Assembly regarding the Federation's 50th anniversary.
   c. Arianna reminded everyone about the upcoming Better Public Meetings Forum at the Library January 29th and cited that there have been over 140 responses to the survey.
   d. Arianna also highlighted the upcoming FCC Officer Training Summit on Jan 31st and talked about some of the presenters to look forward to.

IV. **Education Topic:** Park Designation vs. Dedication – Lucas Bertram, Planning Department & Taylor Keenan, Parks & Recreation Department
   a. Taylor Keenan started with a presentation outlining Park designations vs dedications, outlining how to dedicate / un-dedicate Parkland, the process behind dedications, and how to find the status of Parkland.
   b. Lucas Bertram presented information about two projects that went in front of the Planning and Zoning Commission:
      i. PZC 2025-0146: Changes the land use map designation of parcels used for parks that were previously residential.
      ii. PZC 2025-0131: Changes the zoning designation of 742 parcels used as parks to the PR Parks & Recreation zoning district.
   c. There was a motion to extend the meeting 10 minutes made by Cathy Gleason, seconded by Darryl Parks. There was an objection, the motion was put to a vote.
      i. The Motion passed with:
         - 12 yes

- 4 no
- 12 abstain

V. Comment Period: None

VI. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alison Rambo.

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Kaitlyn Jackson FCC Secretary	09 / 11 / 2026 Date

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