Federation of Community Councils
Board of Delegates Meeting

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 | Hybrid
Final Minutes

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

FCC Delegates in attendance (27)

Abbott Loop – Lizzie Newell
Airport Heights – Emily Weiser
Basher – Don Crafts
Bayshore/Klatt – Bob Laule
Bear Valley – Kaitlyn Jackson
Birchwood – Not Present
Campbell Park – Kevin Fimon
Chugiak – Darryl Parks
Downtown – Not Present
Eagle River – Cliff Cook
Eagle River Valley – Joy Webb
Eklutna Valley – Not Present
Fairview – Kelly Ittenbach
Girdwood (GBOS) – Not Present
Glen Alps – Not Present
Government Hill – Bob French
Hillside – Sandy Blomfield
Huffman/O'Malley – Not Present
Midtown – Kris Stoehner
Mountain View – Daniel George
North Star – Jade Powell
Northeast – Not Present
Old Seward/Oceanview – Gary Meaders
Rabbit Creek – Tim Alderson
Rogers Park – Marilyn Pillifant
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
Graham Downey, Mayor's Office
Beth Nordlund, Anchorage Park Foundation
Paul Schneider, Chugiak Alt
Denny Wells, Sand Lake Alt
Karen Pletnikoff, Turnagain Alt
Allen Kemplen, Fairview Alt
Allen Choy, Member of the public
Micha, Member of the public

PART I – THE BOARD MEETING

Call to Order and Establish Quorum: Mike Edgington, Chair
The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

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

II. **Consent Agenda**
   - **a. Approval of Agenda & Minutes**
     - **i.** Motion to approve made by Steve Callaghan, seconded by Bob Laule. Approved by assent.

III. **Discussion Topic:** Bylaw Draft
   - **a.** Sarah began by reviewing changes to the Federation of Community Councils (FCC) bylaws, particularly between Draft 1 and Draft 2. She presented a graphic representation of the organizational structure, highlighting the roles of community council delegates, alternates, and officers.
   - **b.** Key changes discussed included clarifying the difference between members and delegates, establishing a process for addressing delegate concerns, and defining director eligibility requirements. The discussion also covered the addition of a coalition liaison position and updates to the budget process.
   - **c.** Several questions were raised about the relationship between delegates and community council presidents, as well as concerns about the feasibility of restructuring the board of directors. The discussion highlighted the need for clearer roles and responsibilities to improve the organization's functionality as a non-profit.
   - **d.** Concerns were raised about potential disenfranchisement of Community Councils under the new model, with some members advocating for simpler processes.
   - **e.** Chair halted conversation due to time constraints and agreed to revisit the discussion at the end of the meeting if there was time left.

IV. **Move to second agenda**

PART II – THE COALITION MEETING
Meeting Opener: Mike Edgington, Chair

I. **Education Topic: Council Updates** – Rabbit Creek thru Umed / Tudor
   a. **Rabbit Creek –** They have been monitoring the Safer Seward Highway project with the deadline coming up. Rabbit Creek seeks more answers from DOT regarding impacts on Potters Marsh Parking.
   b. **Rogers Park –** Had been closely monitoring the Fireweed Lane Rehabilitation project. They are also intending to apply for the APF Challenge Grants for a potential project to remove Invasive Birdcherry trees.
   c. **Russian Jack –** Discussed current Resolution that the Community Council is working on, surrounding snow clearing for Emergency Services access.
   d. **Sand Lake –** Reminded everyone about the upcoming CAPSIS due date at the end of February and mentioned the water safety / flooding issues Sand Lake has been facing.
   e. **Scenic Foothills –** Recently gained new members from the boundary change that occurred & has welcomed them in, they hope with reorganization that they will see an increase in participation for people joining the board.
   f. **South Addition –** Reminded that the Assembly District 1 Candidate Forum is coming up at the end of the month, citing that District 1 Community Councils have collaborated to put on the Forum.
   g. **Spenard –** Spenard had been working on a resolution in support of snow clearing from Pedestrian Infrastructure, Spenard recently had also been working with various providers who assist with food insecurity.
   h. **Taku / Campbell –** TCCC recently worked on planning their upcoming Community Clean Up day along with sorting through upcoming license renewals.
   i. **Turnagain –** Currently responding to a proposal to remove the fencing by the Turnagain / Airport Boundary, along with participating in the upcoming Air Noise Study Open House and announced the upcoming West Candidates Forum they hold every year. They have also kept up to date on the Heritage Land Bank Plan and have continued to provide input on the Fish Creek Trail Connection.
   j. **Turnagain Arm –** At their most recent meeting information was provided regarding the Rural Health Transformation Program, as well as (WUI-CAT) Wildland Urban Interface Community Action Team, with hopes for some fire mitigation work from the Fire Department. Recently they had the Assessor at a previous meeting to speak to the body about concerns surrounding tax assessments, along with some issues with a vendor in Bird Creek. Safer Seward Highway was cited as their biggest focus, reminding the body to submit comments before the deadline.
   k. **Umed / Tudor –** Noted the new name since the Boundary change had been finalized while sharing the new areas gained / lost. UMTCC cited that Elections were going to be happening with the potential for new folks to join the board. Umed / Tudor also recently passed a resolution regarding Land Use Designation, and they are working on updating their bylaws. ASD School closures have remained a topic of concern.

II. **Education Topic –** Representative Reports

a. **Mayor's Office –** Graham Downey
    i. Graham focused on explaining upcoming municipal bonds and a one-time school district levy for voter approval in April. The bonds include projects for parks, police, fire services, public safety, transit, community facilities, and road improvements, with specific details provided for each.
    ii. Concerns were raised about property tax increases because of the bonds and levies being passed. Graham clarified that bonds are voter-approved and not a permanent tax, while also addressing questions about existing levies and tax implications.
    iii. Someone inquired about of CIP surveys would be occurring this year, Graham confirmed they would be sending out information soon. Another member asked about the Mayor's attendance at Community Council meetings, Graham responded with hopes that this year attendance from the Mayor's Office to Community Council meetings will increase and encouraged Community Councils to reach out for someone to attend their meeting.
b. **Anchorage Assembly –** Not Present
c. **School Board –** Not Present
d. **Planning Department –** Not Present

III. **Education Topic:** Community Challenge Grants
a. Beth Nordlund from Anchorage Park Foundation announced a challenge grant opportunity for capital improvement projects in parks and trails. Applications are due April 10th, with workshops on March 10th (online) and March 19th (in-person).
b. Anchorage Park Foundation could potentially match up to $50,000 per project, for projects focused things such as trails, access, connectivity, environmental stewardship, recreation facilities. Beth also discussed the upcoming 2026 projects, including the Fish Creek Trail connection and Downtown trail development.

IV. **Discussion Topic:** Bylaw Draft
a. The Chair reopened the discussion of the Bylaws Draft during the final section of the meeting.
    i. Discussion focused on clarifying the roles and responsibilities of the coalition liaison position within the Federation of Community Councils (FCC). Members discussed how the liaison could serve as a communication link between Community Councils and the Board of Directors, ensuring that community concerns are addressed and that information is directed in both ways.
    ii. There was some confusion about the distinction between the Board of Directors and the Coalition of Delegates, with suggestions to streamline leadership roles and clarify the organizational structure. The group agreed to review proposed bylaws and provide written feedback before the March meeting to finalize any necessary amendments.

V. **Comment Period:**

VI. **Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alison Rambo.

FCC Chair	09 / 15 / 2026 Date
Kaitlyn Jackson FCC Secretary	09 / 11 / 2026 Date

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