



Board of Delegates Meeting

Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 6pm-8pm

In Person: FCC Conference Room

Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89600528663> | Meeting ID: 896 0052 8663

Part I – The Board Meeting

ACTION	ESTIMATED TIME
1. Meeting Opening 1.1. Roll Call	5 minutes
2. Consent Agenda 2.1. Approval of Agenda 2.2. Approval of Minutes	10 minutes
3. Discussion Topic 3.1 2026 Board Meeting Dates	10 minutes
4. Discussion Topic 4.1 Potential Executive Session	10 minutes
5. Educational Topic 5.1. Bylaw Draft 2 Introduction – Bylaw Committee <i>The intent of the bylaw committee is to introduce the Bylaws Draft 2 at this meeting. Discussion of the draft will occur at the February meeting and a potential vote would be scheduled for the March meeting.</i>	10 minutes
6. Move to second agenda	--

Group Agreements

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- Participation will be limited to only voting members
- 2 minute limit on comments to ensure time for participation from all members
- Share your name and your Council when speaking
- Allow all members the chance to speak before speaking a second time
- Avoid cross talk to allow speakers to be heard clearly

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Part II – The Coalition Meeting

ACTION	ESTIMATED TIME
1. Meeting Opening	--
2. Education Topic 2.1 Council Updates – Girdwood thru Old Seward/Oceanview <i>Council Updates: Girdwood, Glen Alps, Government Hill, Hillside, Huffman / O'Malley, Midtown, Mountain View, North Star, Northeast, Old Seward / Oceanview</i>	15 minutes <i>(1 minute per council, then time for other councils with urgent business)</i>
3. Education Topic – Representative Reports 3.1. Mayor – Graham Downey 3.2. Assembly – Anna Brawley, Vice Chair 3.3. School Board – Carl Jacobs, President 3.4. Planning Department	20 minutes
4. Education Topic 4.1. Better Public Meetings & 2026 Summit	10 minutes
5. Education Topic 5.1. Park Designation vs Dedication – Lucas Bertram, Planning Department & Taylor Keegan, Parks & Recreation Department	20 minutes
6. Comment Period	<i>If Applicable</i>
7. Adjourn	--

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**Federation of Community Councils
Board of Delegates Meeting**

Wednesday, December 17, 2025 | Hybrid
Draft Minutes

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

FCC Delegates in attendance (25)

Abbott Loop – Not Present	Mountain View – Charlie Welch
Airport Heights – Emily Weiser	North Star – Jade Powell
Basher – Dirk Sisson	Northeast – Pamela Raygor
Bayshore/Klatt – Ryan Thibault	Old Seward/Oceanview – Gary Meaders
Bear Valley – Kaitlyn Jackson	Portage Valley – Not Present
Birchwood – Not Present	Rabbit Creek – Tim Alderson
Campbell Park – Not Present	Rogers Park – Not Present
Chugiak – Paul Schneider (Non-voting)	Russian Jack – Kathleen Plunkett
Downtown – Silvia Villamedes	Sand Lake – Kari Reese
Eagle River – Cliff Cook	Scenic Foothills – Roger Shaw
Eagle River Valley – Joy Webb	South Addition – John Thurber
Eklutna Valley – Not Present	South Fork – Not Present
Fairview – Kelly Ittenbach	Spenard – Sarah Preskitt
Girdwood (GBOS) – Jennifer Wingard	Taku-Campbell – Sarah Alexander
Glen Alps – Not Present	Tudor – Not Present
Government Hill – Bob French	Turnagain – Cathy Gleason
Hillside – Not Present	Turnagain Arm – Michael Packard
Huffman/O’Malley – Not Present	University Area – Steven Callaghan
Midtown – Rosemary Borchardt	

Others in attendance:

Arianna Bellizzi, FCC Executive Director
Ali Rambo, FCC Office Administrator
Graham Downey, Mayor’s Office
Anna Brawley, Assembly
Carl Jacobs, ASD School Board
Kenny Peterson, Good Neighbor Fund
Thea Agnew Bembem, Mayor’s Office / Good Neighbor Fund
Mike Edgington, FCC Executive Board Chair
Irene Quednow, SLCC Alternate
Claire Steffans, Member of the public
Donovan Camp, Member of the public

PART I – THE BOARD MEETING

Call to Order and Establish Quorum: Mike Edgington, Board Chair

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

I. Meeting Opening

- a. Roll Call & Introduction of Parliamentarian

II. Consent Agenda

a. Motion for amendment to the agenda

- i. Kari Reese made a motion to change the agenda to include the topic of addressing the status of the legitimate chair of the FCC, seconded by Ryan Thibault.
- ii. The motion passed unanimously via assent.

b. Approval of Agenda (amended)

- i. Approved by assent.

c. Approval of Minutes

- i. Approved by assent.

III. Agenda Topic Added: Discussion to address the status of the Chair

- a. Mike Edgington passed the Chair seat to Vice Chair Sarah Preskitt so that he could be a part of the discussion.
- b. Sarah asked Kari to speak to the motion as the person who brought it forward. Kari expressed her concern to the body regarding a decision needing to be made regarding the status of retaining Mike Edgington as Chair.
 - i. Concerns were raised and discussion centered on whether the current chair was properly appointed as delegate from the Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS) when he first became delegate in 2021.
 - ii. Staff provided copies of GBOS meeting minutes from November 2025.
 - iii. Multiple speakers debated the interpretation of GBOS meeting minutes, FCC and GBOS bylaws, and the role of the FCC in determining delegate status.
- c. There was a request from John Thurber to limit discussion. Sarah asked if someone wanted to make a motion to limit discussion. Kari requested a “motion of no confidence in the chair due to the fact that the chair was not a legitimate delegate at the time of his election to the Chair position and because of unethical misrepresentation to GBOS & LUC and other delegates for over five years. His chairmanship needs to be terminated due to misconduct, effective immediately. Furthermore, is to be permanently ineligible to serve as a delegate or any other elected or voluntary member on the Board of Delegate for FCC Board or any subcommittee of either because of his breach of trust”. The motion was seconded by Cathy Gleason.
 - i. The Chair recommended, in conference with the Parliamentarian, that Kari reword her motion to say “motion of removal of the chair”. This was accepted by Kari and Cathy.
 - ii. Discussion surrounding the status of the chair focused on whether this was the FCC Executive Board’s decision or rather Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS). There was a question whether Mike would be allowed to continue to serve as Chair if he was no longer the GBOS Delegate. At the request of the Chair, Arianna clarified using the current FCC Bylaws that officers can continue to serve even when no longer delegates but lose voting privileges.

- iii. Extensive discussion followed, with some delegates emphasizing that the chair had been recognized as the representative at the time of election.
 - d. John Thurber motioned the previous question, seconded by Kelly Ittenbach.
 - i. The motion to the previous question passed with:
 - 22 yes
 - 0 no
 - 2 abstains
 - e. Pamela Raygor made a point of order, with a motion to bifurcate the motion.
 - i. The motion was split into two as follows:
 - 1st motion – Motion of removal of the chair due to the fact that the chair was not a legitimate delegate at the time of his election to the Chair position and because of unethical misrepresentation to GBOS & LUC and other delegates for over five years. His chairmanship needs to be terminated due to misconduct, effective immediately.
 - 2nd motion - Furthermore, is to be permanently ineligible to serve as a delegate or any other elected or voluntary member on the Board of Delegate for FCC Board or any subcommittee of either because of his breach of trust.
 - ii. Sarah received clarification regarding how to vote from Parliamentarian Lem Wheelles now that the motion had been split. Lem clarified that two votes will need to be taken, and that the Chair needed to make a determination if the second motion was dependent on the first part, or if the 2nd motion could stand alone.
 - iii. It was clarified that the bifurcation still required a second. Jade Powell seconded the bifurcation motion.
 - iv. Jade made a motion to amend to the bifurcation to read as follows:
 - 1st motion – Motion of removal of the Chair
 - 2nd motion - due to the fact that the chair was not a legitimate delegate at the time of his election to the Chair position and because of unethical misrepresentation to GBOS & LUC and other delegates for over five years. His chairmanship needs to be terminated due to misconduct, effective immediately. Furthermore, is to be permanently ineligible to serve as a delegate or any other elected or voluntary member on the Board of Delegate for FCC Board or any subcommittee of either because of his breach of trust.
 - v. The proposed amended bifurcation by Jade was seconded by John Thurber. Sarah requested a vote by assent. The amendment to the motion passed without objection.
 - vi. Sarah ruled that the second motion was dependent on the first motion and would not be voted on if the first motion failed.
 - f. The decision to bifurcate the motion into 2 motions was put to a vote by assent. The motion was passed without objection.
 - g. The 1st motion, the motion of removal of the chair was put to a vote.
 - i. The motion failed with:
 - 6 yes
 - 13 no
 - 5 abstain
 - ii. Due to the first motion failing, the second motion no longer required a

vote.

h. Sarah Preskitt handed the Chair position back to Mike Edgington.

IV. Discussion Topic:

a. Budget – Finance Committee

- i. Arianna informed the body that the Municipal Clerk approved the ability to roll over any leftover funds from 2025 into 2026 for the purposes of communication. Arianna also reviewed the budget vs actuals for January to November of 2025, the Quarter 3 report to the grantor, and confirmed that the FCC paid its payroll taxes for the year.
- ii. Arianna, as staff, requested the body consider a motion to approve the use of any unencumbered funds from the 2025 budget to be spent in either Contractual Services or Outreach & Training. Arianna clarified that the money would be put to things like website support, more equipment for the Owl Cameras, etc.
- iii. Kelly made a motion to approve the unencumbered funds from the 2025 budget to be spent in either Contractual Services and Outreach & Training, seconded by Kathleen Plunkett. Further discussion continued around what the funds would be potentially spent on.
- iv. The motion was put to a vote by assent. The motion was passed without objection.

V. Educational Topic: Bylaw Update

- a. Sarah Preskitt, newly appointed Bylaw Committee Chair, provided a report on the status of the draft Bylaws. Sarah reported that the Bylaws Committee was halfway through compiling and comparing existing bylaws with the draft revisions based on feedback. Sarah informed the group that the Bylaw Committee would be meeting December 22 and January 5. She also did not expect a revised version would be available earlier than January 2026.

VI. Move to second agenda

PART II – THE COALITION MEETING

Meeting Opener: Sarah Preskitt, Chair Pro Tempore

- I. Education Topic: Council Updates – Rabbit Creek thru University Area**
 - a. Downtown** – Reported new opportunities in Downtown like new businesses, restaurants, along with the new arch in the mushing district, and the successful holiday tree lighting.
 - b. Eagle River** – Holding elections in January.
 - c. Eagle River Valley** – shared updates on establishing a Community Emergency Response Team and addressing traffic safety near a nature center.
 - d. Fairview** – highlighted a new community garden videographer project, snow fighters coordination, airport runway extension concerns, winter solstice block party and upcoming design week events.
 - e. Northeast** – noted ongoing fundraising efforts for their Art and Placemaking bike rack fundraiser despite winter break.
- II. Education Topic – Representative Reports**
 - a. Mayor’s Office** – Graham Downey
 - i. Graham shared updates on snowflake lights downtown, a new short-term rental registration ordinance, and efforts to reduce pedestrian fatalities and improve road safety. Questions were raised about the Mayor's office attendance at community council meetings, the status of the TSDO project, and road conditions. The Vision Zero working group was mentioned as collecting data on pedestrian accidents, and participants were encouraged to access the data and provide feedback.
 - b. Anchorage Assembly** – Anna Brawley
 - i. Anna Reported the Anchorage Assembly's last regular meeting of the year addressed several key items, including the approval of a decade-long contract with Visit Anchorage for tourism promotion and the conditional protest of the Cannabaska marijuana license, which was currently non-operational due to unresolved state licensing issues. Two revenue proposals for the April 2026 ballot were voted down, leaving two options to be considered at the next meeting. The Assembly also approved updates to the municipal seal, though concerns about costs were raised.
 - c. School Board** – Carl Jacobs
 - i. Carl Jacobs from the ASD School Board reported that the rightsizing school closures proposal was voted down, and the board adopted a six-year capital improvement plan. He encouraged community engagement with the Balancing Act software tool to provide feedback on potential budget cuts for FY27.
 - d. Planning Department** – Not Present
- III. Education Topic: 2026 Programs – 50th Anniversary & 2026 Summit**
 - a.** Arianna briefly reported on the 50th anniversary of the Federation of Community Councils in 2026, along with the upcoming 2026 Leadership Summit “Charting the Course” with speakers on parliamentary procedure, ethics, community council research, and local history, along with remarks from the mayor and assembly chair.
- IV. Education Topic: Good Neighbor Fund – Kenny Peterson & Thea Agnew Bembem**
 - a.** Kenny and Thea delivered a detailed presentation on the Good Neighbor Fund, a community-driven initiative supporting frontline outreach workers addressing

homelessness.

- i. The fund supports outreach teams who engage directly with people living unsheltered, providing immediate resources such as hotel stays, transportation, IDs, and other necessities to facilitate transitions to safer housing.
- ii. Examples were shared of successful uses of the fund, including helping individuals leave unsafe encampments and connecting them to temporary housing or permanent solutions.
- iii. The fund is managed by the Alaska Community Foundation to ensure transparency and accountability, with 100% of donations going directly to outreach efforts. The program complements municipal efforts and fills gaps where traditional shelter options may not be suitable for some individuals.

V. Comment Period: None

VI. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Federation of Community Councils Board of Delegates 2026 Meeting Dates

January 21, 2026

February 18, 2026

March 18, 2026

April 15, 2026

May 20, 2026

June 17, 2026

July - No Meeting (Picnic)

August 19, 2026

September 16, 2026

October 21, 2026

November 28, 2026

December 16, 2026

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Leadership & Officer Summit 2026

Navigating a 50 year legacy toward tomorrow's horizon

Saturday, Jan. 31, 2026 The Nave - Spenard

For community council current and future leaders - Navigating a 50 year legacy toward tomorrow's horizon.

The Federation of Community Councils is thrilled to announce the 2nd annual Leadership & Officer Summit. This year's theme - Charting the Course - recognizes the 50 year history that has drawn a map to guide the today and tomorrow's leaders.

This full day event brings together past speakers and new topics to hit some of the most important issues impacting the leadership of community councils.

Topics include:

- A History of Community Councils with Anchorage Historian David Rehmer
- Leadership Ethics with Terrance Kelly, PhD from University of Alaska Anchorage
- Building Community Through Storytelling with Chuck Seaca, Polly Carr, & Shoshi Bieler of the Alaska Humanities Forum
- Lessons on Community Councils with Julie Olberding, MPA, PhD from Northern Kentucky University
- Welcome New Members with Assembly Member Erin Baldwin-Day

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- **Join the Board of Directors - Two seats open in 2026**
Deadline to apply: Monday, January 26 by 5 p.m.
- **Submit proposed Bylaw changes**
Deadline: Monday, January 26 by 5 p.m.
- **Annual Meeting & Election**
Friday, May 29 at ChangePoint Alaska, 4:00 p.m.

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