

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

Wednesday, October 15, 2025 | Hybrid
Draft Minutes

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

FCC Delegates in attendance (29)

Abbott Loop - Lizzie Newell	Midtown – Kris Stoechner
Airport Heights – Emily Weiser	Mountain View – Charlie Welch
Basher – Dirk Sisson	North Star – Jacob Powell
Bayshore/Klatt – Bob Laule	Northeast – Pamela Raygor
Bear Valley – Kaitlyn Jackson	Old Seward/Oceanview – Gary Meaders
Birchwood – Not Present	Portage Valley – Not Present
Campbell Park – Kevin Fimon	Rabbit Creek – John Riley
Chugiak – Darryl Parks	Rogers Park – Marilyn Pillifant
Downtown – Silvia Villamedes	Russian Jack – Kathleen Plunkett
Eagle River – Cliff Cook	Sand Lake – Kari Reese
Eagle River Valley – Not Present	Scenic Foothills – Roger Shaw
Eklutna Valley – Not Present	South Addition – John Thurber
Fairview – Kelly Ittenbach	South Fork – Not Present
Girdwood (GBOS) (non-voting) – Brice	Spenard – Sarah Preskitt
Wilbanks & Mike Edgington	Taku-Campbell – Sarah Alexander
Glen Alps – Not Present	Tudor – Not Present
Government Hill – Bob French	Turnagain – Cathy Gleason
Hillside – Bruce Vergason	Turnagain Arm – Michael Packard
Huffman/O’Malley – Jason Norris	University Area – Steven Callaghan

Others in attendance:

Arianna Bellizzi, FCC Executive Director	Mel, Member of the public
Ali Rambo, FCC Office Administrator	Patty Wilbanks, Member of the public
Darrel Hess, Municipal Ombudsman	Dave Syren, Member of the public
Ryan Thibault, BKCC Alternate	Daniel George, Member of the public
Kate Petoskey, BKCC Secretary	Dominick Harnett, Member of the public
Sandy Blomfield, HCC Alternate	Emma, Member of the public
Gretchen Stoddard, HOCC Secretary	Katie Gibson, Member of the public
Gloria Lyons, OSOVCC Alternate	
Irene Quednow, SLCC Alternate	
Donald Handeland, SoFCC Vice Chair	
Zach Gottshall, TCCC Alternate	
Graham Downey, Office of Mayor LaFrance	
Anna Brawley, Vice Chair of the Anchorage Assembly	
Carl Jacobs, Anchorage School District Board Chair	
Julie Coulombe, Alaska State Representative	
Jenn Wingard, Girdwood Board of Supervisors Co-Chair	
Amanda Thompson, Member of the public	
Amanda Tuttle, Member of the public	
Heather Gottshall, Member of the public	

PART I – THE COALITION MEETING

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

I. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Agenda

- i. Motion to approve by Cathy Gleason, seconded by Kevin Fimon.

II. Proposed Amendments to the Agenda:

- a. There are two amendments proposed to be added to the agenda by Zach Gottshall, seconded by Bruce Vergason.

- i. First, add a 10-minute section allowing for a discussion for verification of Girdwood representation, and second limit the board meeting discussion regarding by-law committee discussions to no greater than 10 minutes.

- b. Cathy Gleason made a motion to bifurcate the two amendments being proposed, seconded by Roger Shaw.

- i. There was brief discussion about the status of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS) with the Board of Delegates, and whether GBOS was considered a Community Council.

- ii. The motion to bifurcate the amendment brought forward by Zach of 2 agenda items passed without objection via assent.

- c. The amendment allowing for a discussion for verification of Girdwood representation to be added to Part 2 of the FCC Delegates meeting agenda, as item 1b is put to a vote.

- i. The amendment passed with

- 25 yes
- 0 no
- 4 abstains

- d. The amendment to limit the board meeting discussion regarding by-law committee discussions to no greater than 10 minutes is put to a vote.

- i. The amendment failed with

- 6 yes
- 20 no
- 3 abstains

- e. Cathy Gleason made a motion to move talks about a collective Community Council conversation that involves working together to request designated parkland as dedicated land to the November meeting due to time restrictions, Kevin Fimon seconded.

- i. The motion passed unanimously via assent.

f. Approval of Minutes

- i. Motion to approve is made by Darryl Parks and seconded by Jason Norris.

III. Education Topic:

a. Council Updates: Girdwood thru Portage Valley

- i. **North Star** – Jacob informed the group that North Star has experienced some low attendance with their monthly Community Council meetings lately but, had an upswing of interest in committees being formed, they're always looking for ways to get folks engaged and keep them engaged.

- ii. **Northeast** – Pamela reported on 3 new committees surrounding Arts & Placemaking, Homelessness, and Planning & Zoning, as well as NECC receiving a Mayor's Beyond the Beige Award.

IV. Education Topic:

a. Mayor's Office Report – Graham Downey

- i. Graham discussed the hold on the TSDO proposal and emphasized the need for collaborative conversations on housing. Graham also touched on Emergency Shelter being put in place at the Eagen Center downtown for those displaced by the flooding.

b. Assembly Report – Anna Brawley

- i. Assembly Member Brawley provided updates on the AFN Convention, flooding in western Alaska, and the annual budget process, encouraging community input on the skinny road bond and upcoming public hearings. She also announced a public conversation on the city's budget to engage the community in discussions about funding priorities.

c. School Board Report – Carl Jacobs, ASD Board Chair

- i. Carl gave updates on flooding support efforts, right-sizing proposals, including boundary adjustments, potential school closures, and announced upcoming town hall meetings.

d. Planning Department Report – Not Present

V. Education Topic:

a. 2026 Leadership & Officer Summit

- i. Arianna announced the date of the next annual FCC Officers Summit, January 31, 2026 at the Nave in Spenard. She asked anyone wanting to volunteer to reach out to the office.
- ii. This will be an in-person-only event offering training opportunities for Community Council officers and it will be free to attend.

VI. Education Topic:

a. Better Public Meetings Update

- i. The Assembly recently tabled all versions of the Better Public Meetings Resolution, and Arianna hopes to have better news to report at the next meeting.

VII. Comment Period:

- a. Pamela Raygor requested an attendance list for 2025 for the officers in the group for the November meeting.
- b. Irene Quednow informed everyone that Alaska Native Heritage Center was another point of contact organizing support for those displaced by the flooding in Western Alaska.
- c. Member of the public, Amanda Tuttle commented on GBOS's status as a state appointed public advisory council and her concerns regarding the status of GBOS's current delegate. She voiced her concerns regarding elected officials being elected to the FCC Executive Board.
- d. Member of the public, Amanda Thompson commented that she is a local teacher, previous resident of Girdwood / current resident of Turnagain and feels concern regarding GBOS representation being non-communicative.

VIII. Move to second agenda

PART II – THE BOARD MEETING

Meeting Opener: Sarah Preskitt, Chair Pro Tempore

I. Amended Agenda Discussion Topic:

- a. Chair Mike Edgington passed the seat to Vice Chair Sarah Preskitt for the second half of the meeting, as the first discussion would center around his position on the board.
- b. Girdwood Representation
 - i. Pro Tempore Chair Preskitt asked Zach Gottshall to speak to the item he had brought to the board to discuss. Zach reminded the group of the AS code 29.10.200 regarding public officials and that they cannot serve as delegates or officers, along with AMC 2.40.030.
 1. There was some discussion regarding whether the fact that the FCC being a non-profit organization as opposed to a part of government changes the interpretation of the code.
 - ii. Charlie Welch asked for a point of clarification, and asked if GBOS is subject to the rules of APOC / is it an actual public office or is it a Road Service Area?
 1. Mike Edgington commented that Girdwood is a service area that provides 6 different services. Mike noted that the Bylaws were written in 2005 but Anchorage Municipal Code had been updated more recently in 2015 – where it had been changed to include general service area boards but never defined what they were.
 2. Zach inquired if that code was related to the codes that hold jurisdiction and authority over Community Councils.
 - iii. Darrell Hess, Municipal Ombudsman, is given the floor by Preskitt. He stated that there is nothing in AMC 2.40 that governs or directs the Federation, as it is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Darrell explained that AMC 2.40 is a “10,000 ft view of how Community Councils are organized and operated”. He reminded everyone that they are not part of municipal government and that they are private neighborhood associations.
 1. Darrell also clarified the only individuals who could be delegates from Girdwood based AMC 2.40 would be from GBOS. As AMC 2.40 designates GBOS as the Community Council Ex officio.
 - Brice Wilbbanks asks a point of information and asked if Darrell Hess is speaking on behalf of the Municipal Ombudsman’s office, or himself. Darrell responded he was speaking on behalf of the Municipal Ombudsman’s office.
 - iv. Brice Wilbanks commented that Mike was not put into the seat of GBOS delegate by vote of Girdwood citizens, and that he was not the representative of the FCC according to the GBOS records.
 1. Mike took a moment to highlight that the GBOS Bylaws lack a procedure for determining a delegate, he welcomed the conversation about the GBOS delegate at the GBOS meeting. He explained that he was sitting out as a delegate during the meeting out of respect for that process but noted there is a delegate removal process as well if that is what others wished to do.
 - v. Pamela Raygor made a motion to vacate the chair’s position, elevate the vice chair and table the discussion until the November meeting, Bruce

Vergason seconded.

1. There was cross discussion surrounding the motion getting clarification of intention from the body. The intention being that GBOS will make their decision at their next meeting, report back to the FCC, allowing the FCC to provide delegates with results before the next meeting.
 2. There were a few questions clarifying the current officers of the FCC Executive Board, along with concerns voiced making decisions with a lack of information.
 3. Pamela Raygor withdrew her motion.
- vi. Jacob Powell made a motion to table this discussion until the November meeting.
1. There was some cross discussion of the motion and amendment amongst the body, with clarifying questions asked regarding verbiage / intent.
- vii. Bruce Vergason made a motion to suspend the rules, and elect a pro temp chair Sarah Preskitt until November meeting when the matter can be handled, this motion was seconded by Zach Gottshall.
1. There was further discussion about this motion, Roger Shaw verified this motion superseded the two previous motions which answered the body's major question.
 2. The motion was put to a vote and passed with:
 - 20 yes
 - 5 no
 - 4 abstains
- viii. Jason Norris made a motion to immediately adjourn the meeting given the importance of the bylaw discussion in the lack of time, Bruce Vergason seconded.
1. The motion was put to a vote and passed with:
 - 24 yes
 - 2 no
 - 3 abstains

II. **Comment Period:** none

III. **Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alison Rambo.

FCC Chair

Date

FCC Secretary

Date