

DRAFT AGENDA
 Northeast Community Council (NECC)
 General Meeting
 In-person meeting
January 15, 2026 | 7pm

Creekside Park Elementary- Gymnasium
 Doors open at 6:30 PM
 7500 E 6th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99504
[Zoom Link to Join](#)
Meeting ID: 833 4733 9174

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Time		Lead
6:30 pm	Doors Open Sign-in, register, collect meeting materials & handouts, and mingle with neighbors.	
7:00	Welcome & Call to Order Reminder: NECC Voting members must sign-in & verification of residence is required.	Pamela Raygor
7:01	Pledge of Allegiance	Member
7:03	Board Introductions	Stephanie Taylor
7:05	Minutes' Approval: November 20, 2025 Note responses to previous requests for Information	David Weber
7:08	Treasurer's Report as of December 2025	John Cunningham
7:09	NECC Better Public Meetings Pilot Continues – Link: Anchorage Community Council Civic Engagement Scorecard QR code in agenda packet Better Public Meeting Project Meeting – January 29, 2026, 5:30-8:00 p.m. @ Loussac Library Open to Community Register: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/public-forum-on-better-public-meetings-tickets-1979344839698?aff=oddtcreator	Pamela Raygor
7:11	NECC Community Members' an open opportunity for members to share. (max 2 min per person unless otherwise noted) United States Semiquincentennial – 250th Anniversary (15 min & Q/A)	Lael Marlow, NECC member
7:20	NECC Council Committee Reports (Limit 3 min incl. discussion unless otherwise noted) Alcohol & Marijuana, Art & Placemaking Ad Hoc, CIP, Parks & Trails, Spirit of Muldoon Picnic, NECC Patrol, Nunaka Valley Patrol Art & Placemaking Phase I: Beyond the Grey Grant & Animal Bike Rack Fundraiser update Bylaws Northeast Community Council Bylaws Amendment Proposals & Comments CIP NECC Capitol Improvement Projects - Google My Maps Spirit of Muldoon Picnic	Committee Chairs Mary McQuilkin Nate Martin Kyle Rehberg Stephanie Taylor

7:30	<p>Community Leadership Updates as available (Limit 3 min each incl. discussion) JBER, Police Department, Fire Department, Muldoon Public Library, PTAs, Bartlett Area Principal Group, Rotary</p> <p>East High School Student Civic Education Trip to Washington, DC (7 min)</p> <p>Nunaka Valley Elementary re-naming committee (5 min) Public survey in agenda pack</p>	<p>HS Student & Jacob Tatum, Advisor Kristi Woods</p>
7:45	<p>Elected Representatives Comments (Limit 3 min comments, 2 min public Qs unless otherwise noted) Mayor's Report</p> <p style="color: red;">One representative per district office will rotate each month.</p> <p>Northeast Elected Officials: School Board (7), Assembly (4), House (6), Senate (3) School Board Member Report – 2026 resizing school closures/relocations, Dora Wilson Assembly Member Report – 2026 CC Boundary update, Assembly calendar, George Martinez State House Rep. Report – Session House org, Committee assignments, Ted Eischeid State Senator Report – Session Senate org, Committee assignments, Bill Wielechowski</p>	<p>Mayor Anchorage School Board Assembly Members State Legislators</p>
8:05	<p>Old Business includes Action Items (Limit 3 min incl. discussion unless otherwise noted)</p> <p>None</p>	<p>\</p>
8:05	<p>Presentations (Limit 3 min including discussion unless otherwise noted)</p> <p>Turpin and Creekside Park Projects. (5 min)</p> <p>TSDO & Mayor's housing strategy (20 min)</p> <p>2040 Land Use Plan (20 min) 2025-0138: https://www.muni.org/CityViewPortal/Planning/Status?planningId=18333</p>	<p>Melanie Hess, Park Planner, Parks & Rec MOA</p> <p>Graham Downy, Special Assistant to the Mayor, Housing and Transportation MOA</p> <p>Daniel R. McKenna-Foster, Manager, Long-Range Planning Division MOA</p>
8:56	<p>New Business Non-Action Items (Limit 3 min including discussion unless otherwise noted) Informational only. Questions can also be sent to northeastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - April Council Board Elections – 3 positions expired: Grenier, - Strengthen Committees – viability of committees requires member participation, please consider volunteering - TBA in February: Nominations/Election Committee appointments, NECC potential swag investment 	<p>Pamela Raygor</p>
8:57	<p>Community Open Announcements & Updates of Events/Meetings (Limit 1 min ea.)</p> <p>FCC Report as of December 2025 – agenda packet</p>	<p>Pamela Raygor</p>
9:00	<p>Next NECC Regular Meeting: February 19, 2026 Adjourn</p>	<p>Creekside Park Elem. Gym</p>

Notes and Announcements:

- Presentations and subjects are timed. **Brevity is important to ensure all have the opportunity to participate.**

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NECC Better Public Meeting Pilot Survey



Minutes

November 20, 2025 | 7pm
Creekside Park Elementary-Gymnasium
7500 E 6th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99504

Board Members Present

Pamela Raygor, President | **Stephanie Taylor**, Vice President | **Dave Weber**, Secretary | **Nate Martin**, Parliamentarian | **Stu Greiner**, Member | **Matt Sims**, Member | **Mary O'Loughlin**, Member | **Mary McQuilkin**, Member

40~ people in attendance in person and online

Pamela Raygor called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Board Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance: Jude Metoyer

Minutes Approval: October Meeting

Mary O'Loughlin made a motion to approve. Seconded. None opposed. October 2025 minutes approved.

Treasurer's Update

Bank balances listed on the agenda.

Community Concerns and Activities (opportunity for community members to share concerns, requests for the council, and upcoming needs/activities, up to 2 minutes)

Pamela Raygor, gave instruction to members to take a survey for Better Public Meetings (BPM) via online and on paper. The NECC has volunteered to be part of the BPM process with other community councils. Results will be provided to the NECC to help improve meetings.

Committee Updates – 2 minutes

Mary McQuilkin, Chair of Arts and Placemaking Ad Hoc Committee, gave an update in regards to Chanshtnu-Muldoon Park artistic bike rack fundraiser. The NECC has secured \$12K to build and install the bike racks and needs to raise \$3,400 to complete funding. There is a webpage in which anyone can donate <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/northeast-beyond-the-beige-fundraiser>

Remainder of committee updates yielded to allow time for Presentations and New Business.

Community Leadership Updates (3 minutes each)

Captain Paschall, Anchorage Fire Department, gave an update that AFD is getting a lot more calls this season. He sees a lot of issues starting with 1. Smoke Alarm issues, Cpt Paschall asked people to check their smoke alarms 2. Carbon Monoxide issues, Cpt Paschall asked people to check the expiration date of those. 3. Snow loads and the accumulation throughout the winter. Cpt Paschall asked people to clear their roofs. 4. Slips, Trips, and Falls. Cpt Paschall asked people to wear ice cleats and showed the types that are easy to use 5. Sleep with doors closed. Cpt Paschall found people through the years that lived because they were behind closed doors.

Stu Grenier, Dave Ulmer, and Pamela Raygor asked questions of Cpt Paschall and Cpt Paschall responded. Cpt Paschall emphasized that the wildfire program has increased and that if you have questions about wildfire type questions and contact that department directly. He also emphasized that fire in fireplaces should not be overdone. Put things in fireplaces that make sense and have them serviced. **Rep. Donna Mears** also noted comments on the Wildfire Mitigation and a plan is out there for public comment. Rep. Donna Mears posted it to the NECC Facebook page.

Jim Curran, Muldoon Library, gave an update on when the Library is closed during the Holidays. Jim noted December 4 at 11:30am at Muldoon Library AARP will be back at the library to talk about scams and fraud prevention online and noted AARP provides quality programming. There will also be other programming in the future.

David Chrystal, Bartlett Area Principal Group, currently there are 3,889 kids enrolled in the area schools. The capacity is 5,062. Northeast Anchorage is one of the highest areas in terms of capacity. Mr. Chrystal is hopeful more kids can be brought to the area. There are 12,000 homes and \$2.5B of property tax value in Northeast Anchorage. Boys and Girls club is shut down and they have an afterschool program for 80 kids. When they are shut down, it has a big impact. Mr. Chrystal also gave updates on Begich Middle School and Bartlett High School sports.

Maureen Retzel, Rotary Club of Anchorage Gateway, is working on reading at Muldoon Elementary. Gateway Rotary is working with C3 church to bring meals to students. There is a third-grade class that has read much and is "half way to the top of Denali".

School Board Member Report (limit 3 min. each, including questions)

School Board Member Dora Wilson, noted the school board accepted the memo to add childcare to schools. The memos to close Fire Lake and Lake Otis did not pass. The boundaries of West High School and Romig Middle School will be redrawn. Also, there continues to be discussion on the school bond package to be placed on the April ballot.

Assembly Member Report (3 minutes each, including questions)

Assembly Member Daniel Volland, wants to let people know about all the tax proposals and where to get more information. There are four different tax proposals that Member Volland discussed. Member Volland wants to talk about his cosponsored tax proposal on short term rentals. There is a hotel tax that short term rentals are charged. The 5% tax proposed will be specific to short term rentals. Short term rentals cause specific harms and benefits. Member Volland went over the harm and benefits of short-term rentals. Member Volland noted people can email your assembly members to provide your comments.

State House & Senate Representatives Report (limit 3 min. each, including questions)

Rep. Donna Mears, provided an update to NECC and read the following: Natural gas generates about 80% of the electricity and almost all of the heat in East Anchorage. Hilcorp supplies virtually all of the natural gas from Cook Inlet, but they're changing their business model from exploration and development to importing liquefied natural gas (LNG). They have not renewed their supply contracts with Chugach Electric's ends in 2028 and Enstar Natural Gas' in 2033. Hilcorp is building out their gas storage in depleted fields and just finished purchasing the Marathon LNG facility in Nikiski. Thanks to the federal Jones Act, imported LNG will need to come from a foreign port. Seems likely to me this will come from the newly completed Coastal GasLink project which exports from Kitimat, British Columbia.

Enstar is also looking at an import project. There's a lot of information hidden behind Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDAs), so it's challenging to figure out which project will prevail. It is clear to me that we will be importing LNG and certainly do not want multiple facilities. So, where does that leave us? What we do have control over is how much energy we use. There is some more production coming from the other small producers in Cook Inlet like HEX-Fire and BlueCrest—natural gas storage is expanding so gas can be banked seasonally, and potentially over multiple years—and as individuals if we reduce our energy consumption, keep building out renewables we can put off and limit our import of LNG. What then? That gives time for the Dixon Diversion hydro project to come on line and technologies like tidal, geothermal, and potentially nuclear to mature. There are projects for all of these renewable sources in the works now. I'm sure some of you are wondering about the proposed gas pipeline from the North Slope which has gained momentum again in the last year. It's not incompatible at all with conservation and continuing to develop renewable projects, but I'm not holding my breath that it will happen. Yesterday the Legislative Budget and Audit committee met to discuss this project, and although Glenfarne is sticking to a late 2028 first-gas timeline, they have backed off their commitment of a January 2026 milestone of a Final Investment Decision. If you want to get more into the details, I have a couple events coming up. In the back are some handouts with Coffee Chats in December. Senator Wielechowski will be there on the 4th and Representative Eischeid is planning on attending as well. We're also putting together an East Side Town Hall with Senators Dunbar & Tobin, as well as Representatives Gray and Mina—it is tentatively scheduled for Saturday January 10th before we head back to Juneau.

CONTACT: Office: 907-465-3438, Cell 907-632-6382, Email: Rep.Donna.Mears@akleg.gov

Lou Flora, speaking for Sen. Loki Tobin, gave an update noting Sen. Tobin is chair of education task force for funding and has been doing a lot of work speaking to people. On Dec 1, 6pm Anchorage Lutheran Church you can talk to Sen. Tobin directly before the legislative session. Sen. Tobin is waiting for the governor's proposed budget on how to reimburse communities that helped neighbors from western Alaska as well as resources needed to repair homes and schools affected by the typhoon. Students from Western Alaska are thriving in a new school environment in Anchorage. When caring adults put kids first, they build resiliency instead of trauma.

Old Business includes Action Items

Resolution 2025-08 Pedestrian & Driver Safety Improvements on Muldoon 2nd Rdg

Pamala Raygor, gave an overview of the changes made to the resolution to incorporate language stating NECC does not want a barrier wall fence on Muldoon like there is on Minnesota, between Benson and Northern Lights.

Ben Shultz made a motion to accept the resolution as presented and approve the resolution. Seconded. For: 21 Against: 3 Abstain: 3. Resolution passes.

Presentations

Homelessness Update

Thea Agnew-Bemben, Special Assistant to Mayor Suzanne LaFrance, noted in leading the homeless response, the municipality has 4 main goals 1. Less people outside 2. Access to care 3. Low-income housing 4. More partnerships.

How does the plan play out? When it comes to fewer people outside there needs to be year around shelter. The multi-year period of having on and off housing set things up for a really difficult situation. Over the last year they have abated 35 camps. As of right now there are no big camps. There are 300 year-round beds that are helping achieve this and they have two shelters of 50 beds to get to 400 beds. The municipality funds about 380 other beds and puts pretty significant funding with all of them. The other thing that the municipality has ramped up is outreach.

In January 2026 there is a point in time count of homeless. Last two years there were 400 people unsheltered. The goal is to see that number way down. There were 32 arrests a day for drugs lately and the municipality is looking at how to get more help. Doing the arrests is not impacting drug prices around town. There is a detox center in town and it takes a lot of interaction. The homeless population doesn't appear to be growing. It does go up and down. There are drug treatment options in the department of corrections. However today there is not a program like the department of corrections has. The correctional system is run by the state so it can't exactly be utilized by the municipality.

On the financial cost of homelessness, during the pandemic there was a lot of federal money coming. Most of the federal money went to rental assistance. \$9.7M in general fund and \$16M in alcohol tax does help fund the homeless response. There is money, \$5-6M, that comes from the federal government to help with rental assistance.

How does the city keep the community updated? Public Safety is reported each month to the assembly committee and there's public notice. There is also a housing and homeless committee. The housing and homeless neighborhood commission is a citizen-led one assisted by the Anchorage Health Department.

The municipality is really tightening up crisis response systems. There is a safety patrol and mobile clinic. There is a safety center, but it's not fully functional, however Providence will have a center that is being built for a crisis stabilization center. The Southcentral Foundation will also open a crisis center. The Econo Lodge will also be converted to a crisis facility. There are also other things being developed.

There is a prearrest diversion program being developed. The police department could by Q1 2026, have the ability to hold charges, and if people agree to go into treatment, then the charges will be sent to the prosecutor. There are also micro units being built and the micro unit will offer supportive shelter. The type of resources the city needs is that when people become homeless, the municipality has a way to respond quickly and is what we are trying to need.

In regards to early intervention in homelessness the municipality voters did pass the alcohol tax, and \$1.5M goes out to child abuse and neglect prevention. The municipality pays the rent for the facility for the Boys and Girls Northeast club that is not being operated right now due to their funding issues and that needs to be addressed. But there are lots of other programs the money goes to.

Stephanie Taylor, Dave Ulmer, Roger Briley, David Chrystal asked questions and made comments.

In response to questions: At Southcentral there will be 23 hours crisis intervention and then there could be a place there for a week. Providence will have a facility open soon. The Salvation Army has 50 beds open in their means program so people can get in there if it gets easier to get in.

The 3% sales tax is not being proposed to add shelters, but will provide more funding for public safety and infrastructure.

Thea noted APD normal patrols don't spend a lot of time addressing homelessness. There are task forces of APD that do specifically focus on it. There is a new data dashboard coming out so we can do one for homelessness and other related dashboards.

There were 2 officers at the Midtown Walmart. In order for APD to do anything the business owners have to do things on their part. Walmart on A street is starting to take steps to reduce theft and problems. There were many fines charged to Walmart to make them pay. Soon in the future for 5 weeks APD will focus on retail theft to make them safer. There are no MatSu shelters. In 2008 Thea did an assessment of their system. When someone is homeless in MatSu they come to Anchorage and Anchorage also has health powers where MatSu does not.

The school district has a definition of youth homelessness (school age). There is a great resource at ASD and Covenant House is also a good resource. There is a seasonal family service provider. There are some great family shelters, but the beds don't turn over that often. The Golden Lion provides low rent housing there, and made some changes since there were sex offenders, and the changes were made so families could come in.

AO 2025-119 10-year Review of Community Council Boundaries

Assembly Member Yarrow Silvers, stated the municipality is in the third and final phase of the community council boundary study. The third and final phase is a vote by the Assembly. Some of the feedback from a public survey said the NECC may be too big. There were some inconsistencies in information given and recommendations on boundary changes. Member Silvers is also looking to suggest some improvements for a future boundary change process. Member Silvers distributed a survey to NECC members to solicit feedback on boundary changes.

Stephanie Taylor, Toni Reupke, Stu Grenier, Dave Ulmer, Nate Martin, Matt Sims, made comments and asked questions.

Member Silvers answered there are no recommended changes for NECC right now. Changes in recommendations are that Tudor and University Area will merge and that part of University Area will merge to Scenic Foothills. Member Silvers explained at a high level the way in which the recommendation for boundary changes is made.

Member Silvers, after the meeting, in an email to NECC officers, noted the results of the survey indicated 50% of the questionnaires came from south of Debarr and 100% said that they would prefer to remain with NECC.

ASD Budget Presentation

Katie Parrott, Director of ASD Office of Management and Budget, noted they have started the budget development cycle for FY27. ASD is trying to throw a broader net for budget solutions and there is a budget simulation tool and is an online option for individuals to go and try to do the tool. It will allow you to adjust things to get to a balanced budget. One of the things that despite that the legislature increasing the budget last year. There is a formula required in statute that the state must fund education and is the local required contribution. The local municipality can contribute to that up to a cap. The issue with taxable property amounts goes up, but the state reduces their funding that offsets the property tax gains. There will be a short presentation at Bartlett High School on December 6 at 11am to go over higher-level parts of the budget and the public will get a really good sense of that. There will be chromebooks and devices at the event to complete the budget simulator at the event. It will be compiled and provided to the school board. Katie invites the community to participate in this process.

Roger Briley asked a question. Katie responded there is a lot of information about population decline and that as the number of students dwindle the amount of funding dwindles. The decline in school population has declined since Covid. A “Hold Harmless” provision helps step down some of the funding for unexpected declines.

What percentage of the 2020-2023 budget is paid for by Anchorage homeowners, business owners, other taxation under what categories of taxes? Katie Parrot, after the meeting, in an email to NECC noted the following:

- 2019-2020 Property taxes were 37% of General Fund revenue
- 2020-2021 Property taxes were 37% of General Fund revenue
- 2021-2022 Property taxes were 37% of General Fund revenue
- 2022-2023 Property taxes were 39% of General Fund revenue

Additionally, the District has been awarded a grant to support 8 preschool classrooms funded by the municipal alcohol and marijuana tax revenue. The MOA has also contributed to the District’s pupil transportation fund from municipal taxes in order to maintain the same level of bus service throughout the municipality, the following amounts:

- 2019-2020 - \$3,249,869
- 2020-2021 - \$4,045,890
- 2021-2022 - \$2,676,667
- 2022-2023 - \$5,634,390

What is the specific financial impact of yearly decreased enrollment, 2020 to 2024, and projected 25? There is a 1% decline and can put the information after

The curriculum cycle that ASD would normally want to adhere to has been put off due to funding. When you turn over the new curriculum it is a very costly exercise. Katie Parrot, after the meeting, in an email to NECC noted Between 2020-2023, a new K-6 math curriculum was implemented. (New ELA curriculum was implemented after 2023.) Below are the curriculum materials expenditures for fiscal years 2020-2023 (some smaller material replacement amounts excluded):

2019-2020

- Total Curriculum costs = \$1,918,810.79
- Math curriculum costs = \$1,304,891.13

2020-2021

- Total Curriculum costs = \$2,675,291.85
- Math curriculum costs = \$2,353,066.52

2021-2022

- Total Curriculum costs = \$2,179,663.63
- Math curriculum costs = \$1,892,685.58

2022-2023

- Total Curriculum costs = \$2,237,047.30
- Math curriculum costs = \$1,798,502.34

Katie provided pupil to teacher ratio (PTR) statistics by grade level, finally noting grades 6-12 is 32 to 1 PTR. It is encouraged that all the leadership and administration sign up to go to schools to observe school classes. To Katie for the high ratio classes, it was terrifying to visit a kindergarten that had 26 kids.

Katie noted there are more teaching positions open than UAA can graduate in a year. Katie Parrot, after the meeting, in an email to NECC noted the retention rate* for classroom teachers is around 98% annually (based on teachers who fulfill their contract each year vs. those who leave the District prior to contract year end). Historic turnover patterns after that are as follows (number and percentage of teacher resignations at the end of each year, including retirements):

- 2018-2019 – 320 (9.9%)
- 2019-2020 – 258 (8.0%)
- 2020-2021 – 331 (10.6%)
- 2021-2022 – 416 (13.5%)
- 2022-2023 – 382 (12.5%)
- 2023-2024 – 358 (12.1%)
- 2024-2025 – 390 (12.5%)

There are teachers that have been retired and put back into teaching. The district has not received support post 2020 that they had. Some ancillary things that the State supported that helped no longer exist so some school districts have to pick up that cost. It costs \$1.8M to close two schools.

The first ledger lines to be cut are those that impact/support adults, those are looked at first, and kids 2nd. Curriculum is put off and some chromebook refreshments. During this round of the budget ASD is not cutting some really small things like refreshments at training and travel in the general fund budget.

The district has to report on the Alaska chart of accounts. It's divided between instructional and non-instructional, including different components of instruction. For many years 75% of ASD goes to instruction. District Administration functions are under 4% of the total budget (payroll, accounting, superintendent). There are certain things the ASD must do, like liability insurance, that are included in the district administration costs. If you cut back to much of the district administration there may be compliance issues. There are a lot of challenges and concerns of ASD finances but the district has achieved for the last 45 years an award of excellence for financial reporting.

Stu Grenier asked how many teachers in the district are foreign? Katie Parrot, after the meeting, in an email to NECC noted. ASD currently employs 66 teachers on foreign visas.

- J-1 visa teachers
 - 37 SPED
 - 18 General
 - 5 Immersion
- H1-B visa teachers
 - 5 Immersion
 - 1 Fine Arts

Roger Briley noted the education program at UAA is only K-3. **Katie Parrot** noted that's a challenge. ASD is trying to get a teacher apprentice program open, an example is a paraprofessional that can move into a teacher program. **David Chrystal** asked people to fill out the simulator. **Katie Parrot** noted the public input in the will be submitted to ASD and presented to the ASD Board. **Nate Martin** commented on the scope of the budget simulator. **Katie Parrot** noted not everything can be divided in the sections, but comments can be made in the simulator for things that aren't there and to provide input.

Link to the ASD FY27 budget simulator:

<https://anchorage-engage.abalancingact.com/anchorage-school-district-fy27-budget-simulation>

New Business Non-Action Items:

None

Community Announcements:

Stephanie Taylor, announced there is a meeting for the Spirit of Muldoon Picnic. It is on Thursday, Dec 4, 6pm, at Begich Middle School Library.

Pamela adjourned the meeting at 9:10 pm.

Upcoming NECC meeting: Thursday, January 15, 2025, 7pm, at Creekside Park Elementary.

Dave Weber, Secretary

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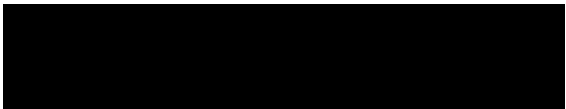


BUILDING RENAMING SURVEY

Anchorage STrEaM Academy is seeking community input on the renaming process of our new building in Nunaka Valley. We wish to maintain strong ties to the Nunaka Valley community by incorporating “Nunaka Valley” from the former school name, while removing the word “Elementary” and adding “Home of STrEaM Academy.”

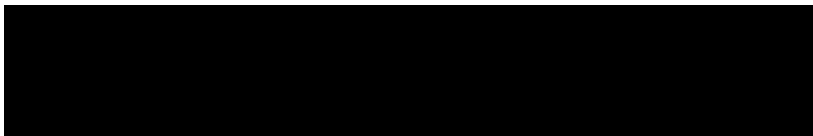
PROVIDE YOUR INPUT

**Access the two question survey by
scanning the QR code above or visiting
asdk12.org/stream**



NECC Resolutions

Mon, Jan 5, 2026 at 9:54 AM



Thanks for following up, Dave.

Did traffic not respond on #8 as well? If not, I'll ask them to do so.

On Resolution 04, you may know that we have taken steps this year to make camping in unsafe locations illegal and this applies to individuals sleeping in cars as well as tents. A person who is sleeping in their vehicle in one of the safety zones is still subject to AO 2025-74(S). You can see data on how we're enforcing that ordinance here: [Camping & Fire Ordinance - Community Progress Report — Anchorage Police Department](#) You can report someone camping illegally in a safety zone by calling 3-1-1.

On Resolution 03, the Clerk's office, which is part of the Assembly branch, would be best able to answer this question, as they handle marijuana licensing. George should be able to help you get an answer there.

On Resolution 07, we appreciate your suggestions. I can't speculate about why the Assembly chose to postpone the mayor's ordinance on jaywalking beyond what's in the public record. George may be able to share his perspective on the topic. I can say that the Mayor, APD, and Muni Attorney are continuing to take a hard look at accountability for dangerous behavior by both drivers and pedestrians.

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RE: NECC Resolution 2025-09 Speed Hump Request on Trafford Drive

5 at 3:01 PM

Dear Northeast Community Council Members,

Thank you for sharing your resolution requesting speed humps on Trafford Drive and for your continued advocacy for neighborhood safety. We appreciate the Council's attention to pedestrian safety, traffic behavior, and the lived experiences of residents along the corridor.

The Traffic Department, through the [Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program](#), will conduct a speed study on Trafford Drive this summer. The study will document vehicle speeds, traffic volumes, and patterns of use to determine whether conditions on Trafford Drive meet the qualification for assistance funding.

Your resolution provides valuable context regarding community concerns and observed safety issues, and it will be included in the project file as we evaluate Trafford Drive for potential future improvements. Should the street qualify, it would become eligible for inclusion in upcoming Traffic Calming Program funding cycles, subject to prioritization and available resources.

We will share the results of the speed study with the Council once analysis has been completed and will continue to coordinate with you on next steps.

Thank you again for your engagement and for your commitment to making Anchorage's neighborhoods safer for all road users.

Sincerely,

Donovan Camp



Donovan Camp
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Additional Agenda Item – The Board added an agenda item regarding the Board Chair. Mike Edgington (Girdwood) will remain Chair with a non-voting status until the end of his term. Girdwood has selected a new to the board delegate.

Finance Committee provided an end of year update to the Board. Board Unanimously approved moving unencumbered funds within the budget.

Bylaw Committee work continues the next draft is anticipated in January 2026 at the earliest.

Democracy Fair. The FCC will share a booth with the League of Women Voter's at this event to provide information about Community Councils in Anchorage. January 10th from 11am to 3pm at the Loussac Library.

2nd Annual Community Council Leadership and Officer Summit. Charting the Course - navigating a 50-year legacy toward tomorrow's horizon. *Saturday, January 31, 2026 at The Nave in Spenard.* Councils' leaderships are encouraged to participate. [Community Council Leadership and Officer Summit - Charting the Course](#)
[Tickets, Sat, Jan 31, 2026 at 8:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

Better Public Meetings. The FCC, in collaboration with the National Civic League, FCC, and many other advocacy partners are conducting a survey to better understand how individuals engage with the current public process. Survey is open from now until end of January 2026. [Anchorage Better Public Meetings](#)

[Community Survey](#)

The FCC's effort is in addition to the NECC and SCC Better Public Meetings Pilot is a controlled project that focuses on their prospective council's areas. The two councils yearlong project includes an all-council residence public meeting in January 2026.

Anchorage Mayor's Office – Graham Downey gave an update from the mayor's office on downtown holiday decorations, the approval of a short-term rental registration ordinance, pedestrian fatalities, and TSDO. Learn more on the [Neighborhood Greenways website](#). The pedestrian fatality focus remains on reducing speed limits.

Anchorage Assembly – Vice Chair Brawley provided an update on the recent Assembly meeting, upcoming tax proposals, the new Municipal seal, and marijuana licenses.

Anchorage School Board – Chairman Carl Jacobs provided updates on the 2025 rightsizing, capital improvement plans, future bonds, 2027 budget proposal, and the teacher union negotiations. Learn more about the [2027 ASD budget on their Budgeting Act Tool](#).

The Good Neighbor Fund – Kenny Peterson presented on the Good Neighbor Fund, officially launched in November with support of the Municipality of Anchorage. More than \$112,000 in private donations from 204 individuals as of Dec. 17. Funds are held at The Alaska Community Foundation, the board is still in its formative stages. The general intent is to help with medicine, IDs, birth certificates, phones, meals, temporary hotel stays, transportation, etc.