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Hello,

Thank you for taking the time to read through and understand your role as a Boardmember, Staff Liaison, or Assemblymember as found within the pages of this most recent update of the CBJ Board Informational Pamphlet – Version 2024-01.

Hopefully you will find this a helpful document during your service as a CBJ Boardmember, Staff Liaison, or Assemblymember. The main changes in this pamphlet from previous versions include:

- Under Section VI, Adding: Written Communication with the Assembly (pg. 5 of pamphlet)
- General house-keeping updates related to changes in staff, mailing addresses and email addresses (pgs. 11-12 of pamphlet)
- Updates to Appendix A: Replacing Assembly Rules of Procedure Resolution 2781 from the 2017-01 Board Pamphlet with Resolution 2986, adopted on April 1, 2024
- Updates to Appendix D – Instructions for Submitting Trumba Events

A good portion of my job responsibilities include working with the 30+ CBJ boards and commissions and I am happy to answer any questions you might have. Clerk's staff is also available to provide training at CBJ board meetings and/or retreats upon request. Please feel free to call me directly at 586-5278 x4176 or send an email to di.cathcart@juneau.gov if I can be of any assistance.

Thank you again for your service to our community in your work with our boards!

Sincerely,

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EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT BEING A CBJ BOARD MEMBER ... and more!

I. INTRODUCTION

This pamphlet is published by the City & Borough of Juneau (CBJ) Municipal Clerk's Office to help members of boards, committees, and commissions [hereafter referred to as "board members"] to understand what board membership entails; and is a general learning tool for CBJ board members and should be used for guidance purposes. Anyone with questions of a legal nature is encouraged to contact the Law Department at (907)586-5242. If you have questions about boards in general, ask the Clerk's staff (907)586-5278 or a staff liaison if one has been assigned to a particular board. CBJ appreciates volunteers who give their time to facilitate interaction between the municipal government and the citizens it serves!

II. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT



Thank you for your time and willingness to serve on a CBJ board. CBJ has approximately 30+ boards, committees, commissions, ad hoc task forces, and working groups which we commonly refer to as "CBJ Boards." These boards provide a way for the public to participate in the City's decision-making process by advising the Mayor and Assembly on numerous issues. In a democratic form of government, it is not only a right but a responsibility for citizens to help shape the community in which we live.

This is realized when individuals come together across cultural, economic, and social lines to serve as board members, assisting their local government in decision-making that affects all the citizens within our community.

III. GENERAL CHECK LIST OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALL CBJ BOARDS

All CBJ Boards need to ensure the following responsibilities/requirements are met:

- 1) **Adequate Public Notice of Board Meetings** (See "Public Notice" pg. 7)
- 2) **A quorum is present for all meetings** (See "Quorum" on pg. 2)
- 3) **Meetings are held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act** (pg. 10 & Appendix C)
- 4) **Copies of Agendas, Minutes, and membership changes are sent to the Municipal Clerk's Office.**
- 5) **Election of Officers is to be held annually following the meeting at which annual appointments to the board are made by the Assembly.** (pg. 4)
- 6) **Annual Reports, which include attendance records for the previous 12 months, are presented to the Assembly Human Resources Committee (HRC) at the meeting during which the board's annual appointments are considered.** (pg. 9 & Appendix B, page B4)
- 7) **Fundraising by advisory boards is done in accordance with the policy and procedures contained within this booklet.** (pg. 10-11)
- 8) **Public Records – Policy re: emails for Enterprise Boards & Planning Commission** (pg. 11 & Appendix F)



IV. TYPES OF BOARDS, TERMS, & ACRONYMS

Here are some basic terms and acronyms used throughout this pamphlet.

1) **CBJ** stands for the City & Borough of Juneau, a home rule municipality. The Greater Juneau Borough unified with the Cities of Juneau and Douglas on July 1, 1970, to become the City and Borough of Juneau. **2025 will be the 55th Anniversary of unification!**

2) **Assembly Standing Committees:** The Assembly has five standing committees, the Committee of the Whole (COW), Assembly Finance Committee (AFC), Human Resources Committee (HRC), Lands, Housing & Economic Development Committee (LHED), and the Public Works & Facilities Committee (PWFC). In addition to these standing committees, the Assembly may have special committees as deemed necessary. Duties and procedures are outlined in **the current *Assembly Rules of Procedure Resolution 2986***.

3) **Advisory Board** is a governmental body of the City & Borough of Juneau having authority to advise or make recommendations to the Assembly. **Advisory Boards do not have the authority to establish policies or make decisions for the Assembly nor to direct employees.** Advisory Boards are generally established by resolution or ordinance and follow the most recently adopted Advisory Board Rules of Procedure Resolution as well as the Assembly Rules of Procedure Resolution.

4) **Ad Hoc Committees & Task Forces** are groups formed to complete an outlined task in a specified time frame. They are created by Mayoral declaration and/or Assembly Resolution and subject to the same rules and requirements as an Advisory Board. They follow ***the current Advisory Board Rules of Procedure Resolution 2686*** (Appendix B) for conduct of meetings.

5) **Appeal Boards:** are appointed by the Assembly and serve in a quasi-judicial capacity to hear appeals on specific subjects. Appeal boards are generally created through CBJ Code and follow state statute, CBJ code sections, and bylaws and/or rules of procedure specific to their subject matter as well as the Advisory Board Rules of Procedure Resolution.

6) **"Empowered" or "Enterprise" Boards:** are created through the City Charter and commonly referred to, interchangeably, as an enterprise or empowered board. These include the Docks & Harbors Board, Airport Board, Hospital Board, and the Eaglecrest Ski Area Board. Each empowered board has its own unique set of laws, rules, and responsibilities based upon the portions of the CBJ charter, code, regulations, and the specific bylaws governing that body. The Planning Commission is unique and has duties set out in state law as well as CBJ code. As a decision-making body, the Planning Commission is sometimes referred to as an Empowered Board.

7) **Quorum:** is the **majority of the *membership*** of a full body, not a majority of those present at a particular meeting, this includes subcommittees of a board. For purposes of determining quorum, ***membership constitutes the total number of seats on the body whether filled or vacant.*** Non-voting, ex-officio members, and staff liaisons do not count when determining the number of seats on a board for quorum purposes. However, when a liaison from another body is a full voting member of the group (outlined in that body's governing legislation) their attendance, or lack thereof, does count when determining whether a quorum is present or not. ***A MEETING MUST HAVE A QUORUM AS DEFINED ABOVE IN ORDER TO MEET AND TAKE ANY ACTION!*** If the meeting lacks a quorum, no business may take place and the only action allowed is to try to obtain a quorum or schedule a new meeting date/time/location and adjourn. **[10/11 seats = 6 members] [8/9 seats = 5 members] [6/7 seats = 4 members] [4/5 seats = 3 members] [3 seats = 2 members]**

8) **OMA:** stands for Open Meetings Act - Alaska Statute AS44.62.310 (*see Appendix C*)

9) Executive Session: the Alaska Open Meetings Act statutes, AS 44.62.310, require meetings of governmental bodies to be open to the public and set out the rules for when, how, and what a body can do in executive session, when a meeting is closed to the public. No private or closed meetings may be held except as provided in the OMA. *Enterprise Boards may use executive sessions for evaluations, hiring practices, etc. There is no need for Advisory Boards to use Executive Session – please refrain from doing so. (See OMA- Appendix C)*

10) Vacancy: *Appendix B* defines “vacancies” as...

...include vacancies in positions which have never been filled; vacancies caused by the vacation of a position by an incumbent for any reason prior to expiration of term of office; and vacancies which will occur at the expiration of an incumbent’s term, whether or not the incumbent has signified a desire to succeed them.

A vacancy on a City & Borough advisory board shall exist under the following conditions:

- a) If a person appointed to membership fails to qualify and take office within 30 days of appointment;
- b) If a member departs from the City and Borough with the intent to remain away for a period of 90 or more days;
- c) If a member submits their resignation to the Assembly;
- d) If a member is unable to attend board meetings for a period of more than 90 days; or
- e) If a member misses more than 40 percent of the board meetings in a 12-month period, which is: 5 out of 12 regular meetings, you do not count special meetings.

[For empowered boards, each board may have its own code language stating conditions and terms under which a vacancy occurs, check those first and if nothing specific is called out in that legislation than the empowered board follows the above vacancy guidelines.]

11) Attendance: for determining a members’ attendance, a person present at a meeting and/or participating in the meeting virtually in accordance with the Assembly Rules of Procedure (see Appendix A) shall be counted as present. Any member not participating in-person or virtually shall be deemed absent. Board members are deemed present or absent according to these guidelines; there are no excused vs. unexcused absences. A member may be removed from a board for lack of attendance as outlined in the **Vacancy** section listed above or found in their board’s governing legislation.

A copy of the attendance list for the preceding twelve months shall be included as part of the annual report of the board to the Assembly Human Resources Committee, due at the time of the annual appointments for each individual board.

V. APPLICATION, APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS, AND TERM LIMITS

Applications are available online or by contacting the Clerk’s Office. The Clerk’s Office advertises vacancies through a variety of methods; seats are open until filled and applications are accepted at any time. Please refer to a boards governing legislation to see if there are specifics regarding term limits for that board. Specific application deadlines and process are advertised and posted for Empowered Boards and Planning Commission seats. The appointment process for those bodies entails the Full Assembly sitting as the HRC interviewing applicants, immediately followed by a Special Assembly meeting for appointments. For more information about that process, please contact the Clerk’s Office. Information regarding membership selection, application process, appointment, and terms is outlined in *Appendix B* under the **Membership** section.

VI. BYLAWS, ELECTIONS, & ROLES OF OFFICERS & SUBCOMMITTEES

BYLAWS

For those bodies with bylaws, now optional for most boards, the hierarchy of legislative precedence within the municipality is the CBJ Charter, CBJ Code, Resolutions, and then bylaws of that body. For bodies without bylaws, Advisory Board Rules of Procedure govern the board action. For those boards with bylaws, it is a good idea to review the bylaws every year or two and update them as necessary.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At minimum, each advisory board elects from among the members a Chair or Presiding Officer, Vice-Chair and a Recorder or Secretary; **any boards intending to raise or spend funds are also required to elect a Treasurer.** In the absence of an officially elected Chair, Vice-Chair and/or Secretary, the body should determine at the beginning of the meeting (after establishing that a quorum is present) who among its membership will serve as acting Chair and/or acting Secretary. **Per the Advisory Board Resolution, “Officers shall be elected at the first meeting after which the annual appointments of board members are made by the Assembly.”** The term of office is for one year, but officers may be re-elected to serve more than a one-year period unless otherwise stated in the board’s bylaws.

ROLE OF OFFICERS & STAFF LIAISONS

CHAIR: The Chair’s responsibilities include presiding at the meeting, preparing the agendas and annual report, conducting the meeting in a fair manner, and coordinating with CBJ staff on items such as: meeting notices, packet prep and distribution, requests for information, and board decisions/recommendations to the Assembly. The Chair also is the official representative/spokesperson of the board to the Assembly and any other groups/agencies. **The Chair, as the body’s representative, conveys only those recommendations the board has approved by majority vote.** The Chair carries out the duties of the Treasurer when the Treasurer is absent.

VICE – CHAIR: The Vice-Chair carries out the duties of the Chair when the Chair is absent.

SECRETARY/RECORDER: The Secretary takes notes and prepares the minutes and distributes DRAFT copies of the minutes to the boardmembers, staff liaison, and Clerk’s Office prior to the next meeting, or forwards to the Chair for distribution. The Secretary presides in the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair. The Secretary prepares the attendance list for inclusion in the Annual Report. The Secretary is responsible for the preparation and transmittal of the board's approved minutes to the Clerk's Office.

The agendas and minutes of all elected and appointed bodies and subcommittee meetings of these boards are considered a permanent record of the municipality and must be filed with the Clerk’s Office so they can be made available to public. All boards use the same agenda management program which makes this process easier for records retention.

TREASURER: For any advisory boards choosing to fundraise and expend those funds, a Treasurer shall be elected from amongst its members. Once a proposed budget for the next fiscal year is approved by the advisory board, **the Treasurer shall submit it to the Clerk’s Office no later than January 31 of the current fiscal year for review/approval by the Assembly Finance Committee.** The Treasurer shall maintain records of all receipts and expenditures and shall submit a quarterly financial statement to the board and Clerk’s Office. The Treasurer will work directly with the Clerk’s Office to ensure that all receipts and expenditures shall be processed in accordance with CBJ financial policies and procedures.

STAFF LIAISON: The liaisons are staff professionals with significant work responsibilities in addition to their board liaison activities. In general, liaisons are individuals who have significant staff responsibilities that relate to the same work area as the board. The liaisons do not work for or at the direction of the board; they are assigned by the City Manager and follow the direction of the City Manager or the Manager’s designee. They are professionals who work with the board to develop information and recommendations for the Assembly’s consideration.

While CBJ's staff liaisons have differing duties depending on past board practice, time availability and departmental resources, in general, some of the work that staff liaisons have been responsible for include the following:

- Ensuring that meeting notifications and record keeping occurs consistent with applicable State laws and CBJ practice;
- Serving as a communication link between the board, CBJ Administration, Departments, and the Assembly as appropriate;
- Providing professional guidance, issue analysis, and recommendations;
- Making sure the intent of the advisory board is not lost after a decision, and that it is conveyed to the CBJ Assembly in a timely manner;
- Assisting the board in staying on track and focused;
- Forwarding board recommendations to the CBJ Assembly;
- Maintaining a positive working relationship with the Chair and board members.
- Creating, uploading to CBJ website and distributing the meeting packet
- Taking minutes of the meeting if the board doesn't have a secretary
- Staff Liaison's are a "deputized clerk" when working in the role of board support and provide parliamentary and other assistance at public meetings.

There are several CBJ boards without any staff liaison in which case the Municipal Clerk's Office fulfills some of these duties while the officers of the board are assigned the duties not performed by Clerk's Office staff.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION WITH THE ASSEMBLY (email only)

In addition to the annual report presented to the Assembly Human Resources Committee, the Chair of a CBJ board, committee or commission may submit written communication to the Assembly on a topic as long as the communication has been approved by a majority vote. **Communications should be submitted via email at BoroughAssembly@juneau.gov.** Unless directed otherwise by the Assemblymember chairing a meeting, the communication will not be included in a published packet.

SUBCOMMITTEES:

Since the mission of advisory boards is to "advise" the Assembly, board subcommittees are usually created for fact finding/information gathering for the purpose of advising the full board on issues that the board will take into consideration when advising the Assembly.

In accordance with Roberts Rules of Order "*A board can appoint subcommittees, which are responsible to and report to the committee... subcommittees must consist of members of the committee...*" **Only those members of the board appointed to the subcommittee are considered subcommittee members and it is their numbers that determine whether or not a quorum is present.** Members of the public and staff may be invited to subcommittee meetings to provide reports and information but are not considered members of the subcommittee for the purposes of voting or determining a quorum.

STEERING COMMITTEES:

Some CBJ boards, such as the Planning Commission, have language within their governing legislation that allows them to create special committees often referred to as "Steering Committees" and are most similar in structure to an Ad Hoc group or Task Force. Steering Committees fall under the "subcommittee" category of a board with at least one member of the main board serving on the steering committee as a member and/or its chair (depending on the main board's governing legislation language). Steering committees are often made up of a wider range of community members and/or those with specific experience relating to the tasks of that committee. They are created to accomplish a specific goal with a set timeframe in which to accomplish that goal.

Subcommittees and Steering Committees are subject to all the rules of regular board meetings: meeting in ADA compliant facilities, following OMA guidelines, proper public notice, and providing agenda/minutes to the Clerk's Office for permanent retention.

VII. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The CBJ has a Conflict-of-Interest Code, which applies to members of all boards as well as the Assembly and CBJ employees. Code section [01.45](#) provides that any board member who has a conflict of interest with regard to a matter under consideration by the body on which he or she serves must make a disclosure on the public record and ask to be excused from the discussion and official action on the matter. A board member with a conflict of interest shall not deliberate or vote on any matter in which he or she has a conflict. There are criminal penalties for violations of this ordinance. A good standard of practice is to have the conflicted member step away from the table/dais, or turn off camera and microphone if virtual, until the topic is over and a motion is made, if applicable.

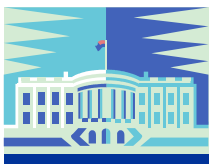
01.45.100 Disclosures of conflicts by municipal officers other than employees.

(a) A municipal officer other than an employee, who is involved in a matter that may result in a violation of sections 01.45.010--01.45.080 shall disclose the matter on the public record and ask to be excused from the discussion and official action on that matter. The presiding officer shall determine whether the member's involvement would violate sections 01.45.010--01.45.080. If the presiding officer determines that a violation would exist if the member continued to participate, the member shall refrain from voting, deliberating, or participating in the matter. The presiding officer's decision may be overridden by a majority vote of the body.

(b) An Assemblymember, School Board member, or a member of any board or commission shall, whenever practical, request guidance, which may include a written advisory opinion, from the City and Borough Attorney when determining whether a member is involved in a matter that may result in a violation of sections 01.45.010--01.45.080. (Serial No. 91-04, § 2, 1991) **Cross References:** Manager, CBJ Code ch. 03.05; departments, CBJ Code ch. 03.10.

The full Conflict of Interest Code is quite extensive; if a board member has a question on whether or not a conflict exists, they are encouraged to contact the City Attorney at (907)586-5242 for confidential advice on this issue.

VIII. LOBBYING BY BOARD MEMBERS



Each year the City & Borough of Juneau contracts with lobbyist firms in Juneau and Washington D.C. to ensure that we "speak with one voice" and avoid a situation in which our lobbyists, Congressional delegation, or legislators receive conflicting information or positions.

The role of advisory boards is to provide advice to the Assembly!

Boardmembers, staff liaisons, and others associated with CBJ boards are not to lobby or send correspondence to elected officials or agencies outside CBJ without specific direction by the Assembly to do so. It is up to the Assembly to determine the direction and what action they will take in contacting agencies and elected officials outside of CBJ. Any communications/interactions taken by boards with outside groups and elected officials is to be done only after a board receives direction by the Assembly to do so and must be done in coordination with the City Manager.

IX. PUBLIC NOTICES

The Clerk's Office is responsible for all public notice advertisements. **It is the responsibility of the chairperson or staff liaison (if applicable) to secure a meeting location and notify the Clerk's Office of the date, time, and location of every meeting, including work sessions, committees, and subcommittees of boards.**

The Clerk's office runs a weekly public meeting "Your Municipality" advertisement in the Juneau Empire each Saturday which includes notice of CBJ public meetings and events. At minimum, each group should complete an "Event Submission" form (see Appendix D) through the online CBJ Meeting Calendar with the meeting title, location, date, time, and contact information and ensure that the Clerk's office is notified no later than **11am on Tuesday of the week prior** to the meeting. For weeks containing holidays, the deadline may be earlier. Please be sure to submit **ALL** meeting events through the Event Submission form and confirm it by checking online to see that it has been added. If, within 24-hours of completing the Event



Submission form, you do not see it in the online calendar or you have not received an email confirming it has been scheduled, it is the board's responsibility to follow-up with the Clerk's Office to ensure that the meeting is added, and proper public notice is provided. If the meeting is scheduled and there is not enough time to be included in the weekly "Your Municipality" ad, the Clerk's Office, or Public Information Officer, will send out a Public Service Announcement (PSA). **All meetings require, at minimum, 24-hour public notice and are subject to the OMA requirements (see Appendix C).**



To cancel or change a meeting or to schedule a special meeting, contact the Clerk's office immediately. Please phone the Clerk's office at (907)586-5278 and follow up with an e-mail to city.clerk@juneau.gov. The board is responsible for notifying its members directly of any changes.

Remember, if a public meeting is not properly noticed, it cannot take place!

X. CONDUCT OF THE MEETING

A meeting must have a quorum of members present in order to meet. If the meeting lacks a quorum, no other business may take place and the only action allowed is to seek a quorum or schedule a new meeting date/time/location and adjourn. Minutes should be taken with a record of who was present and the fact that the meeting lacked a quorum and note the date/time/location that was agreed upon for the next meeting.

The Chair of each board is the presiding officer and is responsible for the conduct of the meeting. ***Advisory committee procedures shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order except where superseded by the Assembly Rules of Procedures, and as such may be amended from time to time.*** The Chair should prepare, or have prepared, an agenda showing items to be considered. In addition to distributing the agenda to the board members, the Chair, or Staff Liaison, also needs to send a copy of the agenda to the Clerk's office to be kept permanently along with a copy of the minutes in the city records.

At a minimum the agenda is to include the following:

1. Date, time and location (including any virtual venue info) of the meeting;
2. Name of the board holding the meeting;
3. Any minutes to be reviewed and approved;
4. Public participation: This is an opportunity for any member of the public to present their concerns and views. The CBJ Charter & Alaska Statutes require members of the public be provided "a reasonable opportunity to be heard" at regular and special meetings (CBJ Charter Section [3.12\(d\)](#) & AS29.20.020);
5. Issues to be considered include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Reports from board members, staff, other agencies or organizations;
 - b. Resolutions or ordinances to be reviewed and forwarded to the Assembly for consideration;
 - c. Policy matters under consideration that must be referred to the Assembly with recommendations;
 - d. Matters to be considered and resolved by the board, as appropriate or assigned;
6. Opportunity for board members and any staff liaison to present concerns, views, or bring forth issues for future consideration by the board; and
7. Adjournment.



Board Meeting “Do’s”:

- ✓ Ensure proper notice of the meeting has occurred (see Section IX Public Notices)
- ✓ Allow for public participation unless the meeting is a Worksession and has been advertised as such. Worksessions are open to the public and are treated in the same manner as regular meetings for purposes of public notice, quorum, and the OMA but are a less formal structure to provide for in-depth review and discussion of a subject by the members of the board. It is up to the Chair to rule on whether or not they will allow for public participation during Worksessions.
- ✓ Conduct meetings fairly with opportunities for all views to be heard and discussed.
- ✓ The Chair will recognize board members wishing to be heard and give each member who chooses to participate an opportunity to comment.
- ✓ When speaking about an issue, all speakers should address the Chair or Presiding Officer.
- ✓ A member should ask the Chair for clarification if a motion or procedure is unclear.
- ✓ The board should exercise restraint in issuing requests to staff members assigned as Staff Liaisons. These staff members do their best to accommodate the wishes of the board but are primarily responsible to the City Manager or City Attorney. [Enterprise boards differ on this; refer to the code section regarding each individual enterprise board for a description of its relationship with staff.] A good board-staff relationship is based on cooperation.
- ✓ Members should attend each meeting, review the packet prior to the meeting, and be prepared to respond to issues brought before the board.
- ✓ Board members may attend virtually following the guidelines outlined in the Assembly Rules of Procedure (see *Appendix A*)
- ✓ If a board member is unable to attend a meeting, please be sure to notify the Chair and Staff Liaison, if applicable, as soon as possible so if there will be a lack of quorum, the meeting can be rescheduled and properly noticed with as much advance notice as possible.
- ✓ Attendance is important and members should strive to attend all meetings as a lack of attendance may lead to their seat being declared vacant (see Section IV.10 Vacancies).
- ✓ Board members need to be able to work together and consider other conflicting views. Remember, members are appointed to boards because they have differing views, and all views are entitled to be heard.

Board Meeting “Don’ts”:



- ✗ Board members may not participate until called upon by the chair.
- ✗ If the current meeting lacks a quorum, **DO NOT** conduct any business or discussion other than setting the date/time/location for the next meeting and then adjourn.
- ✗ Do not use the “reply all” feature in email if you are receiving an email that has been sent to the entire board. Emails in which all board members are copied should only be for the purposes of communicating the date/time/location of the next meeting and communicating back to the chair and staff liaison (if there is one) your availability to attend or not for purposes of determining quorum and for the transmission of the agenda, minutes, and packet items in preparation of the scheduled meeting. Any substantive issue or discussion on a particular topic to come before the board needs to occur within the properly noticed public meeting at which the public has an opportunity to hear the discussion by the board.

XI. MINUTES & ANNUAL REPORTS

MINUTES

The secretary is responsible for the preparation and distribution of the board's meeting minutes. In the absence of an elected secretary for the board, at the beginning of a meeting, one member is to be selected to be responsible for drafting the meeting minutes. Draft minutes should be completed as soon after the meeting as possible and transmitted to the staff liaison with a cc: to the Municipal Clerk’s Office for online posting prior to the next board meeting.



IMPORTANT: The minutes of all boards are permanent records of the CBJ and constitute the record of the board's actions. Final minutes need to be filed with the Clerk's Office once they have been approved. Please transmit agendas and minutes to the Clerk's Office electronically as they are then printed on acid-free paper for archiving in the municipal records archives.

In preparing minutes, write them as though the reader knows nothing about the committee, is reading the minutes 100 years in the future, and is interested in finding out the facts: who/what/when/where/why and how the decisions at that meeting were reached. Summary or Action minutes are sufficient and should include the following:

1. Date, time, and location of the meeting;
2. Time the meeting was called to order;
3. Attendance, indicating members both present and absent (first and last names);
4. If appropriate, staff and others present along with any group affiliations;
5. All motions, even if withdrawn, along with the name of the board member who made the motion, and the vote on the motion. If a motion is adopted unanimously, the minutes may simply state that it was adopted by unanimous consent, if a motion was not adopted by unanimous consent, the record of the vote should identify by name those who voted in favor and who voted against the motion.
6. Motions for convening an executive session must be noted in the minutes and follow OMA requirements;
7. Names of individuals who spoke under public participation, and a summary of their comments;
8. Pertinent points which reflect how the group arrived at a decision. There is no need to put in every word spoken; and
9. The next meeting date, if known, and the time of adjournment.

ANNUAL REPORTS

The annual report for each advisory board is due to the Clerk's Office the week prior to the meeting at which the Assembly Human Resources Committee (HRC) reviews applications for that board's annual appointments and should include the board's attendance list covering the last 12 months. Generally, the board Chair prepares the annual report and submits it to the board membership for final review and approval before it is forwarded to the HRC. This is the board's main opportunity to showcase to the Assembly its work over the year, and the board Chair, or other representative if Chair is unavailable, should attend that HRC meeting as this is the main venue for the Assembly, as the HRC, and board members to dialogue about the work of the board.

XII. OPEN MEETINGS AND EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

All board and subcommittee meetings are open to the public and must be advertised. In order to fulfill the OMA requirements, the notice must state the date, time, location, and, when possible, agenda items. No item, issue, or discussion may be added to a special meeting agenda once it has been delivered to board members and noticed as outlined above. (see Section IX Public Notices & Appendix C)



EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Advisory Boards should not have any need for executive sessions. Enterprise/Empowered Boards may go into executive session at times for annual evaluations of their direct report [Port Director, Ski Area Manager, Airport Director, Hospital CEO]. The allowable reasons for an executive session are matters that would clearly have an immediate adverse impact on the finances of the CBJ; subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person to be discussed must be notified in advance of the meeting and may request a public discussion; and matters that are required to be confidential by law, Charter, or ordinance. Appeal Boards when serving in a quasi-judicial capacity may go into executive session to discuss evidence or a decision in an adjudicatory proceeding. Except for appeal boards, no official vote or action may be taken in executive session.

The proper procedure for calling an executive session is as follows:

- 1) Make a motion in the public meeting for an executive session for one of the purposes stated above (only);
- 2) Allow for public comment on the appropriateness of the board going into executive session;
- 3) If a majority of the board approves the motion, the board will adjourn into executive session; and
- 4) At the end of the executive session, the board reconvenes in public session to vote or explain the nature of items discussed.

When taking minutes, it is important to record with specificity the motion and reason for executive session as referenced in step 1 above, and the final action taken in step 4 above. ***"The motion to convene in executive session must clearly and with specificity describe the subject of the proposed executive session without defeating the purpose of addressing the subject in private. Subjects may not be considered at the executive session except those mentioned in the motion calling for the executive session unless auxiliary to the main question."*** (OMA)

Only those who have been invited to accompany the board into executive session are allowed to stay in the room during that portion of the meeting. There are no minutes or recordings taken during executive session. Upon completion of their deliberations, the body returns in open session and may or may not report on a decision made or direction given. For more detailed information, please see ***Appendix C***.

XIII. MONEY

Board members serve on a volunteer basis without compensation except for the Planning Commission, Bartlett Regional Hospital Board, and the Board of Equalization; those members receive small stipends.

Please note there are now two tracks as outlined below for funding board work and boards should choose one or the other but not both.

The Assembly has a small amount budgeted for use by boards who do not wish to engage in fundraising in carrying out their mission upon request to the Clerk's Office on a first come, first served basis.

Applications for funds are available in the Clerk's Office. Funds to advisory groups must be used in a manner consistent with the mission statement as defined in the establishing ordinance or resolution. No authorization of funds in excess of \$500 in one fiscal year may be made to a single group without approval by the Assembly.



ADVISORY BOARD FUNDRAISING:

Please contact the Clerk's Office for additional information and the necessary forms ***before*** conducting any fundraising activities or incurring any expenses. **Advisory boards and committees are authorized to solicit or otherwise receive:**

- Cash donations, up to a maximum of \$250 for any single donation.
- In-kind contributions such as food for a public event, or a donation of the use of a meeting facility, are permitted with no cap on the value.
- These donations are to be used for events or materials directly related to the board's or committee's charter. In the case of cash donations, the cash would be deposited in a CBJ treasury account. The expenditure of these funds would generally occur via the Clerk's Office purchasing card. It would be the responsibility of the board to track the amount of donations and expenditures. The donations raised would need to be expended or encumbered in the year collected.



This fundraising policy for boards does not extend to any of the adjudicatory bodies or any of the empowered boards which have a budget, manager, and staff nor to grant making/awarding bodies.

XIV. PUBLIC RECORDS re: CBJ Telecommunications Policy

General rule: “Unless specifically provided otherwise, the public records of all public agencies are open to inspection by the public under reasonable rules during regular office hours.” AS 40.25.110(a).

While all boards are subject to the Alaska Public Records Act AS 40.25.110-.220 the City Attorney felt it important to require all members of CBJ Enterprise Boards, the Planning Commission, and the Systemic Racism Review Committee (SRRC), due to the nature of the work of those boards, be issued a CBJ email account for use when conducting board business. Appointed Hospital Board members receive a Bartlett Regional Hospital email account for conducting board business. Appendix F has the guidelines and telecommunications policy for additional reference.

Upon appointment to an Enterprise Board, the Planning Commission, or SRRC, board members are issued a CBJ email account in the following format: firstname.lastname@juneau.gov. Individual emails, Assemblymember Liaisons and key staff members are all included in the group email distribution list for the following groups:

Airport Board: AirportBoard@juneau.gov

Docks and Harbors Board: HarborBoard@juneau.gov

Eaglecrest Board: EaglecrestBoard@juneau.gov

Planning Commission: PlanningCommissino@juneau.gov

Systemic Racism Review Committee: SRRC@juneau.gov

Helpful Reminders:

Email to an individual or the full board is considered a public record and is subject to public disclosure.

Once a board member has a CBJ email account, to the best of their ability, they should **ONLY** use their CBJ email accounts when conducting CBJ related business.

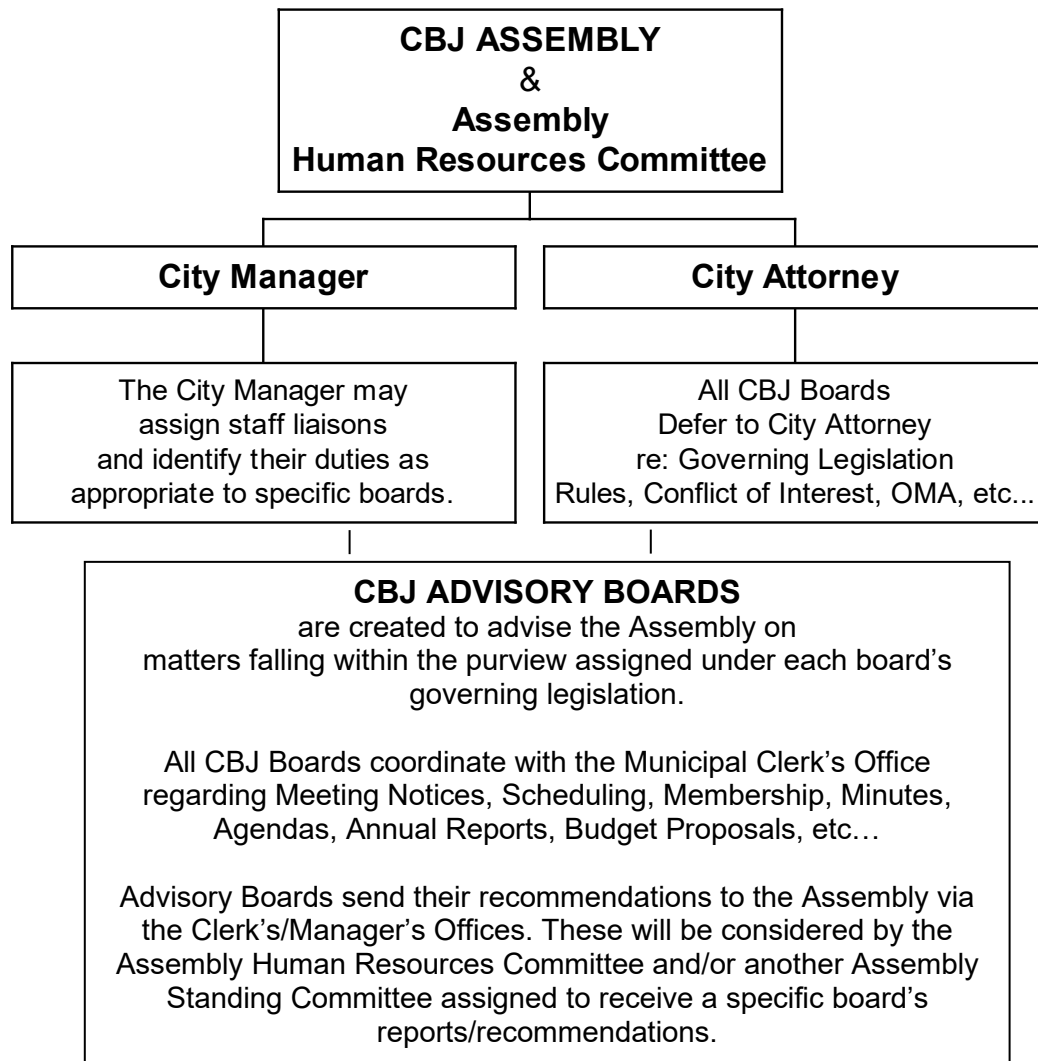
All board members should follow the rule of **NEVER** use the “Reply All” feature when responding to emails that are sent to the full board! Multiple messages of substance shared with a quorum of members can be considered a serial meeting in violation of the Open Meetings Act.

Staff will file and retain copies of the emails sent to the full board in accordance with CBJ records retention policies as well as email accounts of former board members.

IMPORTANT! CBJ emails automatically disappear after a 90-day period, so if you wish to save a particular email, move the email to a file you create in Outlook.

If you have any questions reach out to your Staff Liaison or the Clerk’s Office – We’re happy to help!

CBJ ADVISORY BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



CONTACT INFO FOR CITY MANAGER, LAW DEPT., & CLERK'S OFFICES

All mail can be sent to any of the below offices at 155 Heritage Way, Juneau, AK 99801
emails can be sent to anyone at CBJ using the following email format:

FirstName.LastName@juneau.gov

MANAGER'S OFFICE

907-586-5240 ph.

Katie Koester, City Manager
Robert Barr, Deputy Manager
Tricia Everson, Exec. Assist. II

LAW DEPARTMENT

907-586-5242 ph.

Robert Palmer, City Attorney
Sherri Layne, Deputy City Attorney

CLERK'S OFFICE

907-586-5278 ph.

Beth McEwen, Municipal Clerk
Diane 'Di' Cathcart, Deputy Clerk
Andi Hirsh, Deputy Clerk
Elizabeth Kell, Admin. Asst
city.clerk@juneau.gov
Cbj.boards@juneau.gov

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

City & Borough of Juneau Main Website Homepage: [Juneau.org](https://juneau.org)

CBJ Assembly Main page: <https://juneau.org/assembly>

Assembly/Assembly Standing Committees & ALL CBJ Boards Meeting Agendas & Minutes:
<https://juneau-ak.municodemeetings.com/>

CBJ Board Directory: <https://juneau-ak.municodemeetings.com/bc>

Some of the helpful items linked from the Board Directory include the following:

- CBJ Board Application Form
- Individual Board Factsheet, Website (if applicable) & members

CBJ Boards Main page: <https://juneau.org/clerk/boards-committees>

CBJ Law Department: <http://www.juneau.org/law/>

CBJ Charter: <http://www.juneau.org/law/charter/charter.php>

CBJ Code: <http://www.juneau.org/law/codeinterface.htm>

CBJ Charter & Code sections of interest to all board members:

Charter Article III http://library.municode.com/HTML/13307/level2/PI_AIII.html

Conflict of Interest Code (01.45):

http://library.municode.com/HTML/13307/level3/PII_T01_C01.45.html

CBJ Regulations: <http://www.juneau.org/law/regulations/regulations.php>

CBJ Meeting Calendar: <http://www.juneau.org/calendar/index.php>

Social Media – Follow CBJ on the following Social Media platforms:

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/cbjuneau>

X [formally Twitter]

<https://twitter.com/cbjuneau>

Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/cbjuneau/>

CBJ YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbC37ygkTn7MdlLadv92kaQ>

CBJ BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS INFORMATIONAL PAMPHLET

Appendix A

Resolution 2986

*A Resolution Repealing & Reestablishing the Assembly Rules of Procedure
Adopted April 1, 2024.*

Presented by: The Manager
Presented: 04/01/2024
Drafted by: R. Palmer III

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2986

A Resolution Repealing and Reestablishing the Assembly Rules of Procedure.

WHEREAS, the Assembly relies on its committees to generate, review, and mature policies for later consideration by the Assembly, including committees that include all nine Assemblymembers; and

WHEREAS, the scope of Assembly committee power and the binding effect of votes taken by committees with all nine Assemblymembers is complicated because of Robert's Rules of Order; and

WHEREAS, the following general rule of parliamentary law is expressed in various Robert's Rules: "During the session in which the Assembly has decided a question, another main motion raising the same or substantially same question cannot be introduced." (136:26-28); and

WHEREAS, Robert's Rule 52, as applied to a body with less than 50 members like the Assembly, considers a vote taken at a Committee of the Whole a formal decision of the Assembly that is not voted on again (531:2-4); and

WHEREAS, while Robert's Rule 52 clearly applies to the Committee of the Whole, it does not explicitly apply to the other nine-member committees like the Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, application of Robert's Rule 52 creates unnecessary complexities because the City and Borough of Juneau Charter 5.3(a) requires public comment opportunities when an ordinance is up for public hearing, which can be late in the development of a policy and public comment can enlighten a policy issue that necessitates amendments or renewal of previously decided motions without going through the cumbersome process to suspend the Assembly Rules or other procedural escape valves; and

WHEREAS, upon balancing the timing of public comment and the Assembly's scarce meeting time, the Assembly amends the Assembly Rules of Order to reconcile the unnecessary complexities created by Robert's Rule 52 on the Committee of the Whole and any other nine-member Assembly committee with the public comment requirement of Charter 5.3(a) while recognizing occasionally a motion previously decided by a committee may be renewed at the Assembly without being treated as dilatory; and

WHEREAS, the following additional amendments would clarify the rules and make necessary changes to maximize public engagement, public body deliberations, and meeting efficiency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. Rules of Procedure. The following rules of procedure are adopted:

RULE 1. AGENDA.

A. Order of Business. At all regular meetings the order of business shall be:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Flag Salute
- III. Land Acknowledgment
- IV. Roll Call
- V. Special Order of Business
- VI. Approval of Minutes
- VII. Manager's Requests for Agenda Changes
- VIII. Public Participation on Non-agenda Items (Not to Exceed a Total of 20 Minutes, Nor More than Three Minutes for Any Individual)
- IX. Consent Agenda
 - A. Public Requests for Consent Agenda Changes, Other than Ordinances for Introduction
 - B. Assembly Requests for Consent Agenda Changes
 - C. Assembly Action
- X. Ordinances for Public Hearing
 - A. Administrative or Committee Reports
 - B. Public Hearing
 - C. Assembly Action
- XI. Unfinished Business
 - A. Administrative or Committee Reports
 - B. Public Hearing
 - C. Assembly Action
 - D. Potential Issues for Reconsideration
- XII. New Business
 - A. Administrative or Committee Reports
 - B. Public Hearing

81 C. Assembly Action

82 XIII. Staff Reports

83 XIV. Assembly Reports

84 A. Mayor's Report

85 B. Committee, Liaison Reports, Assemblymember Comments and
86 Questions

87 C. Presiding Officer Reports

88 XV. Continuation of Public Participation on Public Participation on Non-agenda
89 Items

90 XVI. Executive Session

91 XVII. Supplemental Materials

92 XVIII. Adjournment

93 B. Agenda Preparation. The agenda shall be prepared by the Manager subject to
94 review and revision by the Mayor. The Mayor or the Manager shall brief the Assembly as to
95 any revisions. Other matters may be considered under administrative reports, unfinished
96 business, or new business as applicable.

97 C. Consent Agenda. The Manager shall include under the consent agenda:

98 1. Ordinances for introduction;

99 2. Resolutions;

100 3. Bid awards requiring Assembly concurrence; and

101 4. Other items requiring Assembly action which do not involve substantial public
102 policy questions.

103 The Manager shall include with the agenda such supplemental material or reports as may
104 be necessary to explain each item on the consent agenda and shall include a specific
105 recommendation for Assembly action on each item. Material, reports, and recommendations
106 submitted in writing to each member present and which are available for public inspection
107 prior to the Assembly meeting need not be read aloud, but the minutes shall reflect the
108 Manager's recommendation on each consent agenda item adopted. Upon adoption of a
109 motion to adopt the consent agenda, all consent agenda items subject to the motion are
110 adopted as recommended by the Manager. The motion to adopt may not be amended;
111 provided, upon the request of any member, an item on the consent agenda shall be removed
112 from the consent agenda and placed under the appropriate regular agenda item for
113 Assembly action. A notice or motion for reconsideration or a motion to rescind a consent
114 agenda motion shall contain reference to the specific consent agenda item which is the
115 subject of the notice or motion and only that item shall be affected by the notice or motion.

116
117 **RULE 2. MEETINGS.**

118 A. Date and Time of Regular Meetings. The Assembly shall regularly meet at 7:00
119 p.m. every third Monday according to a schedule approved by the Assembly and published
120 by the Clerk's office. The Assembly may by motion or otherwise change the date of a
121 meeting as may be necessary or convenient.

122 B. Place of Regular Meetings. Regular Assembly meetings shall be held in the
123 Assembly Chambers at the Municipal Building at 155 Heritage Way, Juneau, Alaska.
124 However, the location of a regular meeting may be changed (a) up to 24 hours in advance of
125 the meeting by the Assembly, at a preceding regular or special meeting, by motion or
126 otherwise, upon designating a different place for a particular meeting; or (b) if the meeting
127 was previously noticed with remote participation, by the Mayor, the committee chair, or any
128 three Assemblymembers due to extenuating circumstances (i.e. public health requirement,
129 equipment or facility problem in Assembly Chambers, inability to get a quorum in-person,
130 weather) to hold the meeting virtually with only remote participation (i.e. video conferencing
131 technology).

132 C. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called and held as provided by the
133 Charter.

134 D. Time of Adjournment. Meetings will adjourn at 11:00 p.m. unless extended by a
135 vote of at least six members.

136 E. Public seating area. People in a meeting room must comply with all laws, including
137 occupancy and public health requirements.

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139 **RULE 3. ASSEMBLYMEMBER ATTENDANCE POLICY FOR REGULAR MEETINGS.**

140 A. Excused Absences. Any absence of an Assemblymember from a regular meeting of
141 the Assembly shall be deemed to be unexcused unless the Assemblymember is absent from
142 the meeting as a result of attending to official business on behalf of the City and Borough of
143 Juneau, for extenuating medical reasons, or for other significant cause, in which case the
144 absence shall be deemed to be excused.

145 B. Attendance Report. Upon request of the Human Resources Committee, the
146 Manager shall direct the Clerk to provide the Assembly quarterly reports on attendance at
147 regular Assembly meetings.

148
149 **RULE 4. LEGISLATION.**

150 A. Drafting. The Attorney shall draft ordinances and resolutions:

- 151 1. For presentation to the Assembly only
- 152 (a) by vote or consensus of the Assembly,
- 153 (b) by vote of a standing or ad hoc Assembly committee,
- 154 (c) by request of the Mayor, the Manager, or any member, or
- 155 (d) on the Attorney's own initiative to correct errors not otherwise correctable
156 in any section or to make amendments to Title 01.45 the Conflict of
157 Interest Code, Title 01.50 the Appellate Code, Title 01.60 the Regulation
158 Procedures Code, Title 03.30 the Code Enforcement Code, Title 42 the
159 Penal Code, or any section imposing duties on the Attorney.
- 160 2. For presentation to a standing or ad hoc Assembly committee only by vote of the
161 committee, request of its chair, or by direction of the Assembly.

162 B. Procedure. Upon presentation of an ordinance, any member may move that it be
163 introduced and set for public hearing, referred to committee, deferred, or rejected as
164 provided in Charter section 5.3. If the motion is for referral to committee, the Mayor shall
165 refer the ordinance to the appropriate committee. The Mayor's referral may be changed by a
166 majority vote of the members of the Assembly. If the motion is for introduction, the motion
167 shall set a date for the public hearing. All such motions may be amended.

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169 **RULE 5. COMMITTEES.**

170 A. Standing Committees. The Assembly shall have the following standing committees:

- 171 1. Committee of the Whole
- 172 2. Finance Committee
- 173 3. Human Resources Committee
- 174 4. Lands, Housing, and Economic Development Committee
- 175 5. Public Works and Facilities Committee
- 176 6. Joint Assembly/School Facilities Committee (per Charter 13.8)

177 Any member of the Assembly may sit with any committee at all times; such member shall
178 have the right to participate in committee discussion except that members of the committee
179 shall have priority in obtaining the floor and only committee members may vote. Standing
180 committee meetings are work sessions without public testimony unless otherwise noticed at
181 the time of packet publication, or earlier, by the committee chair.

182 B. Special Committees. The Assembly shall have such special committees as may be
183 considered necessary. Special committees automatically terminate upon completion of the
184 committee's assignment.

185 C. Selection, Process, and Duties of Committees of the Assembly.

186 1. Standing Committees.

- 187 (a) With the exception of the Committee of the Whole, the Finance Committee,
188 and the Human Resources Committee in proceedings pursuant to Rule
189 5(C)(2)(f), there shall be not more than four Assemblymembers appointed
190 to each standing committee of the Assembly. Each Assemblymember will
191 be appointed to at least one, but not more than three, standing committees,
192 in addition to the Finance Committee and the Committee of the Whole.
- 193 (b) Nominations for standing committee appointments and for the position of
194 chair of each such committee shall be made by the Mayor, and shall be
195 subject to ratification by the Assembly. In making nominations for
196 committee appointments, the Mayor shall strive to ensure, to the extent
197 reasonably possible, that there is a balance and diversity of opinion,
198 viewpoints, and perspective among the Assemblymembers nominated for
199 committee membership, and that there is at least one Assemblymember
200 nominated for appointment to each committee who has expertise in the
201 areas assigned to the committee.

- (c) Each year following the regular municipal election, all Assemblymembers will be given an opportunity to indicate in writing which of the standing committees they request to serve on. At least two of the nominations for appointment for each standing committee shall be made from those Assemblymembers, if any, who have requested to serve on the committee for which the appointments are to be made. The nomination for membership and chair positions shall be made by the Mayor and ratified by the Assembly within seven days of the second meeting after the certification of the regular municipal election each year. All committee members shall be appointed to serve for a term expiring upon ratification by the Assembly of the committee appointments following the next regular municipal election. All committee members serve at the pleasure of the Assembly.
- (d) A standing committee may at the call of its chair or the vote of its membership take up any matter within the scope of its charge established by these rules and not pending as legislation authorized by the Assembly. Matters not within the scope of any standing committee, or within the scope of more than one standing committee shall be assigned by the Mayor.
- (e) Each committee shall refer information to and coordinate activities with other appropriate committees. Issues referred to another committee and any directions to the Manager must have the concurrence of a majority of the committee members.
2. Human Resources Committee. The Human Resources Committee may take up issues relating to the health and well-being of Juneau citizens and their participation in local government. The duties of the Human Resources Committee shall include:
- (a) Nominating citizens to all CBJ boards and commissions. Appointment to such bodies shall be made by the full Assembly;
- (b) Making recommendations to the full Assembly regarding the issuance, renewal or transfer of liquor licenses, restaurant designation permits, and marijuana licenses;
- (c) Reviewing and proposing amendments to these rules;
- (d) Reserved.
- (e) Reserved.
- (f) Membership for Certain Appointments. The full Human Resources Committee shall meet as needed to recommend appointments to the Planning Commission, the Hospital Board, the Ski Area Board, the Docks and Harbors Board, and the Airport Board. The Mayor and all Assemblymembers shall serve as members of the full Committee and the Human Resources chair shall serve as chair at these meetings.
3. Finance Committee. The Finance Committee may take up issues relevant to the fiscal status of the CBJ. The Mayor and all Assemblymembers shall serve as

244 members of the Finance Committee. The duties of the Finance Committee shall
 245 include:

246 (a) Review of the Manager's proposed budget and recommendations to the
 247 Assembly for a final budget;

248 (b) Review of the fiscal policies of the CBJ as deemed necessary by the
 249 committee.

250 4. Committee of the Whole. The Committee of the Whole may take up those issues
 251 within the jurisdiction of multiple committees and those warranting detailed
 252 review prior to consideration by the Assembly. The Mayor and all
 253 Assemblymembers shall serve as members of the Committee of the Whole.
 254 Generally, the rules of the Assembly shall be followed in the Committee of the
 255 Whole, provided that, at the discretion of the chair, the rules may be relaxed
 256 and the rules relating to participation by the presiding officer and the number
 257 of times a member may speak shall not be in effect unless otherwise ordered by
 258 a majority of the committee. In preparing the committee agenda the chair shall
 259 consult with the Mayor.

260 5. Lands, Housing, and Economic Development Committee. The Lands, Housing,
 261 and Economic Development Committee may take up issues relevant to the
 262 lands, housing, economic development, water or air within the City and
 263 Borough. The duties of the Lands, Housing, and Economic Development
 264 Committee shall include recommendations to the Assembly regarding:

265 (a) The preparation and revision of a land management plan and the
 266 acquisition and disposal of CBJ lands;

267 (b) The administration of the lands fund and the mineral holdings of the CBJ;

268 (c) Implementation of the Long Range Waterfront Development Plan, and
 269 issues relating to use and development of the CBJ waterfront;

270 (d) Promotion of improved housing availability in the City and Borough; and

271 (e) Promotion of a vibrant and diverse local economy.

272 6. Public Works and Facilities Committee. The PWFC may take up issues
 273 relevant to the infrastructure of CBJ, including transportation and utilities.
 274 The duties of the PWFC shall include:

275 (a) Making recommendations to the Assembly regarding the capital
 276 improvement program required by Charter section 9.2 and other capital
 277 improvement plans and lists;

278 (b) Advising each newly elected Assembly of unfinished capital projects to be
 279 continued;

280 (c) Making recommendations to the Assembly regarding the preparation and
 281 revision of an areawide transportation plan;

282 (d) Making recommendations related to energy efficiency, renewable resources,
 283 waste reduction and recycling, global warming, and green building.

284 7. Special Committees. Nominations for special committee appointments and the
285 chair position of each special committee shall be made by the Mayor, and shall
286 be subject to ratification by the Assembly. In making nominations for special
287 committee appointments, the Mayor shall strive to ensure, to the extent
288 reasonably possible, that there is a balance of opinion, viewpoints, and
289 perspective among the Assemblymembers nominated for committee
290 membership, and that there is at least one Assemblymember nominated for
291 appointment to each such committee who has expertise in the areas assigned to
292 the committee. All members shall serve at the pleasure of the Assembly.

293 D. Scope of Committees. Committees, including the Committee of the Whole and the
294 Finance Committee, are empowered to only make recommendations. No vote taken at an
295 Assembly committee, including at the Committee of the Whole or at the Finance Committee,
296 is binding on the Assembly. At the Assembly, an Assemblymember is free to move the
297 Assembly to amend a prior adopted motion and renew a failed motion from a committee, and
298 such motions can pass by five votes in favor.

299 E. Quorum of Committees. For the Committee of the Whole and the Finance
300 Committee, a majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum. For committees with
301 seven or eight members, four of the membership shall constitute a quorum, for committees
302 with four, five, or six members, three of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

303 F. Voting. The minimum vote required to take official action shall be the same as that
304 constituting a quorum; provided, however, that in the case of a tie vote, the action fails.

305 G. Role of Board Liaison. Board liaisons shall be recommended by the board to the
306 Assembly for approval. Any board liaison to an Assembly committee should sit with the
307 committee at all times. A board liaison may have the right to participate in committee
308 discussions at the pleasure of the chair of the Assembly committee except that Assembly
309 members of the committee shall have priority in obtaining the floor. Only Assembly
310 members on the committee may vote.

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312 **RULE 6. ASSEMBLY LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.**

313 A. Appointment of Liaisons. The Mayor shall nominate one member of the Assembly
314 to serve as the liaison to each of the following City and Borough boards and commissions:

315 Planning Commission
316 Hospital Board
317 Docks and Harbors Board
318 Airport Board
319 School Board
320 Ski Area Board

321 The nominations shall be subject to ratification by the Assembly. Liaisons to other entities
322 may be appointed from time to time.

323 B. Role of Assembly Liaison. Assembly liaisons serve as a link between the Assembly
324 and the board or commission to establish and maintain communication between the bodies
325 on issues, projects, and other matters of mutual concern and interest. Assembly liaisons
326 should regularly attend appointed board or commission meetings. Assembly liaisons shall
327 not have the power to vote on the board or commission and are not to be counted in
328 determining whether a quorum of the board or commission is present, unless specifically
329 identified as voting members in the governing legislation of a particular board. An Assembly
330 liaison may participate in board or commission discussions when invited by the board chair.

331 C. Other Meetings. The Assembly encourages its members to attend meetings of other
332 boards, commissions, and citizen groups and inform the Assembly on the activities of those
333 bodies and the issues before them, as appropriate.

334 335 **RULE 7. DEBATE.**

336 A. Speaking on the Question. A member or the Manager may speak more than once to
337 the same question at the same stage of proceedings provided that priority of access to the
338 floor shall be given to members who have not spoken on the question. Members shall
339 endeavor to provide the body with relevant facts and arguments and shall strive to avoid
340 redundancy.

341 B. Asking Questions. After obtaining recognition from the chair, a member may ask
342 direct questions of another member of the Assembly or to a person appearing before the
343 Assembly. The questions should not be argumentative.

344 C. Decorum. Members shall not question the motives, competency, or integrity of any
345 person except as necessary to decide an appeal, personnel evaluation, contract award, or
346 other matter in which such issues are clearly relevant. The chair shall admonish any
347 member violating this rule and if violations are severe or repeated, may without a vote
348 declare a recess not to exceed ten minutes.

349 350 **RULE 8. RULES OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

351 When permitted by Rule 14, public participation during hearings on ordinances and
352 matters other than appeals will be conducted according to the following rules, which will be
353 posted in the Assembly Chambers and at www.juneau.gov:

354 A. The hearing will be conducted by the Mayor as chair.

355 B. The Mayor will open the hearing by summarizing its purposes and reemphasizing
356 the rules of procedure.

357 C. The Mayor may set a time limit for public testimony, for individual speakers, or
358 both if it appears necessary to gain maximum participation and conserve time, and may for
359 the same reason disallow all questions from the Assembly to members of the public. The
360 time limit may be extended by a majority of the Assembly. The time limit for individual
361 speakers shall be uniform for all speakers, and shall be strictly enforced. Speakers shall not
362 have the right to transfer their unused time to other speakers, but the Mayor may grant
363 additional time to a person speaking on behalf of a group.

364 D. People are encouraged to submit written presentations and exhibits to the
365 Municipal Clerk and the Assembly via email (boroughassembly@juneau.gov).

366 E. The Mayor will set forth the item or subject to be discussed and will rule non-
367 germane speech out of order. A member of the public may not be stopped for speaking
368 because of the viewpoint being expressed. However, a person may be stopped for disrupting,
369 disturbing, or impeding the meeting when speaking longer than the time limit, when being
370 unduly repetitious, or when discussing or presenting irrelevant matters. Such non-germane
371 speech disrupts, disturbs, or impedes public meetings when the Assembly is prevented from
372 accomplishing its business in a reasonably efficient manner or when the speech interferes
373 with the rights of other speakers. A person stopped for non-germane speech during a
374 meeting is welcome to submit a writing, presentation, recording, and exhibit to the
375 Municipal Clerk and to the Assembly via email (boroughassembly@juneau.gov).

376 F. All speakers, members of the public and members of the Assembly, will be
377 recognized by the chair by surname.

378 G. Members of the public will precede their remarks by stating their names and,
379 unless otherwise allowed by the Mayor, the area of town in which they reside.

380 H. Members of the Assembly will not direct questions to each other or to the chair
381 during public participation except as to the conduct of the hearing.

382 I. Members of the Assembly may direct questions to members of the public only to
383 obtain clarification of the material presented. The questions should not be argumentative,
384 nor may they have the purpose or effect of unreasonably extending any time limit applicable
385 to public speakers.

386 J. The public may direct questions to the Assembly or the administration.

387 K. The public may direct questions to the chair only as it pertains to the conduct of the
388 hearing.

389 L. The Manager may participate in the same manner as the members of the Assembly.

390 M. There shall be an opportunity for public participation on non-agenda items at each
391 regular meeting of the Assembly. Such public participation shall be limited to no more than
392 20 minutes, with each speaker limited to a length of time set by the Mayor not to exceed
393 three minutes. Assemblymembers may ask questions of the speaker but should not
394 deliberate at that time on matters raised or answer questions directed to the members.

395 N. Members of the public that want to provide oral public comment via remote
396 participation must notify the Municipal Clerk prior to the meeting (i.e. call the Municipal
397 Clerk Office or register online, when available). A person is not required to notify the
398 Municipal Clerk prior to the meeting when providing in-person oral public comments.

399 O. Reasonable accommodations are available upon request. To the extent allowed by
400 law (i.e. A.S. 15.13.040 and A.S.15.13.145), a spokesperson designated by a person with a
401 disability wishing to provide oral public testimony should advise the Municipal Clerk.
402 Please contact the Clerk's office prior to any meeting, preferably 36 hours ahead, so
403 arrangements can be made if other accommodation requests like closed captioning or sign

language interpreter services are desired. The Clerk's office telephone number is 586-5278, TDD 586-5351, e-mail: city.clerk@juneau.gov.

RULE 9. MOTIONS.

A. Seconds. Seconds to motions are not required.

B. Renewal of Defeated Motions. Defeated motions may be renewed only under suspension of the rules.

C. Priority of Privileged Motions. Privileged motions shall have the following priority:

1. Fix time to adjourn
2. Give notice of reconsideration
3. Adjourn
4. Recess
5. Question of privilege of the body
6. Question of personal privilege

RULE 10. CLERICAL ERRORS.

Clerical errors that do not affect the substance of an ordinance or resolution, such as errors in numbering or errors in spelling, may be corrected by the Attorney upon discovery of the error.

RULE 11. VOTE REQUIRED.

The affirmative vote of five members of the Assembly shall be sufficient to take any action except as otherwise provided by Charter or ordinance and except in the following instances, which require the affirmative vote of at least six members:

- A. Limiting, extending, or closing debates
- B. Suspension of the rules
- C. Setting of or postponement of special orders
- D. Objection to consideration of question
- E. Motion for immediate vote (previous question)
- F. Rescind
- G. To take up a motion for reconsideration at the meeting at which the action to be reconsidered was taken

437 **RULE 12. PARLIAMENTARIAN.**

438 The Attorney shall act as the parliamentarian with the Municipal Clerk to act as
439 parliamentarian in the absence of the Attorney.

441 **RULE 13. SESSIONS.**

442 Each regular or special meeting of the Assembly constitutes a session for purposes of
443 the rules.

445 **RULE 14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

446 A. Public participation shall be permitted on all items on the agenda, except public
447 participation is not allowed on the following:

- 448 i. for committee meetings advertised as work sessions only;
- 449 ii. items before the body for information purposes only;
- 450 iii. quasi-judicial items (i.e. appeals) after the body decided to accept the quasi-
451 judicial item for further consideration (CBJC 01.50.030(e)(1)). Public
452 participation—including by named parties—is authorized to aid the body in
453 deciding whether to accept an appeal, but public participation—including by
454 parties—is prohibited after the body makes the acceptance decision. This limited
455 public participation rule is necessary to protect the due process rights of the
456 parties.

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458 B. Despite the prohibitions in Rule 14.A, the committee chair or majority of the body
459 may authorize public participation on a specific agenda item when in the best interest of the
460 community.

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462 C. Public participation shall be permitted on a motion to recess into executive session
463 prior to the vote on such a motion.

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465 D. When public participation is provided, public participation is confined to that agenda
466 item. No person except a member or the Manager may participate in Assembly proceedings
467 except as provided in the agenda item for public participation. However, the Attorney or
468 Municipal Clerk may comment on professional or procedural aspects.

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470 **RULE 15. RECONSIDERATION.**

471 A. What May Be Reconsidered. Main motions, amendments to main motions,
472 privileged motions involving substantive questions, and appeals are subject to
473 reconsideration. Procedural motions may not be reconsidered.

474 B. Who May Reconsider. Any member, whether or not that member voted on the
475 prevailing side, may give notice of or move for reconsideration.

476 C. Effect of Notice. The effect of giving notice of reconsideration is to suspend all
477 action on the subject of the notice until a motion for reconsideration is made and acted upon

or until the time within which the motion for reconsideration may be made and acted upon has expired.

D. Time in Which Notice Must Be Taken Up. A notice of reconsideration expires unless a motion for reconsideration is made and acted upon prior to adjournment of the next regular meeting succeeding the meeting at which the action to be reconsidered occurred.

E. Successive Reconsideration. There may be only one reconsideration even though the action of the Assembly after reconsideration is opposite from the action of the Assembly before reconsideration.

F. Precedence. A motion for reconsideration has precedence over every main motion and may be taken up at any time during the meeting when there is no other motion on the floor.

G. Effect. A motion for reconsideration completely cancels the previous vote on the question to be reconsidered as though the previous vote had never been taken.

RULE 16. REMOTE PARTICIPATION.

When a meeting is conducted entirely remotely (i.e. video conferencing technology), then all members are expected to attend remotely. The following apply to meetings that are held completely in-person or as a hybrid (partially in-person and partially remotely):

A. A member may participate remotely in an Assembly meeting, or an Assembly Committee meeting, if the member declares that circumstances prevent physical attendance at the meeting. If the Mayor chooses to participate remotely, the Deputy Mayor shall preside. If a committee chair chooses to participate remotely, they should designate an alternative committee member to chair the meeting unless the entire meeting is held remotely.

B. Reserved.

C. The member shall notify the Clerk and the presiding officer, if reasonably practicable, at least four hours in advance of a meeting which the member proposes to attend remotely by and shall provide the physical address of the location, the telephone number, and any available facsimile, email, or other document transmission service.

D. At the meeting, the Clerk shall establish the remote connection technology when the call to order is imminent.

E. A member participating remotely shall be counted as present for purposes of quorum, discussion, and voting.

F. The member participating remotely shall make every effort to participate in the entire meeting and must have video turned on except during breaks. From time to time during the meeting the presiding officer shall confirm the connection.

G. The member participating remotely may ask to be recognized by the presiding officer to the same extent as any other member.

H. To the extent reasonably practicable, the Clerk shall provide backup materials to members participating remotely.

I. If the remote technology connection cannot be made or is made then lost, the meeting shall commence or continue as scheduled and the Clerk shall attempt to establish or restore the connection, provided that if the member participating remotely is necessary to achieve a quorum, the meeting shall be at ease, recess, or adjourn as necessary until the remote connection is established or restored.

J. Meeting times shall be expressed in Alaska time regardless of the time at the location of any member participating remotely.

K. Participation remotely shall be allowed for regular, special, and committee meetings of the Assembly.

L. Remarks by members participating remotely shall be transmitted so as to be audible by all members and the public in attendance at the meeting, provided that in executive session the remarks shall be audible only to those included in the executive session.

M. Any member of the public present with the member participating remotely shall be allowed to speak to the same extent the person was physically present at the meeting.

N. As used in these rules, "remote" means any system for synchronous two-way voice communication (i.e. telephone) or video conferencing technology. If a member needs to participate remotely, video conferencing technology is preferred. "Mayor" includes the Acting Mayor or any other member serving as chair of the meeting.

O. Regular and special meetings of the following entities must be recorded and live broadcast in a manner that is reasonably calculated to provide meaningful remote public observance and participation, when allowed, of the public meeting:

- i. Assembly
- ii. Assembly Standing Committees
- iii. Planning Commission
- iv. Hospital Board
- v. Docks and Harbors Board
- vi. Airport Board
- vii. Ski Area Board
- viii. Systemic Racism Review Committee

Any other board, commission, or committee meeting with anticipated substantial public interest should be recorded and live broadcast in a manner that is reasonably calculated to provide meaningful remote public observance and participation, when allowed, of the public meeting.

RULE 17. ADOPTION OF ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER.

The conduct of the meetings of Assembly shall be governed by the Mayor according to the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, except as otherwise provided by Charter, law, or these rules.

558 **Section 2. Repeal of Resolution.** Resolution No. 2976 is repealed.

559 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This resolution shall be effective immediately after its
560 adoption.

561 Adopted this 1st day of April 2024.


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569 Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk

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566 Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

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Appendix B

Resolution 2686

*A Resolution Repealing Resolution 2662 and Reestablishing
the Rules of Procedure for Assembly Advisory Boards.*

Presented by: The Manager
Introduced: 06/09/2014
Drafted by: A. G. Mead

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2686

A Resolution Repealing Resolution 2662 and Reestablishing the Rules of Procedure for Assembly Advisory Boards.

WHEREAS, citizen advisory boards are an important community resource for the Assembly; and

WHEREAS, "Advisory Board" is a general term and includes those boards, commissions, and committees that only have the authority to advise or make recommendations to the Assembly, but that do not have the authority to establish policies or make decisions for the Assembly; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the orderly conduct of board business that policies and rules of procedure are adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

SECTION 1. RULES OF PROCEDURE. The following rules of procedure are adopted:

Rule 1. Membership.

A. Residence. Members of Boards, Commissions or Committees shall be residents of the City and Borough of Juneau with special consideration to be made in certain instances to provide for necessary expertise as the need arises.

B. Non-discrimination. Unless otherwise required by federal or state programs, nominations to boards, commissions, or committees shall be made with due regard to talent, interest or requirements of code or ordinance, and without regard to race, creed, color, age, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, political ideology, sexual orientation, or sensory, mental or physical handicap.

C. Diversity. Committee appointments shall reflect a membership appropriate for accomplishing the goals of the committee, and should include cultural, social, political, technical and economic viewpoints sufficient to ensure wide-ranging and active debate.

D. Board Vacancies. Candidates for nomination to vacancies on advisory boards shall be solicited from residents through appropriate public announcement of vacancies. Vacancies shall be announced for a period of at least ten days between the public announcement of a vacancy and the date on which nominations take place, unless the Assembly has determined that a lesser time is appropriate under the circumstances of a particular appointment. During such periods, residents may convey recommendations of candidates for nomination to vacancies to members of the Assembly or the Clerk's office.

1. Definitions:

a. "Advisory Board" is a general term and includes those bodies entitled "board," "committee," "commission," "council," or the like, and comprise a governmental body of the City and Borough of Juneau having authority only to advise the Assembly rather than to establish policies or make decisions for the Assembly.

b. "Vacancies" include vacancies in positions which have never been filled; vacancies caused by the vacation of a position by an incumbent for any reason prior to expiration of term of office; and vacancies which will occur at the expiration of an incumbent's term whether or not the incumbent has signified a desire to succeed himself or herself.

c. A vacancy on a City and Borough advisory board shall exist under the following conditions:

- (i) If a person appointed to membership fails to qualify and take office within 30 days of appointment;
- (ii) If a member departs from the City and Borough with the intent to remain away for a period of 90 or more days;
- (iii) If a member submits his or her resignation to the Assembly;
- (iv) If a member is physically unable to attend board meetings for a period of more than 90 days; or
- (v) If a member misses more than 40 percent of the board meetings in a 12-month period.

The chair of the advisory board shall notify the Clerk's office of any vacancy on the board. Upon notification, the Clerk shall follow the procedures for filling vacancies as outlined in this section.

Rule 2. Appointment Process.

A. Applications. All new applications are kept on file with the Municipal Clerk's office for one year. In the event a vacancy occurs in the interim, the applicants will be contacted by the Clerk's office to determine if the applicant would like his or her application submitted for the vacant seat. Applications, except those of appointed board members, are purged after the one-year period has expired and applicants will need to reapply for future vacancies.

B. Reappointment Of Committee Members. Incumbent committee members may seek reappointment at the end of their term of office. Incumbent members will need to submit new applications to be considered in the same manner as all other applications. Factors considered in re-appointing incumbents are the enthusiasm of the individual, need for continuity, and the attendance record of the individual. Appointments and reappointments are based on merit, and incumbent members are not automatically reappointed.

C. Terms. Members of advisory boards shall be appointed for a term of three years unless otherwise specified in their governing legislation. The Assembly shall endeavor to make appointments during the month in which the terms expire, provided that a board member shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed and takes office. Appointments to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired term. In the event a seat has 6 months or less remaining to the unexpired term, the Assembly, at its discretion, may choose to appoint the member to the remainder of the current term as well as to the full term immediately following the expiration date of the unexpired term. The members of the boards who are serving at the time of adoption of this resolution shall continue to serve the duration of their terms of office.

Rule 3. Officers. Officers of each board shall consist of a Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and any other officers as the board may from time to time deem necessary. Officers shall be elected at the first regular meeting after which the regular annual appointments of board members are made by the Assembly. Each officer shall serve for a one-year term or until such time as offices become vacant. The advisory board shall elect one of its members as a Secretary to record, keep, and file with the Clerk minutes of all committee meetings.

Rule 4. Staff Liaisons. The Manager may appoint a staff member or members as appropriate or as requested by the Assembly to serve as a liaison to an advisory board. The Manager, at the time of appointment, will provide the staff liaison with a memo outlining the duties of the assignment. The role of the staff liaison is to serve as a link between the board and the City's departmental staff and the Assembly. Boards shall not direct the work of staff liaisons in their advisory role to the Assembly. Liaisons shall not have the power to vote on the board or commission, and are not to be counted in determining whether a quorum of the board or commission is present.

Rule 5. Ad-Hoc Committees/Task Forces. Ad-Hoc Committees shall be appointed by the Mayor to develop recommendations on a single issue. The appointment of members shall be accompanied by a memorandum outlining the committee's charge, defining the deliverables, and giving the sunset date of no more than two years from the date of appointment.

Rule 6. Reports. Advisory Boards shall report to the Assembly at least annually. Reports to the Assembly shall be approved by a majority vote of the board. Minority reports may accompany the report approved by the Majority. Each board shall submit to the Assembly a brief annual report setting forth the activities and accomplishments of the committee and the attendance record of each committee member during the preceding twelve months. The Assembly will strive to review each board's annual report at the same time it takes up the annual appointments of members. A representative of the board should be present at any Assembly or Assembly committee meeting at which the report is to be considered.

Rule 7. Evaluation. The Assembly may periodically evaluate each advisory board. Such evaluation shall consider the board's mandate, its goals and objectives, its success at reaching its goals and objectives, its activities, the extent to which it has attracted citizen participation, and suggestions for methods of improving the disposition of board business. A report of the evaluation shall be made and returned to the advisory board and shall include recommendations for future functions of the board.

Rule 8. Removal. Unless otherwise specifically provided, members of boards, committees and commissions which are created by non-code ordinances, resolutions or motion and are appointed by the assembly serve at the pleasure of the assembly and may be removed at any time by an affirmative vote of six members of the assembly.

Rule 9. Procedure. Advisory committee procedure shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order except where superseded by the Assembly Rules of Procedure, as such may be amended from time to time.

SECTION 2. REPEAL OF RESOLUTION. Resolution 2662 is hereby repealed.

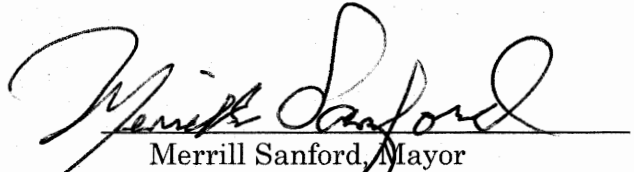
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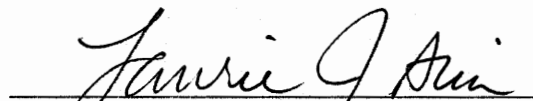
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SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 9th day of June, 2014.


Merrill Sanford, Mayor

Attest:


Laurie J. Sica, Municipal Clerk

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Appendix C

Alaska Open Meetings Act Information
by CBJ Law Department

ALASKA OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Prepared by: CBJ Law
Department

Introduction

The Alaska Open Meetings Act (OMA) is a state statute which requires that all meetings of state and local government bodies be open to the public. A copy of the statute, AS 44.62.310-12, is attached.

The OMA is not unique to Alaska. Most states as well as the federal government have an open meetings law. In addition, the CBJ Charter, §3.12, requires that Assembly meetings be open to the public. Charter §3.16 extends this requirement to other municipal bodies. Alaska's policy regarding open meetings is strongly stated in the OMA. The Alaska Supreme Court and the superior court judges in Juneau have strictly followed the statutory policy and have repeatedly affirmed the policy that governmental action should be taken openly, and deliberations conducted in public.

What is a Public Body?

AS 44.62.310(a) contains an exhaustive list of the types of bodies subject to the OMA. The law clearly covers the Assembly, the Planning Commission, the School Board, the Hospital, Harbor and Eaglecrest Boards, and all subcommittees and citizen advisory committees associated with these bodies. The OMA also applies to temporary and ad hoc committees of a public body. It is not limited to elected bodies and has been applied to such groups as university tenure committees, interagency task forces, and similar bodies.

What is a Meeting?

The Alaska Supreme Court has broadly interpreted the term "meeting", and has held that investigation, fact gathering, discussion, and deliberation, whether formal or informal, by a public body is covered by the OMA. The OMA does not, however, regulate the social activities of public officials.

What constitutes a meeting for purposes of the OMA is addressed by the OMA, which provides two standards: one for bodies that have the authority to make establish policies or make decisions, and another for bodies that may advise or make recommendations. **For policy-making bodies, the law says that a "meeting" occurs when more than three members or a majority of the members, whichever is less, are present and they collectively consider a matter upon which their body is empowered to act. For advisory bodies, a "meeting" occurs when more than three members or a majority of the members, whichever is less, gather at a prearranged meeting for the purpose of considering a matter upon which the governmental body is empowered to act.** Notice that the OMA does not apply to impromptu or chance encounters of members of an advisory body.

Executive Sessions

Under the OMA, a public body is allowed to discuss certain subjects in executive session. These subjects are very limited. Also, certain steps must be followed in order to properly convene an executive session. AS 44.62.310(b) and (c) address executive sessions.

How to Call an Executive Session

In order to call an executive session under the OMA, the meeting must first be convened as a public meeting. Then, the question of holding an executive session to discuss one of the subjects listed in AS 44.62.310(c) must be decided by a majority vote of the body. In reaching this decision, the reason the session is being called and why it is necessary to hold an executive session to discuss the subject should be clearly stated on the record by the body. You should do more than simply recite the applicable statutory exception in making this decision. Before the vote on whether to hold an executive session, the topics to be discussed should be stated and one more of the exceptions set out in AS 44.62.310(c) should be invoked. However, too much detailed discussion of the subject in the open session would defeat the purpose of the executive session. You will need to strike a reasonable balance here. The Superior Court in the First Judicial District recently held that a public body must create a clear, contemporaneous record of its decision-making process to justify an executive session.

Subjects Which are Proper for Executive Session

It is appropriate to go into executive session to discuss matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the government unit. This generally includes such matters as negotiations in property acquisitions, discussion of the status, strategy, and settlement negotiations on claims and lawsuits against the municipality, and labor contract negotiations. In these types of situations, if the opposing party were privy to the discussion, it would clearly have an adverse effect on the ability of the municipality to achieve the best resolution of the matter for the municipality and the public.

Keep in mind that under AS 44.62.312(b), the exception for discussion of financial matters is to be construed narrowly and unnecessary executive sessions are to be avoided. Thus, if an open discussion of financial matters would have only a possible, hypothetical, long-range, or indirect effect upon municipal finances, or would perhaps be embarrassing to the municipality but would not adversely affect the finances of the municipality, you should remain in open session.

Executive sessions are also authorized to discuss matters that tend to prejudice the character or reputation of a person. The Alaska Supreme Court has given a reasonably liberal interpretation to this provision. The court has indicated that a discussion of the character of a person may lead to adverse comments and that this is particularly so when comparing the character of one person (e.g., a job or committee applicant) to that of another. Note, however, that the person to be discussed has the right to request that the discussion be conducted in public. This means that the person or persons who may be discussed in executive session must be notified prior to the meeting so that they can decide whether they will request a public discussion.

An executive session may also be called to discuss subjects which by law, charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential. A municipal code or charter may specify that discussion of such matters as

labor negotiations, pending lawsuits, or evaluations of the manager and municipal attorney are to be conducted in executive session.

What Can be Done in the Executive Session

Once in the executive session, you are only allowed to consider the subjects mentioned in the motion calling for executive session. You can discuss other subjects only if they are auxiliary to the subject for which the session was called (i.e., subsidiary, or supplemental to the main subject, or of assistance in its consideration).

No action may be taken in the executive session. The subjects may be discussed and debated, but all official action must be taken in open session. The OMA contains an exception allowing the body to give instructions to an attorney or labor negotiator in executive session, but CBJ bodies must follow the more restrictive CBJ Charter requirement that no action may be taken in executive session.

Coming Out of Executive Session

At the conclusion of the executive session, the body should reconvene in public session. This is the point at which action may be taken. For example, the body may direct the manager to proceed in accordance with direction given by the body in executive session. Of course, if the direction given is spelled out in detail in public, the purpose of holding the session may be defeated. There may be instances where the body can make a full public report after the session, such as when there is no further need for confidentiality. Finally, there will be times when no action is to be taken at all, such as when the session involved only a status report on negotiations, in which case the body may simply reconvene and move on to the next agenda item.

Exemptions from the OMA

AS 44.62.310(d) provides for certain exemptions from the OMA. It provides that the OMA does not apply to meetings of a hospital medical staff, or meetings of the governing body or any committee of the hospital when holding a meeting solely to act upon matters of professional qualifications, privileges, or discipline. Thus, when a committee of the hospital holds a meeting solely to act upon matters of professional qualifications, it does not even need to go through the formality of moving for and voting upon a motion for executive session.

The OMA does not apply to meetings of CBJ staff. It does not apply to meetings held for the purpose of participating in a gathering of a national, state, or regional organization such as the Alaska Municipal League or the American Planning Association.

Public Notice of Meetings

The OMA provides in AS 44.62.310(e) that reasonable public notice must be given for all meetings. The notice must include the date, time and place of the meeting, and if the meeting is by teleconference, the location of any teleconferencing facilities that will be used. The notice must be posted at City Hall, and may also be given by print and broadcast media. Each body should give notice in a consistent fashion for all its meetings. There is no requirement to publish an agenda. The CBJ Charter requires that at least 24 hours' notice of special meetings be given. Written notice of a special meeting must be delivered to the newspaper and radio and television stations, and no business may be transacted at a special meeting unless the item is on the agenda.

Public Participation

State law, AS 29.20.020, and the CBJ Charter require that "the public shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard". This requirement does not mean that the public has a right to dominate or disrupt a meeting, and the chair may impose reasonable rules on the manner and extent of public participation.

What Happens if the OMA is Violated

A court may void any action taken by a public body in violation of the OMA. It is also possible for the body to undertake "substantial reconsideration" of an issue discussed or decided upon at a meeting held in violation of the OMA. The courts would decide whether the validation meeting sufficiently functioned as a true reconsideration of the matter, and whether the public interest would be served by voiding the action. Members of the body may not be sued in their individual capacity for violations of the OMA.

When In Doubt, Ask for Legal Advice

It is recommended that if you have any questions regarding the propriety of a meeting, whether your body is subject to the OMA, whether or not it is proper to go into executive session on a matter, or if you simply have a question regarding the OMA, that you call the city and borough law department at 586-5242. We are pleased to provide you with assistance on these issues, and we do so routinely for all of the CBJ bodies, boards and committees.

ALASKA STATUTES
TITLE 44. STATE GOVERNMENT
CHAPTER 62. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT
ARTICLE 6. OPEN MEETINGS OF GOVERNMENTAL BODIES

§ 44.62.310. Government meetings public

(a) All meetings of a governmental body of a public entity of the state are open to the public except as otherwise provided by this section or another provision of law. Attendance and participation at meetings by members of the public or by members of a governmental body may be by teleconferencing. Agency materials that are to be considered at the meeting shall be made available at teleconference locations if practicable. Except when voice votes are authorized, the vote shall be conducted in such a manner that the public may know the vote of each person entitled to vote. The vote at a meeting held by teleconference shall be taken by roll call. This section does not apply to any votes required to be taken to organize a governmental body described in this subsection.

(b) If permitted subjects are to be discussed at a meeting in executive session, the meeting must first be convened as a public meeting and the question of holding an executive session to discuss matters that are listed in (c) of this section shall be determined by a majority vote of the governmental body. The motion to convene in executive session must clearly and with specificity describe the subject of the proposed executive session without defeating the purpose of addressing the subject in private. Subjects may not be considered at the executive session except those mentioned in the motion calling for the executive session unless auxiliary to the main question. Action may not be taken at an executive session, except to give direction to an attorney or labor negotiator regarding the handling of a specific legal matter or pending labor negotiations.

- (c) The following subjects may be considered in an executive session:
- (1) matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the public entity;
 - (2) subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion;
 - (3) matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential;
 - (4) matters involving consideration of government records that by law are not subject to public disclosure.
- (d) This section does not apply to
- (1) a governmental body performing a judicial or quasi-judicial function when holding a meeting solely to make a decision in an adjudicatory proceeding;
 - (2) juries;
 - (3) parole or pardon boards;
 - (4) meetings of a hospital medical staff;
 - (5) meetings of the governmental body or any committee of a hospital when holding a meeting solely to act upon matters of professional qualifications, privileges or discipline;
 - (6) staff meetings or other gatherings of the employees of a public entity, including meetings of an employee group established by policy of the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska or held while acting in an advisory capacity to the Board of Regents; or
 - (7) meetings held for the purpose of participating in or attending a gathering of a national, state, or regional organization of which the public entity, governmental body, or member of the governmental body is a member, but only if no action is taken and no business of the governmental body is conducted at the meetings; or
 - (8) meetings of municipal service area boards established under AS 29.35.450--29.35.490 when meeting solely to act on matters that are administrative or managerial in nature.
- (e) Reasonable public notice shall be given for all meetings required to be open under this section. The notice must include the date, time, and place of the meeting and, if the meeting is by teleconference, the location of any teleconferencing facilities that will be used. Subject to the publication required by AS 44.62.175(a) in the Alaska Administrative Journal, the notice may be given by using print or broadcast media. The notice shall be posted at the principal office of the public entity or, if the public entity has no principal office, at a place designated by the governmental body. The governmental body shall provide notice in a consistent fashion for all its meetings.
- (f) Action taken contrary to this section is voidable. A lawsuit to void an action taken in violation of this section must be filed in superior court within 180 days after the date of the action. A member of a governmental body may not be named in an action to enforce this section in the member's personal capacity. A governmental body that violates or is alleged to have violated this section may cure the violation or alleged violation by holding another meeting in compliance with notice and other

requirements of this section and conducting a substantial and public reconsideration of the matters considered at the original meeting. If the court finds that an action is void, the governmental body may discuss and act on the matter at another meeting held in compliance with this section. A court may hold that an action taken at a meeting held in violation of this section is void only if the court finds that, considering all of the circumstances, the public interest in compliance with this section outweighs the harm that would be caused to the public interest and to the public entity by voiding the action. In making this determination, the court shall consider at least the following:

- (1) the expense that may be incurred by the public entity, other governmental bodies, and individuals if the action is voided;
- (2) the disruption that may be caused to the affairs of the public entity, other governmental bodies, and individuals if the action is voided;
- (3) the degree to which the public entity, other governmental bodies, and individuals may be exposed to additional litigation if the action is voided;
- (4) the extent to which the governing body, in meetings held in compliance with this section, has previously considered the subject;
- (5) the amount of time that has passed since the action was taken;
- (6) the degree to which the public entity, other governmental bodies, or individuals have come to rely on the action;
- (7) whether and to what extent the governmental body has, before or after the lawsuit was filed to void the action, engaged in or attempted to engage in the public reconsideration of matters originally considered in violation of this section;
- (8) the degree to which violations of this section were willful, flagrant, or obvious;
- (9) the degree to which the governing body failed to adhere to the policy under AS 44.62.312(a).

(g) Subsection (f) of this section does not apply to a governmental body that has only authority to advise or make recommendations to a public entity and has no authority to establish policies or make decisions for the public entity.

(h) In this section,

- (1) "governmental body" means an assembly, council, board, commission, committee, or other similar body of a public entity with the authority to establish policies or make decisions for the public entity or with the authority to advise or make recommendations to the public entity; "governmental body" includes the members of a subcommittee or other subordinate unit of a governmental body if the subordinate unit consists of two or more members;
- (2) "meeting" means a gathering of members of a governmental body when
 - (A) more than three members or a majority of the members, whichever is less, are present, a matter upon which the governmental body is empowered to act is considered by the members collectively, and the governmental body has the authority to establish policies or make decisions for a public entity; or

(B) the gathering is prearranged for the purpose of considering a matter upon which the governmental body is empowered to act and the governmental body has only authority to advise or make recommendations for a public entity but has no authority to establish policies or make decisions for the public entity;

(3) "public entity" means an entity of the state or of a political subdivision of the state including an agency, a board or commission, the University of Alaska, a public authority or corporation, a municipality, a school district, and other governmental units of the state or a political subdivision of the state; it does not include the court system or the legislative branch of state government.

§ 44.62.312. State policy regarding meetings

- (a) It is the policy of the state that
- (1) the governmental units mentioned in AS 44.62.310(a) exist to aid in the conduct of the people's business;
 - (2) it is the intent of the law that actions of those units be taken openly and that their deliberations be conducted openly;
 - (3) the people of this state do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies that serve them;
 - (4) the people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know;
 - (5) the people's right to remain informed shall be protected so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created;
 - (6) the use of teleconferencing under this chapter is for the convenience of the parties, the public, and the governmental units conducting the meetings.
- (b) AS 44.62.310(c) and (d) shall be construed narrowly in order to effectuate the policy stated in (a) of this section and to avoid exemptions from open meeting requirements and unnecessary executive sessions.

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Appendix D

"How to Calendar CBJ Meetings"

*Trumba Event Submission Form Instructions
aka: How to Schedule a Meeting/Reserve a Meeting Room
on the CBJ Meeting Calendar*

Trumba Event Submission Form Instructions

How to Schedule a Meeting/Reserve a Room on the CBJ Meeting Calendar

The first thing is to go to the online CBJ Meeting Calendar <https://juneau.org/calendar> (and if applicable the Library Meeting Calendar <https://juneau.org/library/library-calendar> to see if the date/time/location you wish to schedule appears to be available.

When you click on the 'Event Submission' button from the right side menu, you will have a fillable form as shown below. The populated fields in the example below show the format for how the Clerk's Office would like the information submitted. Please note – the Event Title should include the title of the event **AND** the meeting room location (i.e.: Virtual/Telephonic, Chambers, Conf. Room 224) etc... as shown in the example below.

The screenshot shows the 'Juneau.org/event-submission' page. The header includes the Juneau Alaska's Capital City logo and a navigation bar with links: Home, COVID-19, Assembly, Departments, Services, Visitors, and Contact. A 'CURRENT CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION' banner is also present. The main heading is 'CBJ Calendar Event Submission'.

Sign In: Facebook, Google, Microsoft

Submitter Information:

- Name: Di Cathcart *
- Email: di.cathcart@juneau.org *
- Phone #: 586-0216 *
- Meeting Type: Public Notice *

Event Information:

- Event type: City and Borough of Juneau Main Template *
- Event Title and Meeting Room: Advisory Board Training, Assembly Chambers
- Address of the Building: City Hall, 155 S. Seward St, Juneau, AK 99801
- Start date: March 13, 2021
- Time: 6:00 PM (Alaskan Time)
- Duration: 2 hours, 0 minutes
- Repeat: None
- Public Contact: City Clerks Office 586-5278 city.clerk@juneau.org
- Departments: City Clerk *
- Group Type: Assembly: Human Resources Committee *
- Web link: https://juneau.org/assembly/assembly-minutes
- Public Notes: This training is open to all CBJ Advisory & Empowered Board Members & Staff Liaisons

Event Type Drop-down Menu Choices (Pick one):

- City & Borough of Juneau Main Template
- Event Occurs at the Library

Public Notes: anything you enter into the Public Note section will be viewable by anyone accessing the calendar so only include those notes in this field that you wish the public to see

Address of Building: If you don't know that's ok. If your meeting is virtual - put the link for people to login & participate

Buttons: CBJ CALENDAR, ASSEMBLY CALENDAR, LIBRARY CALENDAR, EVENT SUBMISSION, Next

* Indicates required fields

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Please Note: When you choose 'Event Occurs at the Library' a Meeting Room Drop-down menu will appear. Make sure you choose the appropriate library and space.

Submitter Information

Name: *

Email: *


Phone #: *

Meeting Type: *

Event Information

Event type: *

Event Title and Meeting Room: *

Start date:  Sat

Time: ☐ All day

Start: : Alaskan Time

Duration: : [Specify End](#)

Repeat:

Meeting Room: *

Audience: ☐ Douglas Meeting Room

Event Type: ☐ Douglas Open Seating Area

Library Featured Event: ☐ Downtown Large Meeting Room

Web link: ☐ Downtown Open Seating Area

Public Notes: ☐ Downtown Small Meeting Room

* Indicates required fields

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After hitting the **Next** button you'll see this screen to double-check your request prior to hitting **submit**.

CBJ Calendar Event Submission

Please review the contact and event information you just provided.

Submitter Name: Di Cathcart
Submitter Email: di.cathcart@juneau.org
Submitter Phone: 586-0216
Meeting Type: Public Notice

Advisory Board Training, Assembly Chambers
WHEN: Saturday, March 13, 2021, 6 – 8pm AST
ADDRESS OF THE BUILDING: City Hall
155 S. Seward St
Juneau, AK 99801
PUBLIC CONTACT: City Clerks Office 586-5278 city.clerk@juneau.org
DEPARTMENTS: City Clerk
GROUP TYPE: Assembly:Human Resources Committee
WEB LINK: juneau.org
PUBLIC NOTES: This training is open to all CBJ Advisory & Empowered Board Members & Staff Liaisons

To make corrections, click **Back**. DO NOT use your browser's Back button.
If the information is correct, click **Submit**.

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[ASSEMBLY CALENDAR](#)
[LIBRARY CALENDAR](#)
[EVENT SUBMISSION](#)

Once you hit **Submit**, you'll receive this notice:

CBJ Calendar Event Submission

Done. The following event has been successfully submitted.

Advisory Board Training, Assembly Chambers
WHEN: Saturday, March 13, 2021, 6 – 8pm AST
ADDRESS OF THE BUILDING: City Hall
155 S. Seward St
Juneau, AK 99801
DEPARTMENTS: City Clerk
GROUP TYPE: Assembly:Human Resources Committee
WEB LINK: juneau.org
PUBLIC NOTES: This training is open to all CBJ Advisory & Empowered Board Members & Staff Liaisons

The calendar owner has been notified of your submission.
Approved submissions will appear online within 48 hours.
A confirmation email has been sent to di.cathcart@juneau.org.

[Submit Another Event](#)

[CBJ CALENDAR](#)
[ASSEMBLY CALENDAR](#)
[LIBRARY CALENDAR](#)
[EVENT SUBMISSION](#)

The Clerk's Office will receive an email notification at city.clerk@juneau.gov of an event submission and we will notify you once your request has been added to the CBJ calendar.

Tips for inputting/formatting your calendar request:

- When entering your Event Title & Meeting Room—include the “where or how” it will take place:
Advisory Board Training, Zoom Webinar
- When selecting “Departments” select any/all departments that may apply to this meeting from the pull down menu options.
- Please keep in mind that **all use of City Hall Meeting Rooms are subject to bumping by the Assembly** or one of its committees and/or by the Manager/Clerk staff for election or other uses.
- The use of the library meeting rooms by CBJ Boards should be scheduled through the Clerk’s office. If you wish staff meetings held in a library meeting room to show up on the main CBJ Meeting Calendar, please route those requests through the Event Submission Form.
- If the request is for a library meeting room strictly for staff purposes and not subject to the Open Meetings Act and you don’t care if it shows up on the CBJ Calendar, you can work directly with Library staff to book a library meeting room.

Calendar Request Processing

Clerk’s will calendar the meeting or send you a follow up email with clarifying questions and/or let you know that the meeting date/time/location you requested is not available. **If you haven’t heard from us – reach out to make sure your meeting has been scheduled!**

The Event Submission Form is only for use when initially scheduling a meeting. If you need to make changes or cancel a meeting that you already submitted, send an email with the details of the change to city.clerk@juneau.gov we will make the changes and send you a confirmation email.

Building Access:

- All meetings open to the public and/or subject to the Open Meetings Act need to be held in a facility that is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- **If you are requesting use of library meeting rooms for CBJ staff only outside of normal library ‘open to the public’ hours you will need to work directly with library staff by calling the library and let them know you are requesting meeting space outside of library open hours to ensure access to the building during your scheduled time. This is a separate step from your calendar/room request.**
- The Marine View Building public doors are locked after 4:30pm and therefore any meetings open to the Public or subject to the Open Meetings Act should not be scheduled for either the 3rd floor or 4th floor conference rooms in Marine View after 4:30pm.
- Access to City Hall Assembly Chambers and Conference Room 224 after 4:30pm is through the Blue/ADA accessible door next to the mural.
- Clerks will program the Blue/ADA door and the elevator to be open from 4:30p.m. until the last meeting is scheduled to end for that evening.
- If there is more than one meeting being held in City Hall on the same evening, staff members attending the meeting with the latest end time are responsible for ensuring that the Blue/ADA door is locked.
- If you are the last staff member to leave City Hall and the green light is showing on the keypad next to the blue door, enter the override code **5278#** (This is the same as the last four digits in Clerk’s Office phone number if you ever forget the code.) This will override the door program and lock the door. A red and green light will show on the keypad.

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Appendix E

HELPFUL DOCUMENTS

Sample Agenda

Sample Script for Chairpersons

Sample Minutes

Tips for Writing Minutes - Retired Clerk Laurie Sica MMC

Appendix E - Sample Advisory Committee Agenda



JUNEAU COMMISSION ON AGING AGENDA

January 16, 2024 at 1:30 PM

Zoom Webinar

<https://juneau.zoom.us/j/81491760970?pwd=bkFwWk42Mllmazl0aFdMS3ArTG5qZz09>

Or Call In: 1-253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 814 9176 0970 Passcode: 858248

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Present:

Absent:

Others Present:

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. November 21, 2023 Juneau Commission on Aging Minutes

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

E. AGENDA TOPICS

A. Election of Officers (15 min.)

B. Set JCOA Priorities for 2024 (30 min)

C. Create new subcommittee to work on NAVI (5 min)

D. Discussion on role between JCOA and AARP (20 min) *{Current projects with AARP include maintaining our All Age Friendly status. Our first 5-year project is to create a pleasant well lit pathway from the parking lot across from Don Abel, along the water in front of Riverview Assisted Living and over to Dimond Field house. We are calling this the Vintage Park Path Project}*

F. COMMITTEE MEMBER / ASSEMBLY LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

G. NEXT MEETING DATE

February 20, 2024 via Zoom at 1:30pm

H. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

I. ADJOURNMENT

ADA accommodations available upon request: Please contact the Clerk's office 36 hours prior to any meeting so arrangements can be made for closed captioning or sign language interpreter services depending on the meeting format. The Clerk's office telephone number is 586-5278, TDD 586-5351, e-mail: city.clerk@juneau.gov.

JUNEAU COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES - **DRAFT**

February 20, 2024 at 3:00 PM

Zoom Webinar



<https://juneau.zoom.us/j/81491760970?pwd=bkFwWk42Mllmazl0aFdMS3ArTG5qZz09>

Or Call In: 1-253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 814 9176 0970 Passcode: 858248

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Craig called the Juneau Commission on Aging meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Present: List all members present, starting with the committee Chair

Absent: None

Others Present: JCOA Assembly Liaison 'Wáahlaal Gídaag

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved as presented **OR** Agenda approved as amended.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes approved as presented **OR** Minutes approved as amended **OR** Minutes deferred to next meeting.

1. January 16, 2024, Juneau Commission on Aging Minutes

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Jane Goodcitizen spoke on the need for pickleball courts to be added at Evergreen Bowl Park.

If there is any public participation/testimony, record the person's name and a summary of their testimony.

E. AGENDA TOPICS

3. JCOA - Standing Agenda Topics - Main Projects/Subcommittee Updates

A.) Southeast Regional Eldercare Coalition Updates (10 minutes)

Discussion regarding topic & MOTION if applicable

B.) Planning Workgroup Updates - Messaging Workgroup Discussion (30 minutes)

Discussion regarding topic & MOTION if applicable

F. COMMITTEE MEMBER / ASSEMBLY LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS (10 minutes)

JCOA Assembly Liaison 'Wáahlaal Gídaag gave a CBJ update...

G. NEXT MEETING DATE

JCOA Subcommittee Planning Workgroup - March 12, 2024 @ 3pm via Zoom

Regular JCOA Meeting - March 19, 2024 @ 3pm via Zoom

H. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

4. 2020 Juneau Senior Survey - Final (126 page PDF)

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the commission, meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Appendix E - Sample Assembly Standing Committee Agenda



ASSEMBLY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE AGENDA

April 01, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers/Zoom Webinar

<https://juneau.zoom.us/j/95241164899> or 1-253-215-8782 Webinar ID: 952 4116 4899

A. CALL TO ORDER {You can combine Call to Order/Roll Call into section A}

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT {Optional}

We would like to acknowledge that the City and Borough of Juneau is on Tlingit land and wish to honor the indigenous people of this land. For more than ten thousand years, Alaska Native people have been and continue to be integral to the well-being of our community. We are grateful to be in this place, a part of this community, and to honor the culture, traditions, and resilience of the Tlingit people. *Gunalchéesh!*

C. ROLL CALL

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. March 5, 2024 Assembly Human Resources Committee Meeting Minutes – DRAFT {Example}

F. AGENDA TOPICS

1. Items the committee will discuss or act on. *{If you have several items, start with substantial topics first, when possible, to allow enough time for discussion/action}*

G. STAFF REPORTS

H. STANDING COMMITTEE TOPICS - for discussion as meeting time allows

1. 2024 Assembly Goals specific to HRC {Example}

If the committee has topics they review or get updates on each meeting they get listed here as placeholders for the committee to discuss as time allows.

I. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

This section allows for general comments from committee members, a time to bring requests forward, etc.

J. NEXT MEETING DATE {list upcoming meeting date(s), time & location}

April 29, 2024 at 6pm, Assembly Chambers/Zoom

K. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

This section is a placeholder that can be removed if you don't have any last minute "red folder/supplemental materials" to be included in the agenda packet. This section is typically used when a packet has already been posted for the public and something was added after posting.

L. ADJOURNMENT {This is required language for all agendas and is part of the agenda template}

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Appendix E - SAMPLE SCRIPTS FOR COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

(Using the Assembly Human Resources Committee as an Example)

Chairperson's script in italics below

I. Call To Order

Chair: *I'd like to call the (Date) Human Resources Committee meeting to order. Will the clerk please note the roll? [If a quorum is not present – the only action that can be taken is to set the date/time/location for the next meeting and adjourn.]*

II. Land Acknowledgement

Chair: *Assemblymember _____ will you please read the land acknowledgment (or the Chair can choose to read it themselves)*

III. Approval of Agenda

Chair: *Are there any agenda changes? Hearing none, we will accept the agenda as presented.*

IV. **Public Participation** *[Always on the agenda for Advisory & Empowered Boards but not always for Assembly Standing Committees unless requested by the Chair prior to packet distribution and publicly noticed at least 24 hours prior to the meeting]*

Chair: *We reserve up to 10 (however much time the chair designates) minutes for non-agenda items for members of the public, two minutes (time is determined by dividing the total time by the number of individuals signed up to testify) a piece. Is there any member of the public that wishes to address the committee on a non-agenda item?*

Chair: *Hearing none we will move on to the approval of the minutes. – or –*

Chair: *Can you please come forward to the public testimony seat and please state your name and area of town you live in for the record?*

V. Approval of Minutes

Chair: *We have before us the minutes of the (date) Human Resources Committee meeting, do I have a motion? [Upon recognizing a member of the committee] Mr./Ms. _____.*

[Sample motion by committee member: "I move the (date) minutes of the Human Resources Committee and ask unanimous consent."] – or –

[Sample motion by committee member: "I would like to propose the following correction: Page 1, paragraph 2, second sentence needs to state: ".....".

Chair: *You've heard the motion, hearing no objection, the minutes are approved. – or –*

Chair: *The minutes have been moved as corrected, are there any objections to their approval? Hearing none, the minutes will be approved as corrected.*

VI. Agenda Topics

Chair: *That brings us to Agenda Topics, the first item is: name of agenda item*

Committee members, upon recognition by the chair, make a motion, in the affirmative so that an agenda item can come before the committee for action and/or discussion. When a motion is made, the chair then restates the motion and the motion then belongs to the body and is ready for action to be taken. An Example follows:

Mr. Bryson: "I move the Human Resources Committee recommends the Assembly waive its right to protest the renewal of the Beverage Dispensary Liquor License for ABC Booze #1234 for purposes of discussion."

The chair then restates the motion and recognizes the maker of the motion for purposes of discussion:

Chair: *"The motion before the committee is that the Human Resources Committee recommends the Assembly waive its right to protest the renewal of the Beverage Dispensary Liquor License for ABC Booze #1234. Mr. Bryson you have the floor."*

In our example, Mr. Bryson would then state his concerns or ask his question, discussion by the body ensues with the Chair recognizing each member in turn. The Assembly rules of procedure states: Any member of the Assembly may sit with any committee at all times; such member shall have the right to participate in committee discussion except that members of the committee shall have priority in obtaining the floor and only committee members may vote. Reasonable opportunity for the public to be heard shall be allowed at committee meetings other than those designated as work sessions.

Chair: *"Is there any additional discussion on the motion? Is there any objection to the motion? Hearing none, the motion carries." – or –*

Chair: *Objection has been noted, will the clerk please call the roll?*

[The clerk calls the roll, announces the total votes for and against the motion, and whether the motion carries or fails]

Chair: *That brings us to. _____ name of agenda item _____. Staff report please (if applicable).*
Sample motion for board appointments

MOTION: by Ms. Woll to forward to the full Assembly for approval, the recommendation to reappoint Tony Stark and Peter Parker to the Building Code Advisory Committee for terms beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2026 and ask for unanimous consent. **Hearing no objection, motion passed.**

VII. Standing Committee Topics

As time allows, committee can discuss any standing agenda topic such as: Assembly Goals specific to the committee, or other long-range items the committee is working on.

VIII. Staff Reports

This section is for any updates from staff to the committee.

IX. Committee Member/Liaison Comments and Questions

The HRC doesn't have any liaisons, however this is the time for committee members to discuss any topics they'd like to see brought forward to a future meeting, etc.

X. Adjournment

Chair: *Are there any other items to come before the body? Hearing none, we are now adjourned.*

Tips for Writing Minutes

Laurie Sica, MMC, Municipal Clerk, City and Borough of Juneau – 2011



Minutes are a historical record of the decisions and actions of a group, and may also capture the thought process that led to decisions. Most government retention schedules require that minutes be kept permanently, so ensure minutes are accurate and appropriate for the ages.



Minutes are also immediately useful. They help a group keep track of its actions, communicate requests for more information, provide future agenda items, transmit “to-do” lists and convey information for reference.



A group should agree to minute taking standards. There are three styles:

- | | |
|-----------|--|
| Action: | Skeletal – just the facts. Date, time, place, attendance, motions and decisions, future agenda items and meeting dates. |
| Summary: | Skeletal + main points, i.e. “Mr. Ed said he was for the project because...,” “Ms. No said she was opposed to the project because...,” “Following discussion...” |
| Verbatim: | Court transcription (every word). |



Minute writers: Be Prepared, Be Bold, and Be Responsive!

- Review the meeting agenda and packet before the meeting.
- Have roll call sheets (if used), motion pads, “fill in the blank drafts” available.
- Position yourself in the best seat to hear and record the meeting.
- Be next to the Chair if possible to be able to communicate during the meeting.
- Speak up if you can not hear, or if the motion should be restated.
- Complete minutes as soon as possible after the meeting – avoid “cold” minutes.
- Spell Check, Grammar Check, AND proofread.

Minutes should:

Be Accurate and Complete

What happened – not what the group wishes had happened.

Focus on key points and decisions

Recording every word said is not necessary. Members may regret their comments at a later date. We are writing “minutes,” not “hours.”

Focus on the agenda

Leave out “side chat” or rambling on items not on the agenda.

Focus on the group

Comments and votes do not need to be attributed to individuals unless that is the group’s preference.

Be Objective

Stick to the words “said” and “asked.” Avoid subjective interpretations, such as, “Mr. Green instructed...” or “Ms. Brown questioned” or “Ms. Black implored...”

Be Consistent

Use a template - similar to the agenda. Consistent across the organization is preferable, such as Council minutes / Planning Commission minutes, etc.

Use past tense throughout the document.

Salutations should be consistent, i.e., Mr. or Ms. throughout.

Be Specific

Avoid acronyms on first reference, i.e., Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities can become ADOT/PF after you spell it out once.

Remember that something commonly known today may not be identifiable in the future.

Be Professional

No spelling or grammatical errors.

Be Readable

Use a font size comfortable for the readers. Ragged edges are easier to read than justified text. Use spacing, bullets, bold, underlines for key points. Avoid “blocks of gray text.”

Create a Logical Flow

Minutes should be logically organized even if the meeting was fragmented or confusing. If an agenda items was discussed sporadically throughout the meeting, it is ok to group all the events related to the item in the same place.

Be Archivable

Use a consistent file name and file as required – always in a central location.

Be Approved

Provide to the group for motion to approve the minutes at the next meeting.

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Appendix F

PUBLIC RECORDS

re: CBJ E-Mails & Telecommunications Policy

CBJ Telecommunications Policy #14-04

Boardmember Telecom. Agreement Form

Records Retention Resolution 2356 Excerpt

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY NO. 14-04

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY POLICY

I. INTRODUCTION

Information and communication technologies (ICT), consisting of computers and telecommunications and network resources, are provided by the CBJ to aid its employees in accomplishing the CBJ's objectives. The purpose of this policy is to establish a uniform guideline for the use of ICT. All users when connected to the CBJ networks from private devices as well as CBJ devices are subject to this policy.

CBJ users, including employees, contractors, and volunteers, who violate this policy are subject to discipline up to and including termination from service.

II. ICT POLICY

- A. All information transmitted received or stored on CBJ ICT is subject to review by, or at the direction of CBJ management. Users should not have any expectation of privacy in the use of the CBJ ICT. The CBJ reserves the right to monitor and review any communications, files, or other use of CBJ ICT without any advance notice to, or the consent, of any user.
- B. All files and email messages saved on CBJ ICT may be considered a matter of public record and subject to disclosure. This includes all files, email messages, or text transmitted, received, or saved on any personal computing equipment (phones, smartphones, tablets, computers, etc.).
- C. Incidental personal use, in compliance with the other provisions of this policy, is allowed as long as it does not:
 - 1. Interfere with the business of the CBJ, or any employee's job performance.
 - 2. Consume significant resources.
 - 3. Give rise to additional costs.
 - 4. Create personal financial gain unrelated to a user's duties with the CBJ, unless the ICT being accessed and used is a bulletin board or web page made available by the CBJ MIS Division for the purpose of enabling employees to market and sell personal property.
- D. CBJ users shall take reasonable precautions to protect access codes, computer passwords or other access mechanisms to avoid unauthorized access. Passwords for systems are created by users for the purpose of excluding unauthorized personnel, not to provide privacy from official review. CBJ users must not divulge their passwords to any other person. Password criteria and other computer policies established by MIS can be found on the MIS intranet page.
- E. Only encryption tools authorized by MIS may be used. Except with the prior written consent of the MIS director, all such tools must be implement key-recovery or key-escrow techniques to permit the CBJ to access and recover all encrypted information (e.g., in the case of the absence of the employee who performed the encryption).
- F. Confidential information (whether owned by the CBJ, its vendors, or other persons) is not to be disclosed to others without prior authorization. The question of "authorization" will be a function of the type and ownership of the confidential information. (For example, different authority may be required for disclosure of CBJ-owned information than for vendor-owned information). "Authorization" for disclosure may be limited to certain specific individuals within the agency on a need-to-know basis.
- G. Users are expressly prohibited from engaging in the following acts. Doing so may subject a user to removal of use privileges and/or disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment:
 - 1. Engaging in any willful act or omission that may cause a general loss of computer, telecommunications equipment, or network resources, or that will interfere with any CBJ functions.
 - 2. Using any CBJ ICT for illegal activity.

3. CBJ users shall access, delete, examine, copy, modify, and retrieve any stored information only to accomplish the CBJ's objectives.
4. ICT shall not be used for financial or personal gain such as running any aspect of a private business, or for the purpose of advocating voting for or against a candidate for federal, state, or municipal office, or a federal, state, or municipal ballot issue, not directly related to the user's work duties. Use of the CBJ's intranet bulletin board to advertise sale items, make global announcements, etc., is exempt from this restriction.
5. The installation or use of any software or hardware on CBJ ICT without prior approval from the user's department director or MIS is prohibited.
6. CBJ users may not download, install, duplicate, or store software or data files that violate applicable copyright or license agreements.
7. CBJ users shall not attempt to circumvent or subvert the CBJ ICT systems or processes intended to protect and secure CBJ information.
8. CBJ users may not use CBJ ICT to store, print, distribute, edit, record or display offensive, defamatory, discriminatory, harassing, disruptive or any other prohibited material, unless explicitly authorized to do so to accomplish the CBJ's objectives.
9. CBJ users may not attempt to gain unauthorized access or attempted access to any other person's computer, email, or voicemail accounts or equipment.
10. Under no circumstances may any posting, message, or document originating at the CBJ be in violation of the letter or the spirit of the CBJ's policies, such as the Equal Employment Opportunity or Harassment policies.
11. CBJ users shall not misrepresent their identity in any way while using CBJ ICT. This includes using another employee's email account, or by modifying another's messages without permission. The content of messages written by others should be forwarded with no changes, except to the extent that edits to the original message are clearly indicated (for example, by using brackets or by using other characters such as * * * to flag edited text).
12. Connecting directly to the CBJ computing or networking systems with a personal device without direct authorization from MIS is prohibited. Remote access rules and criteria for using personal devices to connect the CBJ computing and network resources are driven by MIS. Users are required to comply with any rules posted by MIS on the MIS home page under the link called Computer Policies.

H. All users shall take immediate action to address any inadvertent violation of these rules by immediately contacting MIS, providing specific information describing the violation.

III. RETENTION AND SECURITY OF E-MAIL MESSAGES

Email messages and computer-stored items are CBJ property and are public documents. Email messages are official documents until they are destroyed, and may have legal and operational effect identical to that of traditional, hardcopy documents. Accordingly, all email messages should be treated as though they may later be viewed by others.

They must be administered as required by the Alaska Archives Act, the Alaska Open Records Act, and CBJ document retention policies. In addition, messages may become evidence in a lawsuit and thus subject to the rules of court regarding discovery. *Do not attempt to evade these requirements by moving or destroying documents in response to legitimate requests under the Open Records Act or because a lawsuit has been or probably will be filed.* Any such attempt is illegal, is detectable, and will subject the CBJ and you to severe penalties.

It is the policy of the CBJ that email messages are temporary informal documents that are routinely destroyed after 90 days unless users make a deliberate decision to preserve them. Users are required to administer email messages generated and received via CBJ ICT as follows:


- A. Immediately upon sending or receiving a message, users should make a determination whether the message has any lasting administrative, legal, or historical value, or if it is evidence in a pending or probable lawsuit.
- B. If the message has no lasting value and does not constitute evidence, users may delete it or may leave it in the Inbox. The Inbox, Deleted Items, and Sent Items folders are set to automatically purge all messages older than 90 days.
- C. If the message has any lasting administrative, legal, or historical value, or if it is evidence in a pending or probable lawsuit, the message should be moved from the Inbox or Sent Items folders folder and preserved in an Outlook folder that is not automatically purged.

IV. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Scope: This policy applies to all agencies and employees of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska.

- A. Authority to promulgate policy: The City Manager of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, maintains the authority granted by the CBJ Charter to order policy and the guidelines for implementation.
- B. Effective Date: This policy will take effect on date policy is signed.

Dated at Juneau, Alaska, this 9th day of December, 2014.



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Telecommunications Policy Board/Commission Member Acknowledgement Form

I have been provided with a copy of CBJ Administrative Policy 14-04: Information and Communication Technology Policy. I certify that I have read the policy and have had the opportunity to ask questions about the content, requirements, and expectations contained therein.

I agree to abide by the policy guidelines as a condition of my continuing service as a board or commissioner with the City and Borough of Juneau.

I understand that if I have questions, at any time, regarding the Telecommunications Policy, I will consult with the City Manager and/or Clerk's offices, the City Attorney, or their designees for clarification. In the alternative, I understand I can also contact the Human Resources office for assistance.

Please read the Telecommunications Policy carefully to ensure that you understand the policy before signing this document.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

CBJ Records Retention Schedule (Resolution 2356) Excerpt:

Series, Title & Description	Retention Period (years)	Remarks
General: All city departments will use this general retention schedule for correspondence unless the department has adopted a particular retention schedule for correspondence as outlined in the following pages.		
Transitory Correspondence: Those records that are created primarily for the informal communication of information, as opposed to communications designed for the perpetuation or formalization of knowledge. Transitory messages do not set policy, establish guidelines or procedures, certify a transaction, or become a receipt. The informal nature of transitory messages might be compared to the communication that might take place during a telephone conversation or verbal communications in an office hallway.	90 days	
Subject Files (Functional): Correspondence, reports, and information related to the functional departments of the municipality and which document events, projects, activities and issues.	7	Review for administrative or archival value.
Reading Files: Copies of outgoing letters and memoranda arranged by date.	7	

For more information about the Alaska Public Records Act and how it relates to the CBJ Boardmembers, please see the document from the CBJ Law Department titled "ALASKA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT: *What does the law require and how do I follow it?*" located on our City Clerk's records management website at http://www.juneau.org/clerk/Records_Index.php.