

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on October 21, 2014, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The special meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. by Mayor Larry DeVilbiss for the purpose of certifying the October 7, 2014, regular Borough election.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Jim Sykes, Assembly District No. 1
Mr. Matthew Beck, Assembly District No. 2
Mr. Steve Colligan, Assembly District No. 4
Mr. Darcie K. Salmon, Assembly District No. 5
Mr. Jim Colver, Assembly District No. 6

Assemblymembers absent and excused were:

Mr. Ron Arvin, Assembly District No. 3
Mr. Vern Halter, Assembly District No. 7

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, Borough Clerk
Mr. John Moosey, Borough Manager
Mr. George Hays, Assistant Borough Manager
Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney
Ms. Jamie Newman, Deputy Borough Clerk
Ms. Joell Church, Records Management Officer
Ms. Brenda Henry, Assistant Clerk
Ms. Elaine Flagg, Records Micrographics/Scanning Technician
Ms. Amy Bohmbach, Administrative Secretary I
Ms. Debra Wetherhorn, Administrative Secretary II
Ms. Hilary Schwaderer, Administrative Secretary I
Ms. Patty Sullivan, Public Affairs Director

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor DeVilbiss inquired if there were any changes to the agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Shirley Mills, a member of the Borough's Canvass Board.

V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Canvass Board Report

Ms. McKechnie:

- introduced members of the Canvass Board;
- remarked that Ms. Geraldine Keeling generally provides the report, however she is currently working the State general election; and
- added that Ms. Shirley Mills will be providing the report in the absence of Ms. Keeling.

Ms. Shirley Mills presented the Canvass Board report.

B. Certification of October 7, 2014 Regular Borough Election

MOTION: Assemblymember Salmon moved to certify the election results for the October 7, 2014, regular Borough election, as presented by the Canvass Board. (*See attached Election Certificate.*)

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

C. Oaths of Office for Newly Elected Officials

Ms. McKechnie administered the oath of office to newly elected Assemblymembers Colligan and Mayfield, with the term beginning October 27, 2014.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following person expressed gratitude to Assemblymember Salmon for all the work he has done for the city of Wasilla: Mayor Bert Cottle, City of Wasilla.

The following person expressed gratitude to Assemblymember Salmon for his work in representing Assembly District 5: Ms. Cindy Bettine.

The following person spoke to concerns with the canvassing process and the Assembly holding meetings on the same night as other local municipalities: Mr. Eugene Haberman.

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie:

- thanked the Canvass Board and her staff for their work in the election;
- added that the election process was smooth and went very well;
- stated that staff looks forward to upcoming elections with no precincts split by Assembly Districts;
- remarked that Canvass Board meetings are not advertised nor is the canvassing process open to the general public; and

- added that the canvassing process is open to persons representing a candidate or ballot measure, just like the process for being a poll watcher.

Mr. Moosey:

- recognized Ms. McKechnie and her team for their work and effort in administering the election;
- spoke in favor of the early voting process; and
- remarked that although voter turnout is low, the opportunity is available for people to vote.

Mr. Spiropoulos:

- congratulated Ms. McKechnie, her staff, and the election officials on a smooth election; and
- spoke to the process for observing the work of election officials whether at the polls or during the canvassing process.

Assemblymember Colligan:

- thanked Ms. McKechnie, her staff, and the election officials for their work; and
- spoke favorably about the passage of Proposition B-1, which reapportions assembly district boundaries to follow precinct boundaries.

Assemblymember Colver:

- congratulated newly elected Assemblymember Dan Mayfield and newly re-elected Assemblymember Steve Colligan; and
- complimented Ms. McKechnie, her staff, and the election officials on a job well done in carrying out a smooth election.

Assemblymember Beck:

- thanked staff and election officials for their work on the election;
- congratulated newly elected Assemblymember Dan Mayfield and newly re-elected Assemblymember Steve Colligan; and
- spoke to the legacy of Assemblymember Salmon.

Assemblymember Sykes:

- spoke to his experience with the canvassing process;
- expressed his confidence in the process; and
- congratulated newly elected Assemblymember Dan Mayfield and newly re-elected Assemblymember Steve Colligan.

Mayor DeVilbiss:

- thanked the Canvass Board for their work;
- expressed confidence in the Borough's election process;
- stated he is looking forward to working with newly elected Assemblymember Mayfield; and
- noted that cake and punch are being served.

Assemblymember Salmon expressed appreciation to the Canvass Board on a job well done.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.



LARRY DeVILBISS, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:



LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 11/19/14

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION
OCTOBER 7, 2014, REGULAR ELECTION**

The results of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Regular Election of October 7, 2014, are as follows:

	<u>POLL</u>	<u>ABSENTEE & SPECIAL NEEDS</u>	<u>QUESTIONED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 4				
COLLIGAN, Stephen M., "Steve"	730	117	8	855
Write-in	25	6	0	31
ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 5				
KENDIG, William D., "Bill"	334	43	4	381
MAYFIELD, James D., "Dan"	627	108	5	740
Write-in	13	2	0	15
SCHOOL BOARD SEAT D				
LARSON, R. Ole	5232	967	225	6424
Write-in	213	36	9	258
SCHOOL BOARD SEAT E				
SCOTT, Tiffany R.	5,090	966	217	6,273
Write-in	200	27	5	232
PROPOSITION NO. B-1 REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN				
YES	4523	1021	205	5749
NO	2232	247	82	2561
PROPOSITION NO. B-2 SENIOR/DISABLED RESIDENTIAL OWNER OCCUPIED PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION OF \$68,000 OF ASSESSED VALUE				
YES	5,975	1136	252	7,363
NO	982	169	42	1,193
CAST				
TOTAL POLL VOTERS:	<u>7,004</u>			<u>7,004</u>
TOTAL QUESTIONED BALLOTS:	<u>336</u>			<u>296</u>
TOTAL ABSENTEE AND SPECIAL NEEDS BALLOTS:	<u>1,328</u>			<u>1,308</u>
TOTAL:	<u><u>8,668</u></u>			<u><u>8,608</u></u>

WE, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly, jointly certify that the information listed herein is a true and accurate statement.

DATED this 21 day of October, 2014



Larry DeVibiss, Borough Mayor



Jim Sykes, Assemblymember



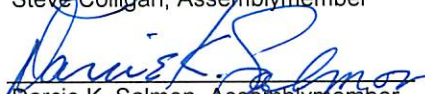
Matthew Beck, Assemblymember

Absent

Ronald Arvin, Assemblymember



Steve Colligan, Assemblymember



Darcie K. Salmon, Assemblymember



Jim Colver, Assemblymember

Absent

Vern Halter, Assemblymember

ATTEST:



Lenrie R. McKechnie, CMC, Borough Clerk