

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
LIBRARY CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Chairman—Chad Scott (MBR 7)

Vice Chair—Michelle Dempsey (MBR 2)

MBR1—Nancy Bertels

MBR3—Vacant

MBR4—Vacant

MBR5—Erik Palin

MBR6—Susan Hillman

ALT1—Camilla (Nan) Potts

ALT2—Aaron Malone



MEETING MINUTES
ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS AND LIVE STREAMED
<https://www.youtube.com/user/matsuboroughvideo>
350 EAST DAHLIA AVE, PALMER

REGULAR MEETING

5:00 PM

May 12, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Called to order at 5:01 pm

II. ROLL CALL

A. Present – Chad Scott, Michelle Dempsey, Nancy Bertels, Aaron Malone, Susan Hillman, Camilla Potts

B. Absent – Erik Palin

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

A. Agenda approved unanimously

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. Pledge of Allegiance conducted

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

A. April 14, 2025 – Minutes approved unanimously

VI. STAFF REPORTS

A. Hugh Leslie – Recreation & Library Services Manager – Mr. Leslie reminded the committee that the staff report for Maybe Now is in their packet and we're here to help with any questions.

VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – (2 Minutes Per Person)

- A. Linda Spohn – Ms. Spohn spoke about her opinion on how tax dollars shouldn't be spent.
- B. Mary Robinson – Ms. Robinson spoke about committee attendance and her opinion on community representation.
- C. Kathy Kysar – Ms. Kysar spoke about her opinion on the committee reviewing adult materials.
- D. Jackie Goforth – Ms. Goforth spoke about her opinion on what materials are available in the libraries.
- E. Jeanne Troshynski – Ms. Troshynski spoke about her opinion on citizen's rights.
- F. Karen Lewis – Ms. Lewis spoke about her opinion on the content of the challenged books.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Materials Submitted for Reconsideration

- 1. Maybe Now; Colleen Hoover ISBN 1093389052
 - 1 vote for Remove the book from the library (Scott)
 - 3 votes for Leave the book where it is (Dempsey, Bertels, Hillman)
 - 2 votes for Reshelve the book to the adult section (Malone, Potts)
- 2. Verity; Colleen Hoover ISBN 1791392792
- 3. Normal People; Sally Rooney ISBN 1984822179
- 4. The Bluest Eye; Toni Morrison ISBN 0307278441
- 5. What Girls Are Made Of; Elana K. Arnold ISBN 0823445674
- 6. Water for Elephants; Sara Gruen ISBN 1565125606

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Materials Submitted for Reconsideration

- 1. Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic; Alison Bechdel ISBN 0618871713
- 2. This Book Is Gay; Juno Dawson ISBN 1492617830
 - Both books will be added to the review list

X. NEXT MEETING

- A. June 9, 2025

XI. MEMBERS, STAFF COMMENTS

- A. Nancy Bertels – Ms. Bertels spoke about the diversity of communities and her opinion on subject materials that should be made available.
- B. Chad Scott – Mr. Scott spoke about his visitation to Wasilla Library and his opinion on keeping adult material away from minors.
- C. Michelle Dempsey – Ms. Dempsey agreed with Mr. Scott and spoke about her opinion on collection procurement with taxpayer money.
- D. Camilla Potts – Ms. Potts spoke about her opinion on responsibilities of the patrons and the librarians.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Adjourned at 5:41 pm

x Chad Scott
Chad Scott - chair

x 8-11-25
date

Attest:

x Sarah Thomas
Sarah Thomas
Staff Support

x 8/11/25
date