MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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Assembly Chambers of the
Dorothy Swanda Jones Building
350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer

PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
January 19, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission's regular meeting was held on January 19, 2026, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. Chair Allen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: – Commissioner Carpenter
Commissioner McCabe
Commissioner Glenn
Commissioner Allen

Absent/Excused: Commissioner Collins
Commissioner Scoggin

Staff Present: – Mr. Alex Strawn, Planning and Land Use Director
Ms. Lacie Olivieri, Planning Department Admin
Ms. Erin Ashmore, Assistant Borough Attorney
Mr. Alexander Lowe, Assistant Borough Attorney

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair, Allen, inquired if there were any changes to the agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved without objection.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Glenn.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. MINUTES: Regular Meeting Minutes – January 5, 2025

B. INTRODUCTION FOR PUBLIC HEARING QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS
(There were no Quasi-Judicial Introductions)

C. INTRODUCTION FOR PUBLIC HEARING LEGISLATIVE MATTERS
(There were no Legislative Introductions)

Chair Allen read the Consent Agenda into the record.

GENERAL CONSENT: The Consent Agenda was approved without objection.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
(There were no committee reports.)

VI. AGENCY/STAFF REPORTS
(There were no Agency/Staff Reports)

VII. LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

There being no persons to be heard, Audience Participation was closed without objection.

IX. PUBLIC HEARING QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS

Resolution 25-28 A Variance In Accordance With MSB 17.65 Variances. Alan & Gloria Hunsuck and Dylan & Sabrena Stenger Submitted An Application For A Variance From The 75-Foot Setback Requirements Under MSB 17.55, To Allow For Construction Of A 1,500 Square Foot Cabin At Its Closest Location Of 27-Feet From Big Lake.
Staff: Rebecca Skjothaug, Current Planner

Chair Allen read the resolution title into the record.

Chair Allen read the Ex-parte memo asking questions of the commissioners.

Staff, Ms. Rebecca Skjothaug, presented her staff report.

Chair Allen inquired if commissioners had any questions for staff.

Commissioner Allen inquired if the suggestion that staff had was approved by the applicants.

Chair Allen inquired if the applicant had anything to say.

The applicant had nothing to say.

Chair Allen inquired if commissioners had any questions for staff.

Commissioners had no questions for the applicant.

Chair Allen opened the public hearing.

There being no persons to be heard, Chair Carpenter closed the public hearing, and the discussion moved to the Planning Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner McCabe moved Planning Commission Resolution 25-28. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Glenn.

MOTION: Commissioner McCabe moved to the amendment as proposed by staff. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Carpenter.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection as amended.

X. PUBLIC HEARING LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

XI. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

(Correspondence and information were presented, and no comments were noted)

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(There was no unfinished business.)

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

XIV. COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. Upcoming Planning Commission Agenda Items (*Staff: Alex Strawn*)
(Commission Business was presented, and no comments were noted.)

XV. DIRECTOR AND COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Glenn:	No Comment
Commissioner McCabe:	Thanks for a really easy meeting
Commissioner Carpenter:	No comment
Wade Long:	February 2, we have no agenda items so there will be no meeting. The week after that is presidents day, a holiday, so there will be no meetings in the month of February
Commissioner Allen:	It's good seeing all of you, I look forward to a productive 2026.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

RICHARD ALLEN
Planning Commission Chair

ATTEST:

LACIE OLIVIERI
Planning Commission Clerk

Minutes approved: 3/2/26