

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

350 E. Dahlia Ave., Palmer, Alaska 99645

HEARING OFFICER

Scott A. Sterling



AGENDA

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS 350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

HEARING

9 A.M.

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PREHEARING ITEMS REQUIRING DISCUSSION

A. Possible Recess at 11:15 a.m. with Time to Reconvene to be Announced

III. RECOMMENDATION FOR A LEVEL 5 CLASSIFICATION OF REZ, OAH Case No. 26-05, Elbert & Deanna Scott, Respondents

A. Opening Remarks

1. Connor Canterbury, Borough Attorney's Office and Matthew Hardwig, Chief Animal Care and Regulation Officer (shared opening remarks)
2. Deanna & Toby (aka Elbert) Scott, Respondents (may share opening remarks)

B. Witness Statements and Cross Examination of Same

1. Rachel Brown, Animal Care and Regulation Officer
2. Veronika Holloway, Mother of Minor Victim
3. Any Witness Designated on the Appellant's Witness List
4. Any Witness Mentioned in the Record on Appeal
5. Any Witness Needed to Impeach the Testimony of Another Witness
6. Any Witness Necessary to Lay the Foundation for the Admission into Evidence of any Exhibit or Document Contained in Appellant's Exhibits
7. Any Rebuttal Witness as May Become Apparent at the Time of the Hearing

C. CLOSING REMARKS

1. Deanna & Toby (aka Elbert) Scott, Respondents (may share closing remarks)
2. Connor Canterbury, Borough Attorney's Office

D. POSSIBLE ORAL FINDING OR NOTICE TO TAKE UNDER ADVISEMENT PER MSB 2.29.090(H) The Administrative Hearing Officer's findings are limited to rejecting or upholding the forfeiture of the animal that is the subject of the appeal. If the Administrative Hearing Officer rejects the Chief Animal Care and Regulation Officer's decision on the animal forfeiture, the matter shall be remanded to the Chief Animal Care and Regulation Officer to set conditions of release prior to releasing the animal to its owner. The Administrative Hearing Officer has the discretion to make an oral finding to uphold or reject the Chief Animal Care and Regulation Officer's decision at the conclusion of the hearing or to take the matter under advisement. If the Administrative Hearing Officer takes the matter under advisement, a written decision shall be issued within 10 calendar days of the hearing. If the Administrative Hearing Officer makes an oral finding at the conclusion of the hearing, the oral finding shall be supplemented with written findings within 5 calendar days of the hearing. The Administrative Hearing Officer shall support the decision through written findings of fact. The Administrative Hearing Officer shall provide the written decision to the Clerk. The Clerk shall serve the final written decision on the Appellant, The Law Department, and the Chief Animal Care and Regulation Officer in the most effective, efficient manner available within two days after receiving the decision.

IV. ADJOURNMENT