MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
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Meeting Minutes

REGULAR MEETING September 8th, 2026 Talkeetna Public Library and Teams 1:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. The Meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM by Vice Chair Julie Endle (Chair Karen Crandall absent on vacation) at the Talkeetna Public Library.

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A. Present were Julie Endle, Cindy Redmond, Mark Spohn, Sally Pollen, and Martha Kincaid. A quorum was present.

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

A. Julie Endle moved to amend the Agenda to add under Unfinished Business discussion of the rough draft Board presentation to the Assembly in October. Seconded. Motion passed.

B. Julie Endle moved to amend Unfinished Business so that the items-pulled language reads only "August lists" (removing references to May, June, and July). Seconded. Motion passed.

C. Motion to approve the amended Agenda. Seconded. Motion passed.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. The Pledge of Allegiance was made.

V. MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETING

A. A typo was noted in the first line of the August 11, 2026 minutes (referenced May instead of August). Motion to amend the typo. Seconded. Motion passed.

B. Motion to approve the amended August 11, 2026 minutes. Seconded. Motion passed.

VI. BOROUGH STAFF REPORTS

A. Jillian Morrissey, Community Development Director, had nothing to report and answered questions regarding procedures for establishing quorum and advance notification for remote/ hybrid meetings. She noted that staff assists in confirming quorum and that the Board may clarify the desired process in the handbook.

B. Andy Mergens, Recreation & Library Services Manager, deferred his comments and invited Cassidy Drake (Big Lake Library) to present on how librarians develop monthly purchase lists

(patron requests, bestsellers, circulating titles, professional review sources such as Kirkus, Booklist, School Library Journal, ARCs, Common Sense Media, etc.).

C–H. Librarian updates were addressed through the presentation on the purchase-list process.

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

A. Several members of the public were heard. (Public comment time limit was reduced to two minutes by motion earlier in the meeting.)

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Items pulled from August lists (and related prior items) were addressed.

B. Streamlining/Revising MSB Flagged Library Material Review sheet: Motion to postpone discussion to October Unfinished Business. Motion passed.

C. Review Library Board Handbook: Discussion occurred regarding language on absence notification and other sections. Portions were reviewed; further review continued or tabled to October.

D. Challenged Material Submission – "Let's Talk About It": Discussion and related motions on review/purchase status.

E. Rough draft Board presentation to the Assembly in October: Discussed; related motion on timing/presentation schedule passed.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. September library materials list: Flagging and review process continued; motions on specific titles (including not to purchase certain items) were made and passed.

B. September Officer elections: Motion to keep current officers in their positions. Motion passed.

C. Public comments time limit: Motion to set public comment at two minutes (with possible adjustment if 11 or more people are signed up). Motion passed; to be incorporated into the handbook.

X. MEMBER COMMENTS

A. Martha Kincaid spoke (reminded of 9/11, thanked librarians, addressed staff protection and worldview considerations for young minds).

B. Mark Spohn spoke (thanked members for participation, emphasized advising on legal expenditure of taxpayer funds, and continued celebration of the 250th).

C. Sally Pollen spoke (upholding existing statutes regarding obscenity and children; appreciation for libraries).

D. Cindy Redmond spoke (collection balance and representation of conservative/Christian perspectives in the Talkeetna area).

E. Julie Endle spoke (advocacy for libraries and response to public comments/emails regarding threats).

XII. NEXT MEETING

October 13th, 2026, Sutton Public Library, 1:00 PM.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Meeting adjourned following extensions (approximately 3:45 PM). September 8th, 2026

Witnessed by

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