



## LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION

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### STATE OF ALASKA LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting for January 26, 2026 at 11 a.m.  
Via Zoom

Chair Larry Wood called the meeting to order at approximately 1:03 p.m. Commissioners Christopher Coutu, Ely Cyrus, and Clay Walker were present. Commissioner Clayton Trotter was not present. Also present were DCRA staff Jedediah Smith, Sally Cox, Sandra Moller and Nichole Tham, and Assistant Attorney General Maria Smilde

Commissioner Walker moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Cyrus seconded the motion. **The motion was adopted 4-0.**

Commissioner Coutu moved to adopt the minutes from the December 16, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. **The motion was approved 4-0.**

Commissioner Walker moved to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Coutu seconded the motion. **The motion was approved 4-0.**

Commissioner Coutu nominated Commissioner Walker for the position of vice-chair. No other nominations were received. Commissioner Walker was named vice-chair by acclamation.

LBC staff provided an overview of Governor Dunleavy's Administrative Order 360, including a staff recommendation to repeal 3 AAC 110.700(d) which requires duplicate submission of written comments.

Commissioner Walker moved to include 3 AAC 110.700(d) in the Governor's regulations reform plan. Commissioner Coutu seconded the motion. **The motion was approved 4-0.**

Commissioner Coutu asked whether the LBC has a count of discretionary regulations. LBC Staff said the LBC's count is somewhere in the 70-80 range, but that the count for the entire Division of Community and Regional Affairs is significantly higher. Additionally, the LBC is the program with the highest number of regulatory requirements within the Division. Commissioner Coutu said he was satisfied with the organization and clarity of the regulations and appreciated the public input during the initial scoping process.

A member of the public that identifies as a member of the Eaglexit board of directors submitted a request to repeal regulation 3 AAC 110.270(e). Chair Wood said that before addressing the request, the Commission needed to address a potential conflict of interest matter related to the Eaglexit detachment petition that is anticipated. Chair Wood said that because two members of the Commission live within the boundaries that may be proposed for detachment it triggers Article 10 of the bylaws and he would seek guidance from the Department of Law on the matter of whether the members should participate in a discussion to repeal the regulation.

LBC staff reported they had recently completed an informal technical review of a draft of Eaglexit's detachment petition, and that action would fail to meet the current standard set forth in 3 AAC 110.270(e). Commissioner Coutu motioned to table discussion of the repeal of 3 AAC 110.270(e) until the Department of Law for an ethics opinion involving Chair Wood and Commissioner Trotter, who are located in the Eagle River community. Commissioner Cyrus seconded the motion. **The motion was approved 4-0.** LBC staff said the next meeting would be scheduled once an opinion from the State Ethics Attorney was issued.

Michael Tavoliero, who made the request to repeal 3 AAC 110.270(e), said he would be overseas until April, and would like to represent his group on the request when the LBC resumes discussion of the matter.

Commissioner Cyrus moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. **The motion was approved 4-0.** The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

**APPROVED: July 14, 2026**

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LARRY WOOD, CHAIR

**ATTEST:**

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JEDEDIAH SMITH, STAFF