



LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION

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STATE OF ALASKA LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting for July 14, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.
Via Zoom

Chair Larry Wood called the meeting to order at approximately 1:34 p.m. Commissioners Christopher Coutu, Ely Cyrus, Clayton Trotter and Clay Walker were present. Also present were DCRA staff Jedediah Smith, Grace Beaujean, Sara Chambers and Assistant Attorney General Maria Smilde

Commissioner Walker moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Coutu seconded the motion. **The motion was approved 5-0.**

Commissioner Walker moved to adopt the minutes from the January 26, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Cyrus seconded the motion. **The motion was approved 5-0.**

LBC Staff Jed Smith reported receiving a third draft petition from the Eaglexit group, requesting an informal technical review. The group has also begun collecting signatures.

Chair Wood recapped the minutes from January 26, 2026 and noted that a representative from Eaglexit submitted a request to repeal regulation 3 AAC 110.270(e) under the Governor's Administrative Order 360. The Chair determined that prior to addressing the request, the commission needed to address a potential conflict of interest since two of the commissioners live in the areas proposed for detachment by the Eaglexit group. A request was submitted to the Department of Law's ethics attorney for an opinion. That opinion was delivered in to Commissioner Wood and Commissioner Trotter on June 25, 2026 and was marked confidential. Both Chair Wood and Commissioner Trotter waived their confidentiality so that Chair Wood could summarize the memo. Chair Wood read from the conclusion of the memo which stated neither he nor Commissioner Trotter could participate in Commission discussions about the Eaglexit petition. Further, the memo concluded Commissioner Trotter could not participate in discussions about the repeal of 3 AAC 110.270(e). Commissioner Trotter said he would not recuse himself from discussions about the regulation repeal and said he would be submitting a response to the ethics determination and a request for reconsideration.

Commissioner Coutu motioned for the Commission to go into executive session to discuss the Department of Law's memo regarding the ethics opinion. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. AAG Smilde clarified the executive session is to discuss matters that are confidential and confidential and attorney-client privileged and for the commission to receive legal advice. Commissioner Trotter stated the other commissioners have not yet read the memo. Commissioner Cyrus objected to the executive session and said it should be a public discussion. The motion to move into executive session passed 4-1. Commissioner Cyrus voted no.

The commission returned from executive session at approximately 3 p.m. Commissioner Walker motioned to table discussion of the repeal of 3 AAC 110.270(e) for 45 days, to allow Commissioner Trotter to respond to the Department of Law's ethics determination. Commissioner Cyrus said he felt the delay is unnecessary and that the commission should take up the discussion. The motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Cyrus voting no.

During public comment on non-agenda items, Michael Tavoliero expressed his frustration over the delay of the discussion of repeal of 3 AAC 110.270(e) and requested the chair expedite the matter if possible.

Commissioner Walker motioned to adjourn at 3:12 p.m. Commissioner Coutu seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

APPROVED: September 1, 2026

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LARRY WOOD, CHAIR

ATTEST:

JEDEDIAH SMITH, STAFF