



State of Alaska Local Boundary Commission

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MINUTES FOR LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION (LBC) PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, November 16, 2015 – 8:00 a.m.

Atwood Building, 550 West Seventh Avenue, Room 102, Anchorage, Alaska

Local Boundary Commission Workshop Minutes

8:00 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- **Call to order**
Chair Lynn Chrystal called the meeting to order.
- **Roll call and determination of quorum**
Brent Williams called the roll. Chair Lynn Chrystal, and Commissioners Bob Harcharek, Lavell Wilson, John Harrington, and Darroll Hargraves were present in Anchorage and represented a quorum.
- **Acknowledge guests and staff present at originating site and each individual teleconference site**
Chair Chrystal acknowledged guests present and on the phone, but did not ask them all to identify themselves.
- **Approve agenda**
The agenda was approved unanimously.
- **Goals and objectives**

NEW BUSINESS

Session One: LBC Petitions and Hearings

There were three presentations given. Eileen Collins led a refresher on local government in Alaska, and overview of the LBC petition process. Brent Williams followed with a presentation on the hearings and decisional meetings.

Session Two: Overview of LBC Powers by Distinguished Guests

Dr. Vic Fischer, 1955 Alaska Constitutional Delegate and former Alaska State Senator, presented on the constitutional authority and framers' intent for the LBC and answered questions afterward.

Gary Wilken, Former Alaska State Senator, spoke via teleconference on disincentives to borough formation and Alaska's Fiscal Situation, and

Clem Tillion, former Alaska State Senator and Representative. spoke about the Mandatory Borough Act and the unorganized borough and took questions afterward.

Lynn Chrystal, Chair

John Harrington, First Judicial District • Robert Harcharek, Second Judicial District
Darroll Hargraves, Third Judicial District • Lavell Wilson, Fourth Judicial District

The workshop recessed for lunch at noon until 1:00 p.m.

Afternoon Session

Chair Chrystal called the workshop back to order.

Session Three: Successfully Conducting a Hearing

The Honorable Elaine Andrews, the Honorable Kathleen Franklin, and the Honorable Chris Kennedy led a discussion with the five commissioners on a judicial perspective of the LBC practices.

The workshop paused for a short break following the judges' presentation.

Session Four: LBC Petitions and Hearings.

Conducting LBC meetings

Brent Williams gave a presentation on the purpose and responsibilities, and expectations of staff and commission, and also included topics such as agendas, and meeting materials.

Meetings Best Practices

Glen Hamburg's presentation included a discussion of Alaska's Open Meetings Act, and best practices for public comment in meetings, as well as other topics.

Closing Comments From Commissioners and LBC Staff

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.