



Public Naming Commission

May 13, 2026

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

City Hall, 632 W 6th Ave, Conference Room #155

Anchorage, AK 99501

Darrel Hess, Chair
Cuckoo Gupta
Selma Khan

Jennifer Harrison, Vice Chair
Kevin Heller
Ayse Gilbert

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Land Acknowledgement

A land acknowledgement is a formal statement recognizing the Indigenous people of a place. It is a public gesture of appreciation for the past and present Indigenous stewardship of the lands that we now occupy. It is an actionable statement that marks our collective movement towards decolonization and equity. The Public Naming Commission would like to acknowledge that we gather today on the traditional lands of the Dena'ina Athabascans. For thousands of years the Dena'ina have been and continue to be the stewards of this land. It is with gratitude and respect that we recognize the contributions, innovations, and contemporary perspectives of the upper Cook Inlet Dena'ina.

4. Approval of the Agenda

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings

- a. November 12, 2025
- b. December 10, 2025
- c. March 12, 2026

6. Unfinished Business

7. New Business

- a. Elect a Chair and Vice Chair
- b. Downtown Library Naming Request
- c. Centennial Park Naming Request

d. Eagle River Town Square Park Renaming Request

8. Member Comments

9. Audience Participation

10. Adjournment



**Municipality of Anchorage
Public Naming Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of November 12, 2025**

1. Call to Order

Chair Hess convened the meeting at 4:03 p.m. in City Hall, 632 W. 6th Ave, Conference Room #155, Anchorage, Alaska.

2. Roll Call

Present: Jennifer Harrison, Selma Khan, Kevin Heller, Cuckoo Gupta, and Darrel Hess
Absent: None

Also in attendance was Jamie Heinz, Municipal Clerk.

3. Land Acknowledgement

Chair Hess read the land acknowledgement.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Selma Khan moved,
Jennifer Harrison seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business item A. 2026 Meeting Calendar. There was no objection.

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings

a. October 8, 2025

Selma Khan moved,
Kevin Heller seconded, to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2025 meeting. There was no objection.

6. Unfinished Business

a. Indigenous Naming Pathway Policy/Consultation Steps

b. Joint Native Village of Eklutna and Anchorage Assembly Meeting

6. New Business

a. 2026 Meeting Calendar

It was decided the Commission would continue to meet on the second Wednesday of the month from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in a hybrid format.

7. Member Comments – Vice Chair Harrison spoke.

Chair Hess spoke.

Member Khan spoke.

8. Audience Participation – None.

9. Adjournment

Jennifer Harrison moved,
Kevin Heller seconded, to adjourn at 4:55 p.m. There was no objection.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Heinz, Municipal Clerk, MMC.
JH/jh

For detailed Board discussion, please refer to the recording of this meeting located on the Municipal Website at <http://www.muni.org/Residents/Pages/MuniMeetings.aspx>.



**Municipality of Anchorage
Public Naming Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of December 10, 2025**

1. Call to Order

Chair Hess convened the meeting at 4:03 p.m. in City Hall, 632 W. 6th Ave, Conference Room #240, Anchorage, Alaska.

2. Roll Call

Present: Jennifer Harrison, Selma Khan, Cuckoo Gupta, and Darrel Hess

Absent: Kevin Heller

Also in attendance was Jamie Heinz, Municipal Clerk.

There was no quorum.

3. Land Acknowledgement

Chair Hess read the land acknowledgement.

4. Approval of the Agenda

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings

6. Unfinished Business

- a. Indigenous Naming Pathway Policy/Consultation Steps for the Joint Native Village of Eklutna and Anchorage Assembly Meeting

7. New Business

- a. Meet and Greet with the Anchorage Parks & Recreation Representative

8. Member Comments – None.

9. Audience Participation – None.

10. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Heinz, Municipal Clerk, MMC.

JH/jh

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**Municipality of Anchorage
Public Naming Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of March 12, 2026**

1. Call to Order

Chair Hess convened the meeting at 4:03 p.m. in City Hall, 632 W. 6th Ave, Conference Room #155, Anchorage, Alaska.

2. Roll Call

Present: Jennifer Harrison, Cuckoo Gupta, Kevin Heller, and Darrel Hess
Absent: Selma Khan

Also in attendance was Jamie Heinz, Municipal Clerk.

There was no quorum.

3. Land Acknowledgement

Vice Chair Harrison read the land acknowledgement.

4. Approval of the Agenda

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings

6. Unfinished Business

- a. Indigenous Naming Pathway Policy/Consultation

7. New Business

- a. Elect a Chair and Vice Chair

8. Member Comments – None.

9. Audience Participation – None.

10. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Heinz, Municipal Clerk, MMC.
JH/jh

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