



**Municipality of Anchorage
Public Naming Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of May 13, 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, Ayse Gilbert, and Darrel Hess

Absent: Selma Khan

Also in attendance was Jasmine Acres, Deputy Municipal Clerk.

3. Land Acknowledgement

Vice Chair Harrison read the land acknowledgement.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Jennifer Harrison moved, to approve the Agenda of the
Kevin Heller seconded, Public Naming Commission
Meeting of May 13, 2026

and the motion passed without objection.

With unanimous consent, the Chair moved to amend the agenda to add under Unfinished Business 6.a. Indigenous Naming Pathway Policy/Consultation.

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Jennifer Harrison moved, to approve the Minutes of the
Kevin Heller seconded, Public Naming Commission
Meeting of November 12, 2025,
December 10, 2025, and March 12,
2026

and the motion passed without objection.

6. Unfinished Business

- a. Indigenous Naming Pathway Policy/Consultation

7. New Business

a. Elect a Chair and Vice Chair

Member Harrison nominated Member Hess as Chair. There were no other nominations. There was no objection to Member Hess serving as Chair. Member Hess was elected Chair.

Member Hess nominated Member Harrison as Vice Chair. There were no other nominations. There was no objection to Member Harrison serving as Vice Chair. Member Harrison was elected Vice Chair.

b. Downtown Library Naming Request

Jennifer Harrison moved,
Kevin Heller seconded,

to set the public hearing of the
Downtown Library Naming Request
for the Public Naming Commission
Meeting of June 10, 2026

and the motion passed without objection.

Marjorie Harrison, Anchorage Public Library, Director, spoke.

Rebecca Windt Pearson, Municipal Manager, spoke.

Jasmine Acres, Deputy Municipal Clerk, spoke.

c. Centennial Park Naming Request

d. Eagle River Town Square Park Renaming Request

Patti Wilson, Board of Directors, Chugiak-Eagle River Historical Society, spoke.

8. Member Comments –

Kevin Heller spoke.

Cuckoo Gupta spoke.

Darrel Hess spoke.

9. Audience Participation – None.

10. Adjournment

Jennifer Harrison moved,
Ayse Gilbert seconded,

to adjourn the Public Naming
Commission Meeting of
May 13, 2026 at 5:23 p.m.

and the motion passed without 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>.