



**Friday, December 5, 2025
Joint School Board - Assembly Meeting**

**Anchorage School District
5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd.
Anchorage, AK 99504
Boardroom**

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10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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LIVESTREAM

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<https://www.youtube.com/user/AnchorageSD>.

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ON-DEMAND

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SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Carl Jacobs - President, Margo Bellamy - Vice-President, Andy Holleman, Dave Donley, Pat Higgins, Kelly Lessens, Dora Wilson

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Dr. Jharrett Bryantt, Superintendent

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ASSEMBLY MEMBERS

Christopher Constant - Chair, Anna Brawley - Vice Chair, Jared Goecker, Scott Myers, Daniel Volland, Kameron Perez-Verdia, Erin Baldwin Day, Felix Rivera, George Martinez, Yarrow Silvers, Zac Johnson, Keith McCormick

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Suzanne LaFrance, Mayor

A. Call to Order, Roll Call, Flag Salute, Land Acknowledgment

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B. Minutes of Previous Joint Meeting

1. September 26, 2025 Meeting Minutes

C. Approval of Agenda

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D. Public Participation

1. Student Comments

2. Public Comment

3. Written Public Comments

E. Financial Planning

1. Budget Update - ASD

F. Capital Improvement Needs

1. 2026 Bond - ASD

G. Comprehensive Plan (Land Use Matters)

H. Other Matters of Mutual Concern

1. SROs - ASD
2. Discussion re AR 2025-46, Annual Youth Voter Registration Drive – MOA

I. Member Comments

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J. Schedule of Upcoming Joint Meeting(s)

1. 2026 Dates TBD

K. Adjournment

1. Adjournment



MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY AND ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD



September 26, 2025

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
City Hall, Conference Room 155
632 West 6th Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska

(A complete recording of this meeting is located on the Municipal Website at <https://www.muni.org/Residents/Pages/MuniMeetings.aspx>, and specifically at the following link [Joint Assembly and Anchorage School Board Meeting](#))

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Joint Meeting of the Anchorage Assembly and Anchorage School Board was convened by Assembly Chair Constant at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

A. Anchorage Assembly Present:

PRESENT: Assembly Chair Christopher Constant, Assembly Vice-Chair, Assembly Members Erin Baldwin Day, Jared Goecker, Zac Johnson, Scott Myers, Kameron Perez-Verdia, Felix Rivera, and Yarrow Silvers

EXCUSED: George Martinez

ABSENT: Keith McCormick and Daniel Volland

Clerk's Note: Assembly Members Baldwin Day and Johnson joined the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Clerk's Note: Assembly Members Rivera was excused from the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

B. Anchorage School Board Present:

PRESENT: School Board President Carl Jacobs, School Board Vice-President Margo Bellamy, School Board Members Dave Donley, Pat Higgins, Andy Holleman, and Kelly Lessons, and Dora Wilson

EXCUSED: None.

ABSENT: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Anchorage School Board Member Donley led the Pledge.

Anchorage School Board President Jacobs read the Land Acknowledgement.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS JOINT MEETING – *None.*

Anna Brawley moved, to approve the Minutes of the Joint School
Felix Rivera seconded, Board/Assembly Meeting of June 6, 2025
and the motion passed with unanimous consent.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Anna Brawley moved, to approve the agenda
Scott Myers seconded,

and the motion passed with unanimous consent.

Clerk's Note: By unanimous consent, Assembly Chair Constant changed the order of the day to take up items 6.C. and 6.D. before 6.A. and 6.B.

4. FINANCIAL PLANNING

4.A. Final Report and Update on Budget - ASD

Andrew Ratliff, Anchorage School Board, Chief Financial Officer, spoke.

Dr. Jharrett Bryantt, Anchorage School District, Superintendent, spoke.

5. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS NEEDS

6. OTHER MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN

6.A. Rightsizing - ASD

Dr. Jharrett Bryantt, Anchorage School District, Superintendent, spoke.

Jim Anderson, Anchorage School District, Chief Operating Officer, spoke.

6.B. School Based Health Centers - ASD

Allison Susel, Anchorage School District, Director of Student Support, spoke.

Heather Ireland, Anchorage School-Based Health Centers, Executive Director, spoke.

6.C. Assembly Task Force to Reimagine the Public Safety Advisory Commission - Assembly

6.D. ASD Bus Barn Location – ASD & Assembly

7. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (Land Use Matters)

8. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING JOINT MEETING(S)

8.A. December 5, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – ASD Hosts

9. MEMBER COMMENTS

Margo Bellamy, Anchorage School Board, Vice-President, spoke.

Kelly Lessens, Anchorage School Board Member, spoke.

Dave Donley, Anchorage School Board Member, spoke.

Pat Higgins, Anchorage School Board Member, spoke.

Andy Holleman, Anchorage School Board Member, spoke.

Erin Baldwin Day, Assembly Member, spoke.

Kameron Perez-Verdia, Assembly Member, spoke.

Anna Brawley, Assembly Member, spoke.

Dr. Jharrett Bryantt, Anchorage School District, Superintendent, spoke.

Carl Jacobs, Anchorage School Board, President, spoke.

Christopher Constant, Assembly Chair, spoke.

10. FINAL AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Clerk's Note: By unanimous consent, Chair Constant extended the meeting by 6-minutes.

Caroline Storm, Coalition for Education Equity, Executive Director, testified.

Andrew Gray, State House Representative, testified.

There being no further business before the Assembly and the Anchorage School Board, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Constant at 11:59 p.m.

Christopher Constant ,
Anchorage Assembly Chair

Carl Jacobs,
Anchorage School Board President

ATTEST:

Jamie Heinz, MMC, Municipal Clerk
Date Minutes Approved: _____.

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Municipal Clerk's Office
Approved
Date: **February 11, 2025**

Submitted by: Assembly Chair Constant on
behalf of Youth Members Mika
Bell, Bruno Bookman, and Kynnedi
Grady, and Mayor LaFrance
Prepared by: Legislative Services Office
For reading: February 11, 2025

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2025-46

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY CALLING UPON THE
ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO HOLD AN ANNUAL YOUTH VOTER
REGISTRATION DRIVE TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN REGULAR
MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.**

WHEREAS, more than 10k students attend Anchorage high schools, according to
the National Center for Education Statistics; and

WHEREAS, voting in local, state and federal elections is a core right, an obligation
of citizenship and a primary vehicle to ensure government is built by and for the
people; and

WHEREAS, data from Pew Research Center indicates that people between the
ages of 18 and 35 are now as large a force as the baby-boom generation,
comprising more than 31 percent of the overall electorate; and

WHEREAS, after historically high youth voter turnout of over 50% in the 2020
presidential contest, the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and
Engagement estimates that only 42% of youth (ages 18-29) voted in 2024; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage's local government decisions affect crucial issues like
education, public safety, and the economy, making it necessary for young adults to
be informed and engaged in the electoral process; and

WHEREAS, the school district plays a critical role in encouraging civic engagement
by providing students with the knowledge and resources necessary to become
informed and active participants in voting and giving them a voice in politics; and

WHEREAS, voting is a civic duty and efforts should be made to ensure eligible youth
are made aware of it; and

WHEREAS, past efforts to immerse young adults in Anchorage have shown that
accessible voter registration opportunities increase turnout and long-term
participation in local elections; and

WHEREAS, 3,988 Anchorage School District students in grades 6-12 cast ballots
in the fall 2024 Anchorage Youth Vote mock election; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, the 26th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution was adopted,
lowering the voting age to 18; and

1 **WHEREAS**, municipal residents who are US citizens and turn 18 on or before
2 Election Day can register to vote within 90 days of their birthday and no later than
3 30 days before the election; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, the deadline to register to vote in the April 1, 2025 Regular Municipal
6 Election is Sunday, March 2, 2025.
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8 **NOW THEREFORE**, the Anchorage Assembly calls upon the Anchorage School
9 Board and District Superintendent to hold a district-wide one-week voter registration
10 drive for the 2025 Regular Municipal Election, and annually thereafter, run by the
11 student government association or equivalent leadership program at each high
12 school, amplifying nonpartisan information about how to register to vote, why to
13 register to vote, where to find information about what is on the ballot, information
14 about the current voting system, and anything else deemed beneficial, in both paper
15 and digital formats as appropriate.
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17 **PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Anchorage Assembly this 11th day of February,
18 2025.
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21 *Christopher Constant*

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23 **ATTEST:**

Chair

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26 *Janie Tung*

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28 **Municipal Clerk**