

# **Joint Meeting of the Anchorage Assembly and the Native Village of Eklutna Anchorage Alaska**

*Chin'an gu ninyu "thank you, you came here."*

*Joint meetings are part of AO 2020-137(S) Establishing Government-to-Government relations between the Municipality of Anchorage and the Sovereign Native Village of Eklutna.*

## **Meeting Details**

April 10, 2025

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

City Hall, 632 W. 6th Ave., Room 155

### **1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

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.

At this joint meeting, the Anchorage Assembly and the Native Village of Eklutna, as sovereign governments, would like to acknowledge that we gather today on the traditional home 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 gratefulness and respect that we recognize the contributions, innovations, and contemporary perspectives of the upper Cook Inlet Dena'ina.

The Joint Meeting of the Anchorage Assembly and the Native Village of Eklutna was convened by the Chair Constant at 4:00 p.m.

### **Roll Call**

#### **Anchorage Assembly Present:**

PRESENT: Assembly Chair Christopher Constant, Assembly Vice-Chair Meg Zaletel, Assembly Members Zac Johnson, Karen Bronga Scott Myers, George Martinez, Felix Rivera, Mark Littlefield, Daniel Volland, Anna Brawley, and Kameron Perez-Verdia.

EXCUSED: Assembly Member Sulte

A quorum was achieved with 11 Assembly members present or participating telephonically.

PRESENT: Assembly Chair Christopher Constant, Assembly Vice-Chair Meg Zaletel, Assembly Members Zac Johnson, Karen Bronga Scott Myers, George Martinez, Felix Rivera, Randy Sulte, Mark Littlefield, Daniel Volland, Anna Brawley, and Kameron Perez-Verdia.

EXCUSED: None.

A quorum was achieved with 12 Assembly members present or participating telephonically.

Clerk's Note: Assembly Member Sulte joined the meeting telephonically at 4:24pm

**Native Village of Eklutna Tribal Council Present:**

PRESENT: Aaron Leggett, President and Chair; Shirley Craig, Vice President; Kim Zello, Treasurer; Amanda Adams, Secretary; Angeleen Waskey, Trustee; Eleanor Wilde, Trustee

ABSENT: Trustee; Dustin Lorah.

**Pledge of Allegiance and Land Acknowledgement**

Christopher Constant, Chair, Assembly Member, led the Pledge.

Christopher Constant, Chair, read the Land Acknowledgement.

**2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS JOINT MEETING**

**A. Approval of September 5, 2024 Meeting Minutes.**

Aaron Leggett moved, to Approve the September 5, 2024  
Daniel Volland seconded, Meeting Minutes

**and this motion Passed with unanimous consent.**

Clerk's Note: There was no objection to change the order of the day to take up resolutions.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- A. Introductions and housekeeping**
- General Update from Native Village of Eklutna
  - General Update from Municipality of Anchorage
  - 10-minute break

**4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

- A. Items of Mutual Interest**
- Resolutions

Clerk's Note: There was no objection to laying both resolutions on the table.

**Resolution No. AR 2025-122, a resolution of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly authorizing the Anchorage Assembly Chair to sign a joint resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage and the Native Village of**

**Eklutna honoring Veronica Slajer and Karl Ohls of North Star Group for their critical support in establishing a government-to-government relationship between the Native Village of Eklutna and the Municipality of Anchorage. (Laid-on-the-Table.)**

Daniel Volland moved, to Approve AR 2025-122  
Meg Zaletel seconded,

**and this motion Passed with unanimous consent.**

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Aaron Leggett moved, to Approve the Joint Resolution No.  
Meg Zaletel seconded, 2025-001

**and this motion Passed with unanimous consent.**

Veronica Slajer, North Star Group, Founder/CSP Advisor spoke.

- Briefing re Gathering Place
- Eklutna River Restoration
- Update from Anchorage Hydropower Utility
- Updates re Placemaking
- Eklutna Inc Parking Agreement
- MOA Boards and Commissions

**B. Ongoing Initiatives**

- Placenames
- Education
- Public Safety
- Gaming Hall
- Use of Alcohol Tax Funds for Culturally Relevant Programming for Youth Prevention Activities
- Municipal Employee Training
- Other items

**C. Process Improvement**

- Action items

**5. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING JOINT MEETING(S)**

- A.**
- December 11, 2025 – JNVE Hosts
  - Content for next meeting

**6. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**7. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Clerk's Note: There was no objection to extending the meeting for three speakers and member comments.

Debbie Ossiander spoke.

Dan Kendall spoke.

Don Mitchell spoke.

**8. MEMBER COMMENTS**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The Joint meeting of the Anchorage Assembly and the native Village of Eklutna was adjourned by Chair Constant at 6:20 p.m.

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