

Municipal Boards and Commissions

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Purpose: Listed below are the currently active municipal boards and commissions in alphabetical order, excluding service area supervisory boards. This document provides a snapshot of all active boards and commissions, as well as documenting boards that have been recently repealed or sunsetted, and references to the Charter (if applicable) and municipal code.

Charter § 5.07, Boards and Commissions, sets out requirements to establish advisory, regulatory, appellate or quasi-judicial boards or commissions, and the powers of appointment of members by the Mayor and confirmation of each by the Assembly. A few boards or commissions are required by the Home Rule Charter, some have unique features.

Background: Shortly after unification creating the Municipality, several boards and commissions from the City of Anchorage and the Greater Anchorage Area Borough re-established within the new local government through AO 77-76; new AMC Title 4 was adopted with a few additional commissions added in AO 77-299.

While board members are generally volunteers who serve without compensation (with a few exceptions), each entity incurs municipal costs for staffing, meeting site planning, equipment and logistics, and overhead. A sunset (termination) and reauthorization system was created in the 2000s to ensure close, regular Assembly oversight of the efficacy and necessity of each.

How boards work: With a few exceptions, all boards and commissions are listed in Title 4 of the Anchorage Municipal Code. Chapter 4.05 contains rules and procedures that govern boards and commissions, unless otherwise provided in a specific ordinance: three-year terms for members, with removal only for cause, and automatic sunset of most entities every three years in October, unless reauthorized by Assembly action. For each board or commission's specific purpose, function and duties, refer to the referenced code section or the original enabling ordinance.

How the sunset process works: For the year in which a board is scheduled to sunset, the Municipal Office of Internal Audit produces a sunset audit report for each one, as part of the annual audit plan. In June, the Clerk's Office introduces an ordinance through the chair listing each board and commission scheduled to sunset in October, with a public hearing set for the first regular Assembly meeting in October, to allow for action prior to the sunset date of October 14.

Certain boards and commissions are not subject to the automatic sunset: boards required by the Charter, boards that have a utility or public corporate governance function, and boards that have regulatory and adjudicatory functions.

Key:

	Charter Required
	Adjudicatory (usually also has a secondary advisory function)
	Advise, investigate, or recommend on adjudicatory matters
	Advisory

Title	Charter (if any) & Code Reference	Date Created & Enabling Ordinance	Sunset Provision, Date	Notes
Anchorage Child Care and Early Education (ACCEE) Fund Board	Charter § 6.06 AMC 4.40.180 and 16.57.010	July 16, 2024 AO 2024-61(S-1), As Amended	No	Created at the time Charter 6.06 was enacted by approval of the voters and retail marijuana sales tax revenues were dedicated to child care and early education programs.
Americans with Disabilities Act Advisory Commission	AMC 4.60.240	February 25, 1992 AO 1992-008(S)	Yes, commission shall terminate on October 14, 2025 , unless affirmatively continued by the assembly.	Terminated October 2022, after reauthorized for one year, and then reestablished by AO 2024-66.
Anchorage Community Development Authority Board of Directors	AMC 25.35.030	Established February 28, 1984, as part of the Anchorage Parking Authority, AO No. 84-10(S).	No	Board of directors is not subject to Titles 3, 4, 6, or 7, but shall be subject to applicable State of Alaska law regarding meetings of public

		ACDA was created in 2004, AO 2004-181(S-1), as an instrument of the municipality existing independently, and replacing the former Anchorage Parking Authority.		authorities and public records disclosure.
Anchorage Equal Rights Commission	Charter Section 17.02 and AMC 5.10	November 9, 1976 Established with Charter adoption and subsequent ordinance. AO No. 76-203	No	
Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery Advisory Board	AMC 4.60.230	April 2, 1991 AO No. 91-33	No	AMC Chapter 25.60 governs the Cemetery operations and rules.
Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area Commission	AMC 4.60.090	November 25, 1975. Newly established after unification, dissolving city and borough commissions. AO No. 75-50	No	One of its duties is to advise the Public Naming Commission on selections of names for park sites and park or recreation facilities in the Anchorage Bowl (service area) under the provisions of chapter 1.80. This is NOT a service area supervisory

				board, but advises on matters pertaining to the service area.
Anchorage Regional Landfill Closure & Post-Closure Care Investment Fund Board	AMC 26.80.065 and AMC 4.50.100	December 20, 2016 AO NO. 2016-149 Repealed and re-enacted in 2021, AO 2021-34.	No	Accumulating funds for the closure and post-closure care liability required by federal law for all landfill operators, 40 C.F.R. Parts 257 and 258,
Animal Control Advisory Board	AMC 4.60.180	September 25, 1979 AO No. 79-173	No	
Arts Advisory Commission	AMC 4.60.150	May 10, 1977 AO No. 77-130	Yes, commission shall terminate on October 14, 2025 , unless affirmatively continued by the assembly.	
AWWU Board of Directors	AMC 4.80.020	September 13, 2005 AO No. 2005-107	No	Originated in 2005 as part of Title 31, Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility, AO 2005-107. Title 31 was repealed in 2011, AO No. 2011-24(S). Prior to converting to a Board of Directors form of governance, the Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utilities Commission was advisory and carried over from the City

				of Anchorage Code, existing until 2005.
Bidding Review Board	AMC 4.50.020	Pre-MOA, July 22, 1975. See: CAC 4.37.011-.050. (Ord. 75-20) March 8, 1977 AO No. 77-76	No	Charter § 5.07 allows the Assembly to designate itself a board of review. Only meets as needed when matters are referred.
Board of Adjustment	AMC 4.40.131 and AMC 21.02.070, with duties and procedures set forth in AMC 21.03.050A.	July 8, 2003 AO No. 2003-58 and AO No. 2003-101	No	Charter § 5.07 allows the Assembly to designate itself a board of adjustment, which it did until creation of this board in 2003.
Board of Building Regulations Examiners and Appeals	AMC 4.40.030 with duties set forth in AMC 23.10.103.	November 25, 1975. Newly established after unification, dissolving city and borough boards. See: AO No. 75-50	No	
Board of Equalization	AMC 4.40.040 with composition, duties, and procedures set forth in AMC 12.05.050-.055.	Pre-MOA See: AO No. 75-49 and AO No. 75-50.	No	Charter § 5.07 allows the Assembly to designate itself a board of equalization. The Assembly may designate its members to this Board to serve each year, if reasonable and prudent to do so.

Board of Ethics	AMC 4.40.050 with duties set forth in Chapter 1.15	Pre-MOA See: GAAB 4.15.020—4.15.040, and AO No. 75-50.	No	Charter §§ 17.03-.04 sets out relevant conflicts of interest and prohibitions.
Budget Advisory Commission	AMC 4.50.030	Pre-MOA See: CAC 2.64.180—2.64.190, and AO No. 75-50	No	
Chugiak-Eagle River Advisory Board	AMC 4.60.105	June 4, 2013 AO No. 2013-71	No	The mandate to create this board in AMC 21.10.030B. was one product of the Title 21 rewrite.
Election Commission	AMC 4.50.045 with duties set forth in Chapter 28.120	Pre-MOA, repealed, and a new chapter enacted in 1976. See: AO 75-75.	No	The commission's primary role is to adjudicate ballots or to resolve challenged ballots.
Emergency Medical Service Board	AMC 4.40.065 , with duties set forth in AMC 16.95.025	Sections of GAAB repealed and a Title 16, "Health," enacted December 7, 1976 AO No. 255-76	No	Can revoke or suspend an EMS certification.
Employee Relations Board	AMC 4.40.070 with duties set forth in Title 3	Pre-MOA GAAB sections substantially amended April 5, 1976 AO No. 69-75	No	Hears unfair labor practices or other union/management issues.

Geotechnical Advisory Commission	AMC 4.50.050	January 27, 1976 AO No. 62-75	No	Acts in an advisory capacity to the Platting Board and the Planning and Zoning Commission.
Heritage Land Bank Advisory Commission	AMC 4.60.200 with purpose and mission set forth in Chapter 25.40.	August 1, 1983 AO No. 83-86	Yes, commission shall terminate on October 14, 2027 unless affirmatively continued by the assembly.	Formerly the Land Trust Fund Council, made up of heads of several departments (AO 152-76).
Historic Preservation Commission	AMC 4.60.030	Pre-MOA See: CAC 2.64.680— 2.64.690	No	Related provisions: Historic Preservation Project Fund, Chapter 6.100.
Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development Commission	AMC 4.60.260	May 4, 1993 (approved by veto override and was originally the Anchorage Housing Commission) AO No. 93-64(S)	Yes, commission shall terminate on October 14, 2025 , unless affirmatively continued by the assembly.	
Human Resources Advisory Board	AMC 4.60.095 with duties set forth in AMC 3.30.015.	April 5, 1976 AO No. 48-76	No	Formerly the Personnel Review Board.
Library Advisory Board	AMC 4.60.040	Pre-MOA. See: CAC 2.64.370—2.64.380.	Yes, board shall terminate on October 14, 2027	

			unless affirmatively continued by the assembly.	
MOA Trust Fund Board of Trustees	Charter § 13.11 and AMC 4.40.170	June 20, 2023 AO 2023-68 MOA Trust Fund established in 1989 AO No. 89-27(S), Prop. 1.	No	The Board of Trustees must comply with provisions of AMC 6.50.060, MOA Trust Fund. From 1995 to 2023 the duties were performed by the Investment Advisory Commission. AMC 4.50.090 (repealed). See AO 95-46.
Municipal Airports Aviation Advisory Commission	AMC 4.60.160	July 19, 1977 AO No. 77-213	Yes, commission shall terminate on October 14, 2027 unless affirmatively continued by the assembly.	
Municipal Health and Human Services Commission	AMC 4.60.060	Sections of GAAB were repealed and a Title 16, "Health," was enacted December 7, 1976 AO No. 255-76	Yes, commission shall terminate on October 14, 2027 unless affirmatively continued by the assembly.	Formerly the Anchorage Health Commission, repealed and re-enacted by AO 85-42(S-A).
Municipal Military and Veterans Affairs Commission	AMC 4.60.220	May 17, 1988 AO No. 88-32(S-1)	No	
Municipal Women's Commission	AMC 4.60.210	September 4, 1984	Yes, commission shall terminate on	

		AO No. 84-188	October 14, 2025 , unless affirmatively continued by the assembly.	
On-Site Water and Wastewater Technical Review Board	AMC 4.40.150	May 20, 1986 AO No. 86-21	Yes, board shall terminate on October 14, 2025 , unless affirmatively continued by the assembly.	Hears and decides appeals related to Chapters 15.55 and 15.65
Planning and Zoning Commission	Charter § 12.02 . AMC 4.40.100 with duties set forth in AMC 21.02.030	Pre-MOA See: GAAB 21.30.020	No	Charter Section 12.02. “There shall be a Planning Commission constituted as provided by ordinance.”
Platting Board	AMC 4.40.110 with duties set forth in AMC 21.02.050	Pre-MOA See: GAAB 21.30.130	No	
Police and Fire Retirement System Board of Trustees*	AMC ch. 3.85 and 3.85.020 - Administration of the retirement system	July 1, 1977 AO No. 77-205 Repealed and re- enacted as part of a judicially approved settlement, AO 2000- 65.	No	*Board composition set by law as part of a contractual relationship in accordance with the provisions of Article XII, Section 7, of the Constitution of Alaska.

Port Commission	AMC 4.40.020 with duties set forth in AMC 11.50.030	Pre-MOA See: CAC 12.04.010— 12.04.050	No	
Port of Alaska Modernization Program Design Advisory Board	AMC 4.50.110 with duties set forth in AMC 11.50.035	July 28, 2020 AO No. 2020-81	Yes, board shall terminate on October 14, 2026 , unless affirmatively continued by the assembly.	Reauthorized and modified, AO 2024-67(S-1).
Pre-Funding Investment Board	AMC 4.40.112 with duties set forth in AMC 3.88.030	March 7, 1995 AO No. 95-63	No	
Public Naming Commission	AMC 4.60.035 to implement the standards for public naming set forth in chapter 1.80.	September 12, 2023 AO No. 2023-48(S)	Yes, commission shall terminate on October 14, 2026 , unless affirmatively continued by the assembly.	History of the naming of public places and shifts between citizen panels and a commission is detailed in AM 267-2023.
Public Transit Advisory Board	AMC 4.60.100	Pre-MOA See: GAAB 5.80.010—5.80.020, adopted by AO 75-50.	Yes, board shall terminate on October 14, 2027 , unless affirmatively continued by the assembly.	

Salaries and Emoluments Commission	Charter § 5.08 And AMC ch. 4.10.	Established in the original Charter. Amended twice via ballot proposition: • 1994, AO No. 94-92, prop. 1 • 2013, AO No. 2013-93, prop. 8	No	
Senior Citizens Advisory Commission	AMC 4.60.110	March 9, 1976 AO No. 49-76	Yes, commission shall terminate on October 14, 2027 , unless affirmatively continued by the assembly.	
Sister Cities Commission	AMC 4.60.120	Pre-MOA See: CAC 2.64.640—2.64.660. Adopted by AO No. 75-50.	No	
Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Commission	AMC 4.70.040	July 20, 1982 AO No. 82-92	No	
Stormwater utility commission	AMC 4.70.070	September 24, 2019 AO No. 2019-113(S)	No	

Transportation Commission	AMC 4.40.120 with duties set forth in Title 11.	Pre-MOA See: CAC 2.64.480, adopted by AO No. 75.50.	No	
Urban Design Commission	AMC 4.40.125 with duties set forth in AMC 21.02.040.	Pre-MOA See: CAC 2.64.520—2.64.540, adopted by AO No. 75.50.	Yes, commission shall terminate on October 14, 2025 , unless affirmatively continued by the assembly.	Formerly called the Urban Beautification Commission.
Watershed and Natural Resources Advisory Commission	AMC 4.90.010	July 29, 2008 AO No. 2008-89	Yes, the commission was affirmatively continued by assembly reauthorization until October 14, 2026 .	Formerly called the Aquatic Resource Commission established in 1991, and sunset in 1994. A Watershed Task Force was convened in 2005 and led to establishment of the new commission.
Youth Advisory Commission	AMC 4.60.275	March 7, 1995 AO No. 95-64	Yes, commission shall terminate on October 14, 2027 , unless affirmatively continued by the Assembly.	
Zoning Board of Examiners and Appeals	AMC 4.40.130 with duties set forth in AMC 21.02.060.	Pre-MOA	No	

		See: CAC 21.30.250, adopted by AO No. 75-50.		
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Recently Repealed Municipal Boards and Commissions

**Disclaimer: This is not a list of all boards and commissions which have been repealed, only those done recently.*

Board/Commission Title	Code/Charter Reference	Date created (if known)	Notes.
Houseless Lived Experience Advisory Board	AMC 4.60.250 – Repealed	August 31, 2021 AO 2021-76	Sunset October 14, 2024, AO No. 2024-72.
Public Safety Advisory Commission	AMC 4.60.270	July 25, 1995 AO No. 95-65(S-2)	Commission terminated January 31, 2024. AO No. 2024-34 to reestablish the commission was postponed indefinitely. Efforts underway to explore reimagine the commission. Task Force created, AR No. 2025-111, As Amended.