



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
Anchorage Equity Committee of the Assembly
AGENDA

September 28, 2023

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Assembly Conference Room 155 and Zoom
City Hall; 632 W. 6th Ave. Anchorage, Alaska

Committee Co-Chairs

Thea Agnew Bemben

Reverend Leon May

Assembly Liaisons

Kameron Perez-Verdia

Felix Rivera

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Land and Labor Acknowledgement with Tafilisaunoa Tolafoa (See Sample Below)

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – 50 minutes

- a. Update on Language Access Audit with Scott Lee, Acting Internal Audit Director
- b. Housing and Homelessness Discussion with Health Department
- c. Status of Ordinances (Welcoming Week; Language Access; Naming Panel/Don Young)
- d. Update Certified Welcoming Committee
- e. Identify Committee Member to become Liaison for Housing and Homelessness Committee

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. New Member Nominations – 5 minutes
- b. Committee Updates – 10 minutes
 - i. Member updates: Please share Community or Organization events or projects. Please send event information to AECstaff@anchorageak.gov to add to calendar.
- c. Assembly Updates – 10 minutes
 - i. Member updates
- d. Community or Data Presentation & Discussion – 10 minutes
 - i. Follow up with Technical Assistance Award from ChangeLab – work must be completed by December 31, 2023
- e. Wrap Up and Preparation for Next Meeting – 5 minutes
 - i. Identify questions or other items to forward to Assembly
 - ii. Identify any actions to be completed before next meeting

5. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

6. ADJOURNMENT

ANNUAL LIST OF COMMITTEE LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET PRIORITIES

a. Legislative Priorities:

- i. Review Committee Charter after 3 months, then 6 months. Thereafter, the Charter will be reviewed annually.
- ii. Plan Committee worksession in January 2023 re priorities and areas of focus
- iii. Discuss defining what a Quorum is for this Committee for the 6-Month Charter Review in June of 2023
- iv. Plan Committee worksession in June 2023
- v. Review Annual Plan Priorities in August 2023
 - Embedding Equity in Municipal Plans, Processes, and Resources
 - Meeting Basic Needs
 - Equitable Education and Opportunities

b. Budget Items for 2023:

- i. Request \$60,000 for Committee Member Honoraria, Community Engagement, and Planning
- ii. Create detailed plan for First Quarter Budget Revision to request funding
- iii. Discuss setting up Assembly Equity Grant for the Committee

Sample Land and Labor Acknowledgement
By Dolores Subia Bigfoot, PhD

We acknowledge that the land that now makes up the United States of America was the traditional home, hunting ground, trade exchange point, and migration route of more than 574 American Indian and Alaska Native federally recognized tribes and many more tribal nations that are not federally recognized or no longer exist.

We recognize the cruel legacy of slavery and colonialism in our nation and acknowledge the people whose labor was exploited for generations to help establish the economy of the United States.

We honor indigenous, enslaved, and immigrant peoples' resilience, labor, and stewardship of the land and commit to creating a future founded on respect, justice, and inclusion for all people as we work to heal the deepest generational wounds.

