



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood
Development (HHAND)
Advisory Commission
SUMMARY MINUTES
October 01, 2025



Call to Order

The Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development (HHAND) Advisory Commission meeting reached a quorum and was opened by Chair Dave Rittenberg at 4:13 PM. The meeting was staffed by the Anchorage Health Department (AHD), Human Services Division (HSD), Community Safety and Development (CSD).

A. Roll Call & Introductions (*virtual attendance italicized*):

Commissioners

Present: Chair Dave Rittenberg, Daniel Sager, D. Sheneé Williams, Laura Reijns, Dr. Marvin Johnson

Absent: Vice Chair Jessica Parks, Michelle Baker, Julie Greene-Graham

MOA Staff

AHD: Jed Drolet, CSD Program Manager; Chase Burghgrave, CSD Lead Planner; Kyle Mielke, Community Development Specialist; Valerie Madison, Community Development Specialist; Frankie Dahl, Senior Office Associate; Leila Taylor, Housing Services Division Manager; *Kimberly White, Housing & Homelessness Program Manager*; Makenna Bacon, Homelessness & Behavioral Health Research Analyst

Other Departments: *Thea Agnew Bemben, Special Assistant to the Mayor*

Guests or Presenters

Jamie Lopez, Sharon Pulou-Isaako, *Kenny Petersen*

B. Approval of Order of Business –Chair entertained a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

<u>MOTION:</u> D. Sheneé Williams
<u>SECOND:</u> Dr. Marvin Johnson
<u>DISCUSSION:</u> Commissioners agreed to push back agenda item D.1. to November's meeting.
<u>VOTE:</u> Unanimously approved

C. Approval of September 2025 minutes

<u>MOTION:</u> Laura Reijns
<u>SECOND:</u> D. Sheneé Williams
<u>DISCUSSION:</u> None
<u>VOTE:</u> Unanimously approved

D. Action Items

- Review and Approve a Resolution regarding the municipal 10,000 Homes in 10 Years initiative:**
This item was postponed until the November meeting.

E. Informational Items

1. Ongoing Business
 - a. **Update from the Special Assistant to the Mayor for Health and Homelessness:** Special Assistant to the Mayor Thea Agnew Bemben gave updates about funding for winter shelter surge capacity, ongoing construction and the RFP for the operator of the microunits project, a potential housing rehabilitation program, and blighted properties.
 - b. **Update from Housing and Homelessness:** Division Manager Leila Taylor reiterated some of the points that Thea Agnew Bemben spoke to.
 - c. **Update from Community Safety and Development:** Program Manager Jed Drolet gave updates about Emergency Rental Assistance and how the federal shut down should not impact his program significantly for the time being.
 - d. **Discussion about the 10,000 Homes in 10 Years initiative:** Vice Chair Parks and Commissioner Sager will work on a draft of a resolution to present at the November Commission Meeting.
2. New Business
 - a. **Presentation by community member Ron Alleva:** Ron Alleva was absent
 - b. **Review of the HHAND Commission Rules & Procedures:** Commissioner Williams agreed to facilitate a review of the Rules & Procedures for the November meeting.

F. General Public Comments —

1. Kenny Petersen announced the establishment of the Good Neighbor Fund.
2. Jamie Lopez spoke about his concerns about winter shelter capacity, how to improve outreach, and a need for municipally sanctioned camping.

G. Commissioner Comments —

1. Dr. Marvin Johnson announced that he is now the Interim Director of the Alaska Mental Health Consumer Web.
2. Commissioner Williams expressed a desire to know the outcomes of the Sanctioned Camping Task Force and the Complex Behavioral Health Task Force. Thea Agnew Bemben spoke to how the outcomes of both are informing the Mayor's strategies. Commissioner Williams expressed that it would be a good idea to let the others who served on the task forces know as well.

Chair Rittenberg entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:48PM

MOTION: Laura Reijns
SECOND: D. Sheneé Williams
VOTE: No Opposition

Meeting adjourned at 4:51 PM. The next HHAND Commission meeting is scheduled for November 5th, 2025, from 4:00 – 5:30 pm., at 825 L Street, Conference Room #423, and through Microsoft Teams.