



SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 25, 2026 | Anchorage Senior Activity Center/Zoom

Call to order

Gordon Glaser called the meeting to order. Meeting convened at 10:10 a.m. with a quorum. Gordon Glaser and Marie Husa welcomed new commissioners, Judy Atkins and Madeline Holdorf.

Roll call

- Present: Jim Bailey (Zoom), Anne Tompkins, Gordon Glaser, Judy Atkins, Madeline Holdorf
- Absent/unexcused: Abi Haring-Brito, Traci Willet, Suzanne Hickel
- Absent/excused: none
- Guests: Maureen Haggblom, ADRC Program Manager, Darcie Montalvo, Human Services Division Manager (Zoom), Marie Husa, Office of the Mayor, Nolan Klouda, Office of the Mayor, Teresa Holt, AARP Alaska, Sandra McMahan, Public Transportation Trainer (Zoom)
- AHD Staff: Amy Becia, ADRC

Meeting Approvals

- Approval of Agenda
Motion to amend agenda by Gordon Glaser. Commissioner Glaser's amendments were to add discussion of a volunteer recognition resolution to New Business and a presentation by Nolan Klouda on the 2026 MOA Bond Package. Seconded by Commissioner Atkins. **Hearing no objections, the motion passed.**
- Approval of Minutes - February 25, 2026
Motion by Gordon Glaser to approve minutes as presented. Second, by Judy Atkins. **Hearing no objections, the motion passed.**

Disclosures

None.

Presentations

- Nolan Klouda, Office of the Mayor presentation of 2026 MOA Bond Package. Presentation included flyer: NEED TO KNOW: BONDS AND LEVIES ON THE APRIL 2026 BALLOT.
- Age Friendly Designation, scheduled presenter, Mary Dean, was not present. Madeline Holdorf shared insights learned from AARP Community Action Team.

Legislative | AARP Report

Teresa Holt provided a description of SB 190, Uniform Act: Guardianship/Conservatorship, and requested a letter of support. **Motion by Madeline Holdorf to write a letter of support for SB 190 after proper review by the commissioners.** Second motion by Judy Atkins. **Hearing no objections, the motion passed.**

Commission Focus Points

Jim Bailey stated Mary Dean is invited to provide updates on Age Friendly Anchorage in future meetings.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

- A Resolution of the Anchorage Senior Citizens Advisory Commission Recognizing April 19-25, 2025, as Volunteer Appreciation Week. Gordon Glaser stated that a draft resolution was shared with commissioners by email. **Motion by Gordon Glaser to submit the resolution to the assembly.** Second, by Judy Atkins. Madeline Holdorf amended the motion to correct the resolution title, AR No. 2026-xxx. **Hearing no objections, the amended motion passed.**
- Older Americans month and Ron Hammett Award. Chairman Bailey stated an update will be provided in the future.

Chairman Bailey exited the meeting. Quorum ended at 11:00 a.m.

Public Participation

A member of the public spoke for about 3 minutes. Maureen Haggblom spoke about commission processes and staff support. Darcie Montalvo (Zoom) also spoke regarding commission process and staff support.

Commissioner Comments | Announcements

Judy Atkins spoke about joining the commission and Older Americans Month. Madeline Holdorf spoke about joining the commission. Anne Tompkins welcomed the new commissioners.

Adjournment

Anne Thompkins moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Atkins seconded. **Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.**



NEED TO KNOW: BONDS AND LEVIES ON THE APRIL 2026 BALLOT

About the 2026 Municipal Bond Package

Municipal bonds are a common way local governments pay for major infrastructure projects that are used over many years. Together, these measures address routine capital needs across the community, including public safety, schools, parks, transportation, and core municipal facilities.

Proposition 2: Anchorage Roads and Drainage Service Area Roads and Storm Drainage Bonds

This bond would fund capital projects to repair, upgrade, and improve roads and storm drainage infrastructure throughout the service area.

Bond amount:
\$38,450,000

Proposition 3: Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area Capital Improvement Bonds

This bond focuses on maintaining and improving existing parks and facilities by addressing safety needs, accessibility, and long-term upkeep.

Proposed projects include improvements to:

Campbell Creek Trail, Chester Creek Sports Complex, East Delaney Park, Eastchester Park, Far North Bicentennial Park, Fish Creek Trail, Forsythe Park, Hamilton Park, Mountain View Community Center, Nunaka Valley Park, Spenard Recreation Center, and Town Square Park.

Bond amount:
\$6,050,000

Proposition 4: Anchorage Metropolitan Police Service Area Bonds

Police facilities are a critical part of Anchorage's public safety infrastructure. This bond would fund needed exterior improvements and parking lot reconstruction at the Anchorage Police Department's Elmore Station to support ongoing operations.

Bond amount:
\$350,000

Proposition 5: Community Facilities Capital Improvement Project Bonds

This bond would fund repairs, renovations, and system upgrades at several key municipal facilities used by the public.

Proposed projects include:

- Facility safety and code upgrades
- Roof replacements at major municipal facilities
- Renovations at Loussac Library
- Replacement of boilers at Historic Old City Hall
- Upgrades to the Performing Arts Center

Bond amount:

\$7,150,000

Proposition 6: Areawide Public Safety and Transit Capital Improvement Bonds

Emergency response systems, traffic safety infrastructure, and public transit all rely on durable vehicles and facilities that must be updated over time.

Proposed projects include:

- Replacement ambulances
- Traffic signal systems, signage, and traffic calming improvements
- School zone safety improvements
- Transit facilities, centers, and bus stop improvements
- Replacement of transit fleet and support vehicles

Bond amount:

\$8,990,000

Proposition 7: Anchorage Fire Service Area Fire Protection Bonds

Over time, these fire engines and emergency response equipment reach the end of their service life and must be replaced to ensure reliable response across the community. This bond would fund replacement fire engine trucks for the Anchorage Fire Service Area.

Bond amount:

\$2,500,000

Proposition 8: Chugach State Park Access Service Area Capital Improvement Bonds

Safe and well-maintained access points help residents and visitors enjoy the park responsibly. This bond would fund improvements to parking, trails, and wayfinding to enhance public access to Chugach State Park.

Proposed projects include:

- Improvements to the Basher Drive Trailhead parking lot
- Extension of Lost Cabin Trail
- Acquisition and construction of Stewart Trail wayfinding and signage

Bond amount:

\$1,720,000



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Proposition 9: Anchorage School District One-Time Tax Levy

Anchorage's public schools serve thousands of students every day and play a central role in preparing the city's future workforce. The Anchorage School District is facing a projected funding shortfall of \$90 million for the 2026–27 school year, which would eliminate more than 500 staff positions, and result in increased classroom sizes, cuts to athletic programs, and more.

This one-time education tax levy gives voters the opportunity to consider additional funding to help fill that gap, which would help maintain classroom stability and educational services during the upcoming school year. It includes:



A one-time, \$11.8 million education tax levy.



\$27.40 per \$100,000 in assessed property value.



Funding to retain more than 80 educators, helping to reduce projected class size increases by 50%.

