

# Municipality of Anchorage



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Mike Edgington & Jennifer Wingard, Co-Chairs  
Briana Sullivan, Brian Burnett, Kellie Okonek*

## **February 23 2026 GBOS Regular Meeting Minutes Final**

**7:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams & Girdwood Community Room**

This hybrid meeting is taking place via Microsoft Teams & at the Girdwood Community Room, 250 Egloff Rd:

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Call to Order 7:00 p.m. Mike Edgington, Co-Chair

Land Acknowledgement: The Girdwood Board of Supervisors acknowledges the indigenous peoples of Alaska, whose land we reside on. The community of Girdwood, situated between the areas known to be Dena'ina and Alutiiq homeland, respects the people who were stewards of this land for generations. We commit to the continued stewardship of this land and are grateful to be part of a wider community that seeks to maintain a sustainable use of Girdwood Valley for present and future peoples.

Roll Call: Attending are Brian Burnett (BB), Kellie Okonek (KO), Jennifer Wingard (JW), Briana Sullivan (BS)

Disclosures: ME recused from item #6

Upcoming meetings:

GBOS Rules & Goals part 2

Date TBA

GBOS WS RE: Funding Capital projects via Leaseback Funding Date TBA

<b>Agenda Revisions and Approval:</b>	Feb 23 2026 GBOS meeting agenda approved	JW/KO Assent
<b>Minutes Approval:</b>	Jan 26 2026 MOA GBOS meeting minutes approved	BS/JW Assent
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**Consent agenda:** None

**Presentations (10 Min):** None

**Reports (5 Min):**

1. Legislative Report – Sen. Cathy Giessel, Rep. Ky Holland

Giessel: Legislature is working through supplemental budget request of \$450M, Gas Pipeline without usual fiscal information provided for a project and request for \$70M in funds vetoed by governor for roads that has federal match of \$700M

Holland: spoke during meeting between items 8 and 9: Working on letter regarding Safer Seward Highway Environmental Assessment. Working on HB346 (DOT Airport buffer from neighborhoods) and HB317 (DOT maintenance along ROW that lead to isolated residential areas, like Crow Creek Rd). CAPSIS possible funding for Whittier ambulance.

Assembly members – Z. Johnson/Keith McCormick: No Report Anchorage School Board Liaison – Andy Holleman  
Levy on ballot in spring for funds to be used by ASD for classroom instruction.

HLBAC Report – Tim Charnon. No report

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2. Supervisor Reports
  - JW: Safer Seward Highway Environmental Assessment comments due Feb 27. Public encouraged to make comments. HLBAC meeting this week has one item on the agenda re Natural Burial site in Anchorage.
  - BS: Fire Dept has several positions available – firefighter recruitment, CERT coordinator and Office Associate. WUI-CAT meeting tonight. Community Wildfire Protection Plan comments were received however no response has been received to the concerns addressed by GBOS.
  - BB: No report
  - ME: HLB 1 and 5 year plans were accepted by the Assembly. IGC work session with Office of Management and Budget provided good information on the calculations of Intergovernmental Charges. There remain questions about the assessment for liability in the roads budget and the assessment of some fire dept charges.
3. Committee updates to GBOS: None
4. Standing Reports
  - Proposed Girdwood Developments: See meeting packet
  - Girdwood Airport Parcel H: no change
  - GVSA non-property tax funds: no report
  - GBOS Rules and Procedures revisions: pending meeting
  - STR Registration and regulation: no change
5. Service Provider Reports (5 mins each)
  - Fire – Chief Weston: See meeting packet. Discussion regarding increase in insurance costs to homeowners.
  - Police – Chief Achee: Hiring for one position. No full report.
  - Roads/Parks & Rec – Kyle Kelley. See meeting packet
  - Anchorage Public Library – Katarina Pavic, Gerrish (Girdwood) Branch Manager. No report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Brice Wilbanks, candidate for GBOS seat in the spring election.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion:

GBOS moves to have Kellie Okonek chair for item #6.

Motion by KO/2<sup>nd</sup> JW.

Motion carries 5-0 by roll call vote

6. **Agenda Item LUC 2512-06:** Federation of Community Councils
  - a. Update on FCC Bylaws: Bylaws are being updated by FCC and may be voted on at their March Meeting. LUC has not made a recommendation for GBOS regarding the bylaws.
  - b. Discuss FCC delegate: GBOS has previously assigned Land Use Chair to FCC

Mike Edginginton recuses himself from FCC Bylaws discussion based on personal interest.

He is removed from the FCC delegate discussion through decision of the chair, Kellie Okonek, based on the same finding by chair at the Jan GBOS meeting. Edginginton challenges this decision by the chair but there is no second.

Several motions were made to reconsider the vote from January and return to the decision from the November GBOS Meeting, however these did not make it to a vote. Chair determines that GBOS has done what they can with the topic as it stands and that there is no additional action to be taken, considering the topic closed.

Any future action on FCC must come back through new business from Land Use.

Mike Edginginton returns to chair

7. Consider requesting amendment to 2026-0003 Amend AMC 21.05 and 21.15 to ease restrictions on agricultural uses and food production in Anchorage Bowl to include Chapter 9/Girdwood. P&Z Public Hearing is Jan 12 2026 (Edginginton)
  - <https://www.muni.org/CityViewPortal/Planning/Status?planningId=18347>

Motion:

GBOS moves to postpone this item to March.

Motion by BW/JW

Motion carries by Assent

8. **Agenda Item LUC 2510-07:** LUC recommendation for GBOS letters regarding Solid Waste Services Fee increase (to be discussed at MOA GBOS Quarterly Meeting 1/26/26) (Wilbanks/Wingard).  
Concern is for the outsized impact of increase in SWS fees in Girdwood and the need to dispose of smaller loads of trash often instead of storing up. This keeps trash away from residences and improves compliance with requirements for Secure Trash Regulation Zone. It is understood that the fees are collected by SWS but are used by Parks and Rec for trash removal in parks and public spaces. It is understood that adding Sunday service, which was also requested for consideration, is unlikely because transfer station employees are union represented and this is likely outside of their contract. Addition of recycling is a separate, but related topic, which is handled under new business later in the agenda. Local recycling would cut down on the amount of trash going to the transfer station.

Change to the fee structure, which is in place currently, would likely require a code change.

9. **Agenda Item LUC 2601-04:** LUC recommendation for GBOS action regarding Virgin Creek Avalanche Mitigation/Control Development Project Conditional Use Permit approval. (Tim Glassett, DOT&PF)  
PCZ Case 2026-0042, Amendment to T21C9 to align with the Girdwood Comprehensive Plan related to the rezone of the old gravel pit to Airport for heli-pad/avalanche mitigation in the Seward Highway Corridor. Scheduled for hearing MON March 9 at PZC. (Paul Hatcher, Current Planning, presenting)  
Resolution of Support for zoning change, Conditional Use Permit  
<https://www.muni.org/CityViewPortal/Planning/Status?planningId=18375>.

There are two Planning and Zoning actions and later a Conditional Use Permit will be required.  
Edgington provided a draft resolution of support.

Motion:

GBOS moves to approve Resolution 2026-01: Resolution of Support for re-zone of the Old Gravel Pit parcel to support remote avalanche control systems along the Seward Highway corridor and to update Land Use Code for the Girdwood Airport zone to follow the intent of the 2025 Girdwood Comprehensive Plan.

Motion by KO/JW

Motion carries 5-0 in roll call vote.

10. GHEC current and upcoming vacancy

No applications have been received for the existing and future vacancy. GHEC may consider rules and procedures change to allow for smaller number.

11. Safer Seward Highway proposal [Home DraftEA - Safer Seward Highway Safer Seward Highway](#)

Comment period extended to 2.27.26

There is considerable interest and discussion regarding the Environmental Assessment. Ky Holland has provided a draft letter that others may use to frame their input to DOT. GBOS considers writing a letter and is concerned about highway safety as well as maintaining the viewshed and character of the Seward Highway. However, there is no member or team of members available to write a letter on behalf of GBOS prior to Feb 27 deadline.

12. First Quarter Revisions

First Quarter revisions are an opportunity for GVSA to make adjustments to budgets and allocations. In addition, there were some mistakes made at Office of Management and Budget in inputting the budgets that can now be corrected.

Motion:

GBOS moves to approve increase in the GVSA Street Maintenance Operating Budget of \$117,200, for an overall budget of \$1,883,094 in 2026.

Motion by KO/2<sup>nd</sup> JW

Motion carries by assent

Motion:

GBOS moves to approve consolidation of the engine loan payment of \$178,540 and move the funds to other budget categories as follows: \$24,000 to labor and \$154,500 to capital saving account.

Motion by KO/2<sup>nd</sup> JW

Motion carries by assent

Motion:

GBOS moves to decrease the current GHEC budget by \$117,600, leaving \$40,000 in operating budget as originally intended.

Motion by KO/2<sup>nd</sup> JW

Motion carries by assent

Motion to extend meeting to 10:10PM KO/JW Assent

Motion:

GBOS moves to increase the parks recreation budget by \$214,878 (\$17,378 increase to operating and \$200,000 to capital contributions) for an overall budget of \$849,280 in 2026

Motion by KO/JW

Motion carries by assent

13. Consider GBOS Rules and Procedures revisions, schedule work session (Wingard)

GBOS agrees that there are changes to be made to Rules & Procedures. This project was initiated last year. Staff will poll for work session in March or early April.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

14. GHEC Recommendation for GBOS support of RFP for a Housing Action and Implementation Plan NTE \$100,000 from the GHEC budget (Chandler/Edgington)

Full presentation will be made in March. Funds can be allocated from other than the GHEC Budget, which has now been decreased to \$40,000 for 2026.

15. Recycling task force (Wingard)

Ongoing discussions about recycling effort in Girdwood.

16. Consider Parliamentary Training Session in May, cost \$TBD (Wingard)

Wingard will research and provide ideas at the March meeting.

17. GTC requests for Resolution of Support related to Anchorage Park Foundation Grant application.

Interpretive panels for the hand tram/new bridge.

**REPORTS:**

18. Reports (see packet)

Supervisor reports:

**Action Item Updates as assigned:**

**Request for GBOS/LUC Joint meeting: (0 of 2 required meetings held)**

**Request for GBOS/GFR Joint meeting (0 of 2 required held)**

**Request for Executive Session:**

**Other:**

**Adjourn 10:05PM**