

# Municipality of Anchorage



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**GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
*Mike Edgington & Jennifer Wingard, Co-Chairs*  
*Briana Sullivan, Brian Burnett, Kellie Okonek*

## **January 26 2026 GBOS Regular Meeting Minutes Draft**

**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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The Girdwood Board of Supervisors operates under the Girdwood Public Meetings Standards of Conduct.

Call to Order 7:02 p.m. Jennifer Wingard, 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 & Disclosures.

Attending are Jennifer Wingard (JW), Briana Sullivan (BS), Kellie Okonek (KO), Mike Edgington (ME) arr. 7:05  
Brian Burnett is excused.

ME takes chair after roll call is complete.

- Announcements:  
CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION scheduled power outage THU Jan 29 12:01AM-4AM
- Upcoming meetings:  
GBOS WS re Intergovernmental Charges Date TBA  
GBOS Rules & Goals part 2 Date TBA  
GBOS WS RE: Funding Capital projects via Leaseback Funding Date TBA
- GBOS Seats D and E terms end in 2026. Candidate filing for the 2026 Regular Municipal Election will **open** on Friday, January 16, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. and **close** on Friday, January 30, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

### [Elections Candidate Information](#)

#### **Agenda Revisions and Approval:**

January 26 2026 GBOS meeting agenda approved

BS/JW

Amended to add Item #13 in new business

JW/BS

Assent

**Minutes Approval:** December 15 GBOS meeting minutes approved

BS/JW

Assent

**Consent agenda:** None

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**Presentations (10 Min):** Order of presentations, reports and old business item #6 is mixed due to technical problems during the meeting and availability of presenters. Representation in the minutes matches the original agenda order.

Chugach Electric Presentation on resuming work on transmission line outside of Girdwood (Julie Hasquet and Mike Miller, CEA, presenting) See meeting packet for presentation. Upcoming outage on 1/29 with follow up outage expected Feb 10.

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). Materials in meeting packet with item #10.

**Reports (5 Min):**

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

Ky Holland reports that session is under way. Working on many different projects/bills.

Assembly members – Z. Johnson/Keith McCormick: Johnson reports that GBOS request for land use authority has been approved by Assembly. Assembly postponed decision about code change to increase HLBAC to 2 Girdwood residents. HLB 1 and 5 year plans will be subject of a work session on FRI with vote likely in February. Assembly considering special levy for ASD funding, which will go to voters in April election. Other tax items have been postponed indefinitely and will not be included on spring ballot. Property tax assessments, appeal if you think the assessment is not correct.

Anchorage School Board Liaison – Andy Holleman. No report

HLBAC Report – Tim Charnon. No report.

2. Supervisor Reports

2026 Officers for all committees. See meeting packet

Sullivan: Fire Dept annual meeting was held. Fire dept is an option for Pick Click Give program

Okonek: Safer Seward Highway public meeting held in January. Comment period extended to end of February.

Discussion with Sean Holland regarding funds for Alyeska Highway traffic calming: repainting sweeps, replacing bollards, adding flashing You Are Speeding light, extend 30MPH zone farther along Alyeska Highway.

Wingard: MOA GBOS meeting today.

3. Committee updates to GBOS. None

4. Standing Reports: See meeting packet

5. Service Provider Reports (5 mins each): See meeting packet for reports.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Amanda Tuttle: Property tax assessment increase of 100%+ in the last 2 years. Impact to businesses and homeowners. Request for GBOS response to MOA.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

6. **Agenda Item LUC 2512-06:** FCC

Motion:

GBOS move to suspend rules and remove ME from chair for the remainder of the meeting.

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

3 in favor, 1 opposed (ME) in roll call vote

Motion carries.

Motion:

GBOS moves to assign Jennifer Wingard to serve as chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Motion by KO/JW

4 in favor, 0 opposed

Motion carries.

Point of order: KO states that ME has a conflict of interest related to voting on this matter.

Discussion: Mike states that his interest in FCC is public, not personal, financial or private. He began service on FCC in 2021 as GBOS co-chair and GBOS LUC supervisor he began attending FCC and became delegate. March/Apr 2021

Jennifer states that the item currently under discussion is if there is a conflict of interest in having a member vote when the outcome of the vote will determine their role in an outside board and perception of the outside board.

JW rules that ME should not vote on the matter to follow, which is re-vote on the GBOS item from November 2025. With reduced number of GBOS members, chair states that she has researched rules and is able to second motions.

Motion:

GBOS moves to void the Nov 25 vote regarding FCC due to the GBOS failure to uphold the municipal code regarding conflict of interest.

Motion by KO/JW

Motion carries 3-0

ME is recused from voting on this item

GBOS returns to review the motion voted on at the GBOS November 2025 meeting, below:

November Motion:

GBOS moves to adopt the following language from LUC: Whereas there is no evidence of an official appointment or election of an FCC delegate from Girdwood since 2020, the Girdwood Land Use Committee agrees that:

1. Girdwood does not have a current delegate to the Federation of Community Councils, and
2. Girdwood has not had an FCC delegate since January, 2021.

Group discusses replacing 1 above with: "As of Nov 2025, Girdwood did not have a current delegate to the FCC," leaving all other language from the original motion.

Motion:

GBOS moves to adopt the following language from LUC: Whereas there is no evidence of an official appointment or election of an FCC delegate from Girdwood since 2020, the Girdwood Land Use Committee agrees that:

1. As of Nov 2025, Girdwood did not have a current delegate to the Federation of Community Councils, and
2. Girdwood has not had an FCC delegate since January, 2021.

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

Roll call vote 2 in favor, 1 opposed (BS)

Amendment to Motion carries

Motion:

GBOS moves to assign the current LUC supervisor to serve as the FCC delegate.

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

Roll call vote 3 in favor, 0 opposed

Motion carries

Discussion about whether a substitute should be designated. This could be taken up by LUC in the future.

Mike Edgington returns from recusal.

Update on FCC Bylaws.

Current draft is in the meeting packet with markup as are the current bylaws, along with links for finding these items on the FCC website. LUC has not discussed FCC bylaws as they were not published until after the last LUC meeting. FCC is receiving comments and requesting feedback.

Discuss FCC Membership.

LUC has not made a decision about membership.

FCC is created by code and includes all community councils as members. Option is whether or not to send a delegate.

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 (Edgington)

<https://www.muni.org/CityViewPortal/Planning/Status?planningId=18347>

Item was LUC new business JAN. The current AO relates only to Anchorage/Eagle River and does not include T21C9 Girdwood code. If Girdwood wants to be included, it can be done by requesting Assembly member submit "S" amendment to the current action or engage to create a Girdwood-specific AO.

8. Discuss appointment/Volunteer to serve on the Wildland Urban Interface-Community Action Team (WUI-CAT).

**Motion:**

GBOS moves to appoint Briana Sullivan as delegate to WUI-CAT, reporting to GBOS.

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

**Amendment:**

Note that Briana will report to the Girdwood Fire Dept Board and to GBOS.

Amendment by KO/BS

roll call vote

Amendment carries 4-0

**Amended Motion:**

GBOS moves to appoint Briana Sullivan as delegate to WUI-CAT, reporting to Girdwood Fire Dept Board and to GBOS.

Motion carries by assent

9. **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).  
Item was discussed at MOA GBOS meeting. MOA seemed receptive to the idea that the fee increase is over-impactful to those who are using the dump to manage smaller amounts of trash more frequently. However, as this was an adopted AO, change would need to come by similar mechanism with public process and will take some time to be adopted.

**Motion:**

GBOS moves to postpone this item to FEB GBOS meeting.

Motion by ME/2<sup>nd</sup> BS

Motion carries by Assent

Other topics discussed at the 4PM meeting were possibility of Sunday service and special recycling events for electronics, cardboard, aluminum cans. These could come about more quickly than the change to fees.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

10. **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)  
Resolution of Support for zoning change, Conditional Use Permit  
<https://www.muni.org/CityViewPortal/Planning/Status?planningId=18375>.
11. GHEC current and upcoming vacancy: No volunteer response yet. GHEC may change operating rules to allow for smaller board. Deadline will be extended.
12. Safer Seward Highway proposal [Home DraftEA - Safer Seward Highway Safer Seward Highway](#)  
Comment period extended to 2.27.26. Group discusses if there is community consensus to communicate to DOT on this item.
13. First Quarter Revisions. Likely GBOS will need to revise their 2026 budget. With change in assessments and assessed property, there is more space between GVSA budgets and tax cap than calculated during budget discussions in the fall.

**REPORTS:**

14. 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 9:30PM**