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

March 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 Kellie Okonek (KO), Brian Burnett (BB), Briana Sullivan (BS), Jennifer Wingard (JW), Mike Edgington (ME)

Disclosures: None

Agenda Revisions and Approval:	Mar 23 2026 GBOS meeting agenda amended and approved	JW/BB	Assent
Amendment to remove item #6		KO/BB	Amendment fails 3-2
Amendment to add item to New Business re: CWPP		BS/BB	Assent
Amendment to add Alyeska Highway speed limit to Old Business		KO/BB	Assent

Minutes Approval:

Feb 23 2026 GBOS Meeting and March 5 GBOS SM minutes approved JW/BB Assent

Consent agenda: None

Presentations (10 Min): Girdwood Parks Master Plan, Bri Keifer, Huddle AK
Public Review Draft available for comment thru April 5. (See New Business item)

Draft Document: [Project Documents | Girdwood Parks Master Plan](#)

Comment Form: [Submit Comments | Girdwood Parks Master Plan](#)

Reports (5 Min):

1. Legislative Report – Sen. Cathy Giessel: Gas pipeline property tax proposal by Governor
Rep. Ky Holland – Airport buffers, Rights of Way, Daylight savings time, elections bill and budget

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Assembly members – Z. Johnson: Resolution regarding natural gas supply on behalf of MOA; proactive effort to determine land use requirements for development of data centers in Anchorage; ASD Budget; Housing rehab program to cycle unused funds back into use for housing programs/projects.
Anchorage School Board Liaison – Andy Holleman: Bond Package and Municipal tax levy on ballot in April
HLBAC Report – Tim Charnon: no report

2. Supervisor Reports

KO: Alyeska Highway speed limit was discussed at PSAC Work Session.

Motion:

GBOS moves to add Alyeska Highway speed limit to Old Business KO/BB Assent

BB: GTC items are on the agenda

JW: FCC is making progress on MOA use of bed tax funds via Tourism Improvement Projects. GBOS should consider discussion of this at MOA GBOS meeting.

BS: Tsunami Evacuation signs will cost \$15,000. Chief Weston is fundraising. WUI-CAT working on Chipping project and proactively providing sprinklers for large outdoor events. These sprinklers would attach to fire trucks and could be deployed to provide additional support if case of fire during events.

ME: GHEC items are on the agenda

3. Committee updates to GBOS: None

4. Standing Reports: see meeting packet

Proposed Girdwood Developments

Girdwood Airport Parcel H

GVSA non-property tax funds

GBOS Rules and Procedures revisions

STR Registration and regulation

5. Service Provider Reports: See meeting packet

Fire – Chief Weston

Police – Chief Achee

Roads/Parks & Rec – Kyle Kelley

Anchorage Public Library – Katarina Pavic, Gerrish (Girdwood) Branch Manager

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Amanda Tuttle, candidate for GBOS Seat

Nick Crews, candidate for GBOS seat

Brice Wilbanks, candidate for GBOS seat

Mitch Roth: Chugach Electric Association town hall on TUE 3/24/26 at 6PM at the BP Energy Center.

Jennifer Wingard: Thanks to all who participated in the Candidate Forum hosted by Turnagain News. Turnagain News plans to post the video on their website: [TURNAGAIN NEWS](#)

OLD BUSINESS:

6. MOA Legal Dept update to clarify private vs public interests under Ethics Code and GBOS actions at the January Regular Meeting.

(Zach Schwartz, Assistant Municipal Attorney)

Motion: GBOS moves to limit item to 30 Minutes BS/KO Assent

Motion: GBOS moves to limit item to 15 minutes KO/JW Assent

Following January meeting, ME requested legal assistance related to disclosure and recusal of private vs public interests.

Assistant Municipal Attorney states that prior opinions from Board of Ethics is that members of Assembly serve on other boards in Anchorage without need for disclosure of private interest. Private interests are distinct from public role. In code, there is no conflict when someone is discharged with two separate duties within the Municipality.

Members of the Assembly seeking office of the chair are not required to recuse themselves from that vote. This can be extended to broader interpretation; member is not required to recuse themselves from votes.

Action in January was to revote after GBOS members challenged that Mike Edgington's private interest in Federation of Community Councils created need for him to disclose and be recused from action on the FCC item before GBOS, which was originally voted on in November. Attorney does not have legal advice on how to resolve the outcome of the January meeting.

Chair switches to JW so that ME can make motion regarding Item #6:

Motion:

GBOS moves to put aside the decision in January as it was predicated on declaring private interest when it was a public action.

ME/BS

Motion carries 3-2 in roll call vote (Y=BB, BS, ME; N=JW, KO)

Legal opinion is that there was no conflict requiring disclosure and recusal. GBOS can either vote to vacate that decision or send it to the ethics board for review. Some members of GBOS are interested in Board of Ethics review of the item. Group reviews the motion: vacate the January GBOS vote. This will return the vote to the decision from November.

BB requests to be recused from the vote as he did not attend in January. This request is denied; voting is a responsibility of GBOS unless specific conditions are met.

Attorney departs the meeting when no further questions are asked. Group begins to move to item #7.

ME returns to chair.

JW states that ME should not have been allowed to vote on the prior vote, revisiting the conflict of interest item and his recusal on that item in January. ME states that the presentation from the municipal attorney confirmed no private conflict of interest in similar scenarios. Recusal of ME in January was incorrect. Vote at tonight's meeting corrects that error.

Motion:

GBOS moves to reconsider the vote that was just taken.

Motion by KO. Reconsideration motion must come from someone on the prevailing side. No motion is made by member of prevailing side.

Motion:

JW moves to challenge ruling of the chair.

Motion by JW/KO

No vote on this is taken, however topic changes to point of order as member believes that the information provided before the vote is different from the action after the vote.

Group reviews the motion that was made and voted on.

No motion to reconsider is made by members on the prevailing side.

7. Consider requesting amendment to 2026-0032 Amend AMC 21.05 and 21.15 to ease restrictions on agricultural uses and food production in Anchorage Bowl to include Chapter 9/Girdwood. (Edgington)
<https://www.muni.org/CityViewPortal/Planning/Status?planningId=18347>
Assembly is likely to take this item up at tomorrow night's meeting. Item does not currently include Girdwood. Zac Johnson is willing to delay if Girdwood wants to be included.

Motion:

GBOS moves to postpone this item to GBOS April meeting, at which time a draft resolution for it can be considered.

Motion by BB/JW

Motion carries by Assent

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

Motion:

GBOS moves to approve request for RFP for Housing Action and Implementation Plan RFP based on the draft provided by GHEC, not to exceed \$100,000.

Motion by BB/BS

Motion carries 5-0 in roll call vote.

RFP will be finalized by MOA purchasing department. With approval of motion, Kyle will find direction with municipal structure for housing. BB requests that a broader sample of communities is studied, finding communities of similar characteristics and proximity to big cities and workforce there. He notes that Breckenridge and other resort communities are an easy commute from large population centers.

9. Parliamentary Training Session in May, cost \$TBD from TBD budget (Wingard)
Training supplied by group that provided such training to FCC at a recent summit has indicated \$250-\$275 for 1.5 hours of

training/Q&A

Motion:

GBOS moves to approve NTE \$275 for parliamentary procedure training for GBOS and others who are interested after municipal election is certified.

Motion by JW/KO

Motion carries by Assent

10. GTC request for GBOS Resolution of Support for an Anchorage Park Foundation Grant application for interpretive signs at the Glacier Creek Bridge. Grant is matching 1:1, currently estimating \$30K total: \$15K from APF and \$15K that is cumulative of in-kind, GTC non-profit funds and Parks and rec funds.(Burnett)

One whereas will be revised to address that we don't currently have dates for construction of the bridge, however award of the contract is imminent. Grant span is 2 years, creation of the signs can occur within that timeframe.

Motion:

GBOS moves to accept the resolution of support for APF Grant.

Motion by BB2nd KO

Motion carries 5-0 in roll call vote

11. GHEC Vacancy (Edgington)
No applications for GHEC have been received.
GHEC considered but rejected the idea of changing the number of members in their Operating Rules to 5 instead of 7, citing that they had been successful in achieving a quorum even with only 5 active members.
Item will be moved to notices on GBOS agenda for administrative action.
12. Alyeska Highway speed limit and engineering enhancements related to speed limit
Scott Thomas with DOT has retired and before leaving recommended that the Alyeska Highway speed is reduced from 45 to 40 MPH and that the 30MPH zone is extended, however the DOT intent to complete engineering enhancements that were recommended to accompany the speed limit change is not known. Without those modifications and education, the responsibility for education would fall solely on Whittier Police via enforcement, which would not be positive.

Group determines that having a meeting with DOT and LUC to discuss Alyeska Highway modifications and speed limits would be helpful. Group discusses holding a joint GBOS LUC meeting with DOT once the new board is set and when DOT is available. Staff will coordinate.

NEW BUSINESS:

13. Girdwood Parks Master Plan Advisory Committee Request for GBOS Resolution of Support to Girdwood Parks Master Plan, following public comment period. (Burnett)
Following review and integration of public comments, GBOS will be asked to provide Resolution of Support for Planning and Zoning to approve the plan.
14. GBOS Rules and Procedures Update (Wingard)
Redline draft is available on line and will be incorporated into the meeting packet.
Future meeting with GBOS members to produce a version to post for public comment proposed for May.
15. Agenda topics for MOA GBOS Quarterly Meeting April 27, 2026 4PM Girdwood Community Room
Current proposed topics are:
SWS/Anchorage Parks and Rec fee surcharge & recycling
GVSA IGCs
Tourism Improvement Projects (bed tax revenue to mitigate visitor impact)
Ruane housing project
16. Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Wildland Urban Interface Community Action Team (WUI-CAT) Follow up
CWPP used Anchorage Data to project fire hazard in Girdwood, which has resulted in increased insurance rates. This was brought up to CWPP project during the draft plan phase, but was not changed in the approved document. GBOS will follow up with a letter to CWPP.

REPORTS:

17. 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 9:45PM