Aleutians East Borough
Special Assembly Meeting Minutes

Assembly Mayor Alvin D. Osterback called the Aleutians East Borough Special Assembly Meeting to order by videoconference in each community on October 16, 2026, at 11:10 AM.

Roll Call for Elected Officials

Mayor Alvin D. Osterback	Present
Brenda Wilson	Present
Chris Babcock	Present
Glen Gardner Jr.	Present
Jim Smith Sr.	Absent
Josephine Shangin	Excused
Paul Gronholdt	Excused
Warren Wilson	Present

Advisory

Samantha McNeley	Present
Tom Hoblet	Present

A quorum was present.

Staff Present
Anne Bailey, Administrator
Jacki Brandell, Finance Director
Seward Brandell, Accounting Clerk
Beverly Ann Rosete, Borough Clerk

Others Present
Harlen Newman

Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION Glen made a motion to adopt the Agenda
SECOND Chris seconded the motion.

Hearing no objections, the agenda will stand as presented.

Community Roll Call and Public Comments on Agenda Items

The communities of Akutan, False Pass, King Cove, Nelson Lagoon, Sand Point, and the Anchorage office were participating by videoconference. The meeting was also broadcast on KSDP radio.

Conflict of Interest

Mayor Osterback asked for any potential conflict of interest to be discussed. There were no conflicts on this agenda.

Certification of the October 6, 2026 Regular Election Results

MOTION Brenda moved to approve the October 6, 2026 Regular Election Results
SECOND Chris seconded the motion.
DISCUSSION

The Borough Clerk reported that the October 6, 2026 Regular Election went smoothly. The Canvass Committee met after receiving the election materials to review and count absentee, by-mail, special needs, and questioned ballots. A total of 19 absentee ballots, 28 by-mail ballots, 1 special needs ballot, and 3 questioned ballots were received. The three questioned ballots were not counted. The election results were Alvin D. Osterback for Mayor; Harlen E. Newman for Assembly Seat A; Josephine Shangin for Assembly Seat F; Hillary Smith for School Board Seat C; and Melanie Hoblet for School

Board Seat D. The Clerk also presented the Canvass Committee Report and voter turnout percentages by community, noting that the elected officials' terms would begin on the first Monday following certification of the election.

Mayor Osterback thanked Warren Wilson for all his years of service to Aleutians East Borough.

ROLL CALL Yeas: Glen, Brenda, Warren, Chris Advisory: Samantha, Tom
MOTION CARRIED Nays: None.

Swearing in Newly Elected Officials

- AEB Mayor Alvin Osterback
- Assembly Seat A – Harlen E Newman

Resolutions

- **Resolution 27-27,** Adopting the 2027 Aleutians East Borough Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

MOTION Brenda moved to approve Resolution 27-27.
SECOND Glen seconded the motion.
DISCUSSION

Administrator Bailey reported that the Aleutians East Borough partnered with the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association (APIA), through funding from the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium's NOAA Community Regional Resilience Challenge project, to update the Borough's Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). Fairweather Science, LLC was contracted to prepare the 2027 update, which covers 14 jurisdictions throughout the region. The plan identifies hazards and mitigation strategies to strengthen community resilience and maintain eligibility for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance programs. Resolution 27-27 would authorize the Assembly to adopt the updated plan. Following adoption by all 14 jurisdictions, the plan will be submitted to State and Federal agencies for final review and approval. Any changes requested by FEMA will be communicated to the Assembly without requiring re-adoption.

ROLL CALL Yeas: Warren, Brenda, Glen, Chris Advisory: Tom, Samantha
MOTION CARRIED Nays: None.

- **Resolution 27-28,** Authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement with LONG Building Technologies for the Sand Point Boiler and Miscellaneous Mechanical Services, Maintenance, and Repair in an amount not to exceed $350,375

MOTION Brenda moved to approve Resolution 27-28.
SECOND Chris seconded the motion.
DISCUSSION

Administrator Bailey reported that the Borough issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) on September 8, 2026, for boiler maintenance, repairs, and replacements at the Sand Point School, Borough Office, and 4-Plex. Following two deadline extensions to accommodate contractor inquiries, two proposals were received by October 8, 2026. After reviewing the submissions, the selection committee recommended LONG Building Technologies for the work at a cost of $350,375. The project includes

annual maintenance and repairs, procurement of replacement boilers in late 2026, and installation in spring 2027. If approved, the project will be funded through the Borough's Deferred Maintenance account (21-502-8025).

Chris asked which Borough account would be used to fund the $350,375 boiler project.

Administrator Bailey responded that the project will be funded through the Borough's Deferred Maintenance account (21-502-8025).

ROLL CALL Yeas: Glen, Chris, Warren, Brenda Advisory: Samantha, Tom
MOTION CARRIED Nays: None.

Adjournment
Glen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brenda. Meeting adjourned at 11:12 AM

ATTEST

Alvin D. Osterback, Mayor

Beverly Rosete, Clerk