



Alaska State Employees Association ASEA/AFSCME Local 52

Anchorage Chapter

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Seth Boyer

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Meeting Minutes

Anchorage Chapter Executive Board Meeting

June 3, 2026

- I. **Call to Order at 5:30pm by Vice President Paul Keller; Quorum established** – Paul Keller, Tanner Howard, Portia Hall, Seth Boyer, Samantha Simien, William Hurr, and Billy Sttapleton were in attendance. Braxton Bundick attended virtually and in person after the meeting was called to order.
- II. **Agenda** – Tanner Howard moved to approve the agenda; second by Seth Boyer; no discussion and no objections; agenda approved.
- III. **Secretary's Report** – Samantha Simien moved to approve the May 6, 2026, Executive Board minutes; second by William Hurr; no discussion and no objections; minutes approved. No mail received, but we did receive an email requesting sponsorship for Anchorage Fire Department Calendar (email attached). Board requests to table the discussion for another meeting. If anything needs to be added to the Chapter Meeting agenda, please provide that information to Samantha S. by Monday 06/8/2026.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report** – Portia Hall presented and discussed the P&L Report and Balance Sheet as of May 31, 2026, that was completed by Jodi Andres. William Hurr discussed the changes that should have been made to the report but have not been changed (Softball still shows \$6,000.00 instead of \$600.00 and changes to the Steward line item). Portia Hall indicated her numbers on her reports do not match Jodi Andres numbers, and if there are any questions or concerns, we should ask Jodi A. Portia H. still does not have access to the checking account. Samantha Simien brought attention to the concern that our current Treasurer does not have access to everything needed to complete her duties. All of our board transactions have to go through Jodi A. who is not a current board member. Samantha S. suggested we continue to use Portia's budget reports because they are more current than Jodi's. Paul Keller said the budget report will be updated with the corrected numbers by the next chapter meeting. Portia said she and Jodi are trying to coordinate a good time and day to meet so that Jodi can formally train her and transfer everything.
- V. **New Business**
 - a. **Storage Updates** – We received notice of change of ownership from the storage company, and the new owners are not willing to offer a lower cost, we have not been provided the new rates for the storage, so we are waiting for that information.
 - b. **Officer Training Part 2** - Reminder that training will occur on 06/24/2026. Zoom will be provided for those who cannot attend. A motion for food is not required since we still have money based on the previous motion made, but we will check to confirm that information.
 - c. **CLC Appointments** – ASEA Anchorage Chapter has 10 CLC seats that need to be filled. Meetings are held during lunch on the third Tuesday of every month (see email attached).



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- d. Back Up Laptops Update – Someone still needs to go to the Surplus Warehouse and purchase the laptops. Ed Smyers has been out. No further update.
- e. Response to Motion for a Board Member – A response was received from staff regarding the motion Samantha Simien made for Portia Hall at last month's meeting. Samantha S. requests we add the staff response to these meeting minutes for future reference.
- f. Audit Update – Jodi Andres was recognized by the board to speak about the update for the audit. She stated she has turned in the audit information to the trustees, and she is currently waiting on their report. She cannot submit the information for an additional year until this audit was completed. When asked what year had been turned in, Jodi did not respond. William Hurr made a motion to present a motion at the next Chapter meeting that would increase the budget in the amount of \$10,000.00 to hire an accounting firm to review the financial statements for 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026; second by Tanner Howard. Discussion: Will stated the purpose for the motion is for the board to have a point of discussion whether we should present a motion at the next chapter meeting that would increase the budget as described. The board is not getting clear information regarding the audits, the status of the trustees, and the status regarding the years that have not been audited. This board is effectively 25% into a two-year term, and we are having problems with getting the previous audits completed. We either need to engage with an accounting firm to help us out or get a clear understanding of what is happening. This is an attempt to get this done and take the steps needed to take care of the audits within the next 60 days. It was further explained that we are currently missing out on \$125,000 to \$150,000 allocated in chapter funds from the State Executive Board. Our board has brought this to the attention of our staff in order to try and help take care of this situation without having to file a formal grievance. In February 2026 this chapter approved a motion requesting the audits get completed by March 2026, and nothing has been completed. MaryAnn Ganacias stated she has spoken with Trustee Lawrence Camp who indicated he cannot audit 2022-2023, and Dante Graham was working on it. Dante reported at a previous meeting that he was finishing up the audit for that year but he has to finalize the reports. Samantha Simien asked if Jodi could upload all of the documentation for each year and the Trustees can work on each year individually. Maryann said Jodi could do that, and the Trustees can audit them in order. Tanner Howard called to question; no objections were made to the call to question. Motion presented passed without objection. (Motion #26-06-E-01)
- g. 4th of July Parade – The Chapter will not be participating in the 4th of July Parade.
- h. Upcoming Events – Portia Hall stated the Father's Day Daddy-Daughter Dance is coming up on Sunday 06/21/2026, and we have about 30 members who have signed up, and registration is still open. Samantha Simien reminded everyone that we will have a booth at Juneteenth Fri, Sat, & Sun 06/19-21/2026. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Samantha S.

VI. Old Business

The Dimond Mall Event was held on 05/23/2026, was popular, and went well. We had a lot of members who bowled, and some who went ice skating. Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) Heritage Culture Flag Day was held on 05/30/2026 and the Chapter purchased a booth space. It was a great event and thank you to everyone who



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volunteered. We had 15 members sign in at the booth. An update regarding Adopt -a-Highway will be provided at the Chapter meeting.

VII. Committee Reports

- a. **Stewards** – Will Hurr made a motion to approve the Steward application for Kiahna Williams; second by Braxton Bundick; no objections or discussion; motion approved.
(Motion #26-06-E-02)
- b. **Scholarships** - Portia Hall stated she has only received four applications so far, and applications close June 19th
- c. **Refreshments** – Chapter meeting food from Charlie's Bakery
- d. **Rec. Nights/Hot Fridays** - Tanner Howard stated Rec Nights will resume on 06/12/2026 and the next Hot Friday will be 06/26/2026.
- e. No reports given for the following committees: **Good & Welfare, Veterans, Public Relations & Marketing, Next Wave, Website, Rallies, Elections, and League Sports.**

VIII. **Staff Updates** – The AFSCME election for delegates is still happening for the International Convention in Chicago. Bev Gagaring reported there are 3,907 Anchorage GGU members; 3078 dues paying members; 879 non-dues paying members; 77.50% membership; our goal is 80% and we need 98 non-dues paying members to sign up. MaryAnn stated staff are currently working on ways to increase membership and start a campaign to organize statewide.

IX. **State President and State Executive Board Comments/Report** – no report

X. **Member Comments** – Portia Hall discussed the agenda and indicated we are taking too much time giving updates about the previous events and committee reports. This is information that should be shared with the members at Chapter meetings and not the Executive board meetings. We should not clutter up our agendas for either meeting. Will Hurr stated staff reports should probably be moved up so we do not hold up staff to the end of the meeting. Braxton Bundick stated we can format the agenda however the board chooses and can further address the situation during our Officer Training coming up.

XI. **Adjournment** – William Hurr moved to adjourn; second by Seth Boyer; no objection; meeting adjourned.



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From: AFD Local <union@iaff1264.com>

Date: Thursday, May 28, 2026 at 11:13 AM

To: Samantha Harris <SamanthaH@afscmelocal52.org>

Subject: Partner with the Anchorage Firefighter Calendar — High-Impact Local Visibility

Attachments available until Jun 27, 2026

Hi Samantha,

I'm reaching out to invite ASEA to sponsor the 2027 Anchorage Firefighter Calendar—a community fundraiser that showcases our firefighters while supporting local charitable programs. With strong local media coverage, retail presence, and social engagement, sponsors gain standout brand visibility and goodwill across Anchorage.

We offer tiered packages with logo placement, social features, event mentions, and co-branded promos. Attached is our face sheet with our sponsorship tiers as well as our last calendar. Note that our last calendar was 2015. We hope to bring this fundraiser back bigger and better than ever.

Why partner with us:

- Trusted local visibility: Access Anchorage households, small businesses, and community events all year long.
 - Multi-channel exposure: Calendar placement, launch event mentions, social spotlights, email features, and press outreach.
 - Measurable goodwill: Directly supporting the fire department while reinforcing Kaladi's commitment to Anchorage and its community.
 - Evergreen shelf life: Your brand stays on walls and desks for 12 months—far outlasting typical ad cycles.
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Anchorage Central Labor Council (CLC) ▶ Inbox x



Maryann Ganacias

to Braxton, me, Samantha ▼

Wed, May 20, 12:46 PM

Good afternoon,

Please add CLC Appointments to your next Board/Chapter agenda.

ASEA has 10 representative seats for the Anchorage CLC. Please review policy below and let me know if you have questions.

3.01.003 Alaska AFL-CIO Central Labor Councils

- 14 A. Pursuant to the Rules Governing AFL-CIO Area Labor Councils and Central Labor
15 Councils, **ASEA has a duty to join Central Labor Councils in their vicinity** where such
16 exist. If a Central Labor Council (CLC) exists within the geographic area covered by a
17 chapter of ASEA, **the Chapter President shall appoint representatives to the CLC**; all
18 **appointments shall be approved by the Chapter Executive Board. CLC representatives**
19 **must be members in good standing.**

Thanks,

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MaryAnn Ganacias

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Anchorage Chapter Questions

Maryann Ganacias <MaryannG@afscmelocal52.org>

Thu, May 7, 2026 at 2:50 PM

To: samantha simien <samantha.simien@gmail.com>

Cc: Braxton B <braxtonlocal52@gmail.com>, Paul Keller - VP <pdkea@aol.com>, Billy Stapleton <billyfishinak@gmail.com>, William Hurr <akbaritonezone@yahoo.com>, "boyer.seth@gmail.com" <boyer.seth@gmail.com>, Robert Tanner Howard <gatorlia@gmail.com>, Samantha Harris <SamanthaH@afscmelocal52.org>, Heidi Drygas <HeidiD@afscmelocal52.org>

Good afternoon,

Thank you for reaching out to ask the question about the payment to Portia.

This goes beyond reimbursement to an officer for items that are purchased.

Full stop!

Please reference the link to the Code of Ethics for the section I have included below:

<https://www.afscmelocal52.org/resources/all-forms-documents/governing-documents/13-asea-code-of-ethical-practices>

C. No officer, chapter trustee, or employee of the union shall own or have a personal financial interest, which is inconsistent with such officer's or employee's fiduciary duties. In particular, it shall **not be permissible** for any officer or managerial employee of the union to:

1. have a significant financial interest in any agency, which bargains collectively with the union;
2. **own or have a significant financial interest in any firm which does business or seeks to do business with the union;**

There are a few things that signal a violation – approval of an expense after the service has been provided (Governance and Financial Standards violation – would be a flag for audit) and an ethical violation where the officer can NOT benefit financially.

If there was a bid to have a photographer at the convention, Portia would not be able to provide a bid as she is an officer of our union.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Chapter Motion Form

Motion #

2026-06-C-

Date: 6/10/2026.

☐Executive Board
Meeting☒

Chapter Meeting

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Motion

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Amendment

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Financial Motion

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Poll

I move that:

the Anchorage Chapter create a new budget line item in the 2026-2027 Chapter Budget for "Audit" and add \$10,000 to the Audit line item in 2026-2027 Chapter Budget for the purpose of engaging an accounting firm to review the Anchorage Chapter financial statements for 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026.

Maker William Hurr

Second

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
President- Braxton Bundick	☐	☐	☐	☐
Vice President-Paul Keller	☐	☐	☐	☐
Secretary-Smanatha Simien	☐	☐	☐	☐
Treasurer-Portia Hall	☐	☐	☐	☐
Board Member-Tanner Howard	☐	☐	☐	☐
Board Member-Billy Stapleton	☐	☐	☐	☐
Board Member-William Hurr	☐	☐	☐	☐
Board Member-Seth Boyer	☐	☐	☐	☐

Total Votes

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OR Vote of the Chapter

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Motion:

Voice Vote

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Roll Call Vote or Poll Results

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Passed:

Without Objection

☐

Unanimous Consent

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With Objection

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Failed

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Tabled

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Indefinitely

☐

To a certain time

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