



Alaska State Employees Association ASEA/AFSCME Local 52

Anchorage Chapter

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Vacant

Trustees

Lawrence Camp
Deadra Brown

Minutes

Anchorage Chapter Meeting

February 11, 2026

- I. **Call to Order** – 5:35PM Quorum was established, 15+ members attended in person and virtually to include Braxton Bundick, Paul Keller, Portia Hall, Tanner Howard, William Hurr, Billy Stapleton, Chuck Stewart, Jodi Andres, Eugene Loffin, Kimberly Reynolds, Sherry Cole, Deadra Browne, Dante Graham, Barbara Hall, and Samantha Simien (virtual), LaVerne Kent (virtual), and Stephanie R. (virtual).
- II. **Agenda** – Motion made by Paul Keller to adopt; second by Chuck Stewart; motion passed without objection with two amendments – Change William Her to William Hurr and start the meeting with new E-Board members taking Oath of Office.
- III. **New E-Board Officers** – Samantha Simien (Secretary), William Hurr (Member At Large), and Deadra Browne (Trustee) took Oath and were sworn in by President Braxton Bundick.
- IV. **Secretary's Report** – Braxton Bundick reminded everyone to sign in with QR Code and remember to complete survey after and give suggestions about future events or meetings. 01/14/2026 Meeting Minutes will be reviewed and approved at the 03/11/2026 Chapter Meeting.
- V. **Treasurer's Report** – Portia Hall gave the report (Jodi Andres is working with Portia through the transition);
 - a. William Hurr pointed out a discrepancy with the report based on the previous report given in January 2026: Softball line item states \$6,000.00, should be \$600.00; Jodi will go back and check it.
 - b. Portia H. stated we need to look at increasing the SAP budget. Jodi Andres made a motion to add \$2,000.00 to SAP for the 2026 year to add to the bottom line budget; second by Tanner Howard; Discussion – Chuck Stewart asked which line item the money will come from, or is it coming from savings. Jodi A. stated it is being added to the bottom line of the budget, so you can look at it as coming from savings, but because we have transferred to a cash basis, we won't actually move money from savings to checking, the money will come from funds that have not been used in prior years. The savings will remain the same, and if the Treasurer does not have enough in checking to cover that year's budget, then they will make a motion to add funds from savings to checking to balance the budget. Motion passed without objection -
Motion #26-02-C-01
 - c. Jodi Andres made a motion to move \$500.00 from the Hot Friday line item to the ACT budget for the Halloween Event held in October 2025; second by Chuck Stewart. Discussion: Jodi A. explained that a motion was approved for the Halloween Event to use up to \$1,000.00, but half of the money was coming from the ACT budget and the other half from Hot Friday. When doing the books you should follow Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), a set of procedures that the government also uses. This will put the full \$1,000.00 into the ACT budget and all funds for the Halloween Event can all come out of the ACT budget. This does



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not change the bottom line of the budget, it just cleans up the line item budgets within; motion passed without objection – **Motion #26-02-C-02**

- d. Portia Hall made a motion to approve the following officers as signatories for the Chapter accounts at Northrim and Nuvision (Denali) Banks: Braxton Bundick, Paul Keller, Portia Hall, and Tanner Howard; second by Billy Stapleton; Discussion: William Hurr thought a previous motion was made last year to close the account at Nuvision because we only had \$5.00 in the account.
- Tanner Howard indicated the account remains open for account insurance purposes should we receive a large amount of money from something, instead of it being placed into the Northrim account where the money may not be insured due to banking limits, we can put the funds into that account and know the funds will be covered and insured.
 - Jodi A. stated a motion was made last year to close the Nuvision account, but it has been a nightmare trying to get the bank to close the account. The Board can decide either to keep it open or close it. The bank insures the accounts up to \$250,000.00 but there has to be a purpose for the money. Another suggestion is that the board can look at investing the funds, she can refer a financial advisor.
 - Chuck Stewart stated Chapter Support funds are given to each chapter to be used on the chapter. Yes, you should have a savings but no more than what it should take you to run the budget yearly. No more than that should be kept. The only reason why there was such a large amount in the past was because people were thinking we had to save it all, and the money was not spent on the membership. The money should be spent on your membership, getting more members, and doing things to get members involved.
 - Jodi Andres requested to amend Portia Hall's original motion to add the Secretary, Samantha Simien, as a signor in accordance with AFSCME financial standards; second by Chuck Stewart. Discussion: Chuck S. stated there should only be three officers as signors on the account – President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
 - Tanner Howard stated that is the standard practice at this time, but things need to change and he would be the fourth signor who can contribute in that specific way, and it would be good for the union to be able to adapt to upcoming changes.
 - Jodi A. indicated the procedures from our Bylaws and stated if a check is written out to you, you cannot sign that check. Amendment to the motion passes without objections. Based on the amended motion, Jodi A. added Samantha Simien, but financial standards have to be followed and they state only 3 signors are allowed.
 - Chuck Stewart objected to the motion for the five signors listed, and a vote was taken. 8 members voted yes, 7 members voted no, and no one abstained. Motion passed for five signors - **Motion #26-02-C-03**.
 - **Jodi Andres stated this is in violation of the AFSCME financial standards and members of the Chapter are held accountable. Deadra Browne raised a Point of Clarification; she requested to know where it states this information in the AFSCME financial standards since Jodi A. stated the membership is in violation. Jodi A. stated she does not have it and will find it.**
 - William Hurr requested we have a report out at the next Chapter meeting, and Braxton Bundick agreed.



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- VI. **Staff Updates** – Alliana Salanguit gave a legislative update regarding HB 130: Flexible Time Credit for Classified Employees, HB 78: Retirement Systems; Defined Benefits Option, and HB 300: State Employees Meals/Travel Expenses. Bev Gagaring reported the Chapter's membership numbers – 3,952 GGU employees, 3,081 dues paying members (77.96%), 871 non-dues paying employees (22.04%), to get us to the 80% we need 81 new members. We had a very successful AFSCME training today at noon: Know your Rights related to 1st Amendment Auditors. WIC is still looking for nominations for the Ruth Bader Ginsburg (RBG) Award. This Saturday and every Saturday moving forward, there will be Labor Walks happening for the Anchorage Muni seats. Next Lunch & Learn will be Wednesday. Samantha Harris reported more about the Lunch & Learn, and discussed more about the AFSCME training that occurred today and was suggested by our members.
- VII. **State President and State Executive Board Comments/Report** – Chuck Stewart stated we have a lot coming up, next State Board meeting in Juneau is 02/25/2026, if members have comments they can call in at noon (look for upcoming emails). Convention is coming up in March. Friday night of the Convention, 03/20/2026, Chapters will be getting together for a meet and greet, and Saturday night, 03/21/2026, the State Next Wave Committee will sponsor the AFL-CIO Solidarity Social. Chuck S. encouraged the membership get involved with the Labor Walks and explained what happens during the events.
- VIII. **New Business**
- a. Officer Training – Braxton Bundick stated we have Officer Training Friday, 02/13/2026, from 8:00am – 4:30pm. Samantha Simien made a motion for meals to be provided during the training up to \$500.00 from the Meetings line item; second by Chuck Stewart; Motion approved without objection - **Motion #26-02-C-04**
 - b. Audit Motions –
 1. Samantha Simien made a motion to have the Anc Chapter audit completed for the past years audits from 2022 to 2025, to be completed by the previous board and treasurer by 02/28/2026 and the Trustees submit the audit report at the 03/04/2026 EBoard Meeting, and again at the 03/11/2026 Chapter Meeting; second by Tanner Howard. Discussion: Point of Information made by Deadra Browne – Based on the AFSCME Financial Standards for chapters with over 2,000 members, when was the last audit completed by a CPA? Samantha S. stated we do not have CPAs conduct our audits, we have Trustees that conduct the audits. Jodi Andres further explained that financial standard, and she stated we did look into a CPA complete our audits but it would be \$6,000.00/year (low end). This is why our chapter has two trustees that complete our audits. Samantha S. also stated when we were looking at this option based on our Bylaws, we could not find a CPA willing to complete the audit for our type of organization, limited resources.
 - Jodi A. clarified trustees will be completing audits through 12/31/2025 so that it would be an easy transition from one board to the other.
 - Samantha S. stated she is requesting we get this done due to a possible resolution that may be presented during Convention in March that will require a timeframe for Chapter audits to be completed. Once this resolution is approved at Convention, if our audits are not complete we can lose a lot of chapter support money that is due to us.



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- Paul Keller stated this has been a reoccurring issue, and the previous board and treasurer have been forthright and making the effort to ensure our funds were delegated and used in the proper manner amidst some difficult times.
- Jodi Andres stated for clarification all of the audit years listed in the motion are not accurate. Samantha Simien stated the audit years are based on information obtained in March 2025, so if some of the audits were completed, then that's great. Jodi A. stated the 2022-2023 years have been done, 2023-2024 are done just waiting on trustee to get back, and he just got back.
- Kimberly Reynolds requested clarification regarding the 2022-2023 audit year being "ready" vs. "completed." Jodi A. clarified the audit process and stated the books are ready for review, then the auditors complete the audit and submit a report to the Chapter, and then it is filed with headquarters (HQ). 2022-2023 have been done for several months, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 need to be audited by Trustees.
- Chuck Stewart Called to Question; no objections to the call. Motion passed with two objections (Jodi Andres and Paul Keller) - **Motion #26-02-C-05**
- 2. Additional Trustee Motion – Samantha Simien made a motion to appoint up to two "special" trustees to help conduct the previous and future audits; second by Tanner Howard. Deadra Browne requested to table the motion, but retracted that motion, and made a motion to postpone the original motion until the next Chapter meeting March 11, 2026 to find out if the original motion is permissible; second by Portia Hall. Motion to postpone passed by majority.
- c. Vacant Committee Chair positions – Braxton Bundick requested to table this until the next meeting, no objections.
- d. Convention (March 17-22, 2026) – Tanner Howard made a motion for the Anchorage Chapter to sponsor the Convention reception Friday Night and expend funds up to \$9,000; second by member Deadra Browne; Motion passed without objection - **Motion #26-02-C-06**; Braxton Bundick stated we have 7 delegate seats available.
- e. Upcoming Calendar Events – Samantha Simien made a motion to expend up to \$500 from the ACT line item for food and supplies for the Valentine's Day Card Making Event Friday Feb 13, 2026, from 6:00pm – 8:00pm; second by Tanner Howard; Motion passed without objection **Motion #26-02-C-07**

IX. Old Business

- a. Braxton Bundick reported the Matsu & Anchorage Annual Bingo Event Saturday 02/07/2026 was a great event, and some of the members won during Bingo sessions. Samantha Simien stated it was a great event for our members who live in the valley and Matsu Chapter has now made this an annual event. Photos will be sent to Samantha Harris.

X. Committee Reports

- a. **Stewards (Billy Stapleton)** – We need 81 members, request made to start phone banking again. He will work with Bev G. and Samantha H. to start sign up sheets. Motion made by Billy Stapleton to approve new Steward, Casey Shaw (DOC); second by Tanner Howard; Motion passed without objection - **Motion #26-02-C-08**
- b. **Good & Welfare (Kim Reynolds)** – She and other members of the EBoard are meeting with Lawrence Camp on Sunday at 5:30pm to do a Good & Welfare training. Kimberly R. stated the website will need to be updated.



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- c. **Scholarships (Portia Hall)** – No report
- d. **Refreshments (Braxton Bundick)** – If you have any suggestions for food, let Braxton B. know. We are trying to use more local businesses and
- e. **Public Relations & Marketing (Portia Hall)** – There are some photos still at headquarters. If you have not picked up your photos with Santa, please let her know so she can get them to you.
- f. **Next Wave (Braxton Bundick)** – Samantha Simien made a motion to purchase Wolverine Tickets and expend up to \$300.00 from the Public Relations line item; second by Paul Keller. Discussion: Deadra Browne asked Who, What, When and How? Braxton B. stated it will be 60 tickets for members (first come, first serve). Barabara Hall asked how the membership will be noticed about the tickets. Braxton B. stated they are accepting suggestions but will work out the logistics for these tickets and will let everyone know; motion passed without objection -
Motion #26-02-C-09
- g. **Veterans (Ed Smyers)** – No report
- h. Braxton Bundick stated we will further discuss the chapter chair vacancies at the next meeting for the following committees, and there are no reports for: Hot Fridays, Website, Rallies, Elections, Adopt -a-Highway, and League Sports.
- XI. **Member Comments** – Barbara Hall gave an update regarding the 4th of July Parade. Meeting for the parade was recently cancelled due to the weather, but if you are interested in being in the parade or part of the planning, please let her know.
- XII. **Adjournment** – Tanner Howard made a motion to adjourn; second by Dante Graham; no objection