



Anchorage Senior Activity Center

Board of Directors Meeting – Minutes

In-person and Zoom Meeting

Wednesday August 27, 2025

12pm in the Ballroom

Meeting Convened at: 12:00 p.m.

I. Roll Call:

Present: Micky Becker; Nancy Groszek; Jim Bailey; Joe Mathis; Gretchen Cuddy; Jim Kostka (via Zoom); Lance Bowie (via Zoom); Elsa Sargento; Steve Franklin (via Zoom); Jack Laasch; Juna Penney; Jim Rooney; Kelly Stewart, Bob Tannahill (Endowment), Kris Warren (Endowment) Gordon Glaser (Endowment) and Maureen Haggbloom, MOA Liaison (via Zoom)

Staff Present: Rebecca Parker; Celine Kaplan, Stephanie Rose and Jordan Flake

Guest Present: Jacqueline Daniels

- II. Safety Moment:** Gretchen Cuddy reminded the attendees that the black bears are out and to be careful and not leave garbage and birdseed out. She also asked them to keep an eye out for a lime green bike that was stolen nearby. There was also a brief discussion about police activity in the area and lockdown procedures at the Center.

- III. Agenda Approval:** Jim Bailey moved to accept the agenda as published; Nancy Groszek seconded – Approved.

- IV. Past Minutes Review and Approval:** Joe Mathis moved to approve the Minutes of the July 23, 2025 Board of Director's meeting and Lance Bowie and Steve Franklin seconded – Approved.

V. Committee Reports:

MOA Liaison: Maureen Haggbloom reported on upcoming weather conditions and requested information about homeless camps near the Senior Center. Becky shared that the Center had reported an incident of someone attempting to steal copper pipes and

had notified the police and mayor's office about ongoing issues with homeless individuals in the area.

Executive Committee:

Micky raised concerns about the lack of consultation regarding municipal bonds, including the 2027 bond for \$1 million, emphasizing that the organization was not involved in the decision-making process. She noted that a list of items to be funded by the bond was provided, and efforts were made to seek clarification from the Municipality, but no response was received. Maureen suggested escalating the issue to Shay Throop, who is responsible for bond approvals. The group agreed on the importance of being consulted regarding future bond initiatives and discussed the need for a strategic approach to involvement in bond proposals. Micky expressed opposition to spending resources on advertising for a bond without input.

Endowment Report:

Gordon Glaser presented a candidate, Peter Crosby, to be an endowment trustee. After reviewing his resume and discussing briefly, Jim Bailey moved to appoint Peter Crosby as an endowment trustee; Jim Kostka seconded. The board then voted to approve the appointment.

Gordon reported that the trust is in good shape at 5.4 million, though the market is volatile. The board discussed their decision to take out a draw for next year, securing it in an account earning 4.1% interest. Micky expressed gratitude to those involved in the endowment.

Finance Report:

Joe and Stephanie presented the financial documents provided in the board packet. Joe announced that they'd be working on the 2026 budget before Becky leaves on sabbatical. Stephanie provided the amount currently in the checking account with mention that checks for some of the grants were just arriving this week. She reported the Center did receive the extra \$60,000 for the meal program and changes were being made to expand that program. Micky asked if funds had been moved to the emergency account and Stephanie responded that it would be moved this week once checks came in. Stephanie also explained what is included in the dues and subscriptions budget category.

Jack Laasch moved to approve the financials; Jim Bailey seconded. The board approved the financials without discussion.

Fitness Committee Report:

Micky noted that Gretchen is the official board member to the Fitness Committee.

Membership Committee:

Elsa Sargento presented the Membership report that was included with the Board packet and encouraged board members to bring in new members. Jordan explained the discrepancy in membership numbers, clarifying that the current total includes long-term members who renewed their dues earlier in the year.

Facilities Committee Report: Becky thanked Steve for installing new lighting around the One Percent for Art piece and mentioned that the artist had been in town to repair the artwork. Steve discussed several facility updates, including additional security cameras, which he explained are pending a new Wi-Fi system installation. Stephanie clarified what areas the new cameras would cover. The rest of the report is included in the board packet.

Executive Director Report: Executive Director Becky Parker's report was included in the Board packet. She thanked the legislature and governor for the \$2.5 million grant from the State of Alaska for senior programs and meals and mentioned plans for congregate meals to start in September. Micky also announced Becky's upcoming three-month sabbatical, with Celine taking over leadership responsibilities. Celine reported on upcoming fundraising initiatives, including the gala in 2026 and a new fundraising appeal letter. Elsa thanked Becky for securing sponsors for the I Am Anchorage event and asked the board to save the date for the holiday event on December 5th.

VI. Ad Hoc Committees:

AGENET and MOA Senior Advisory (Advocacy) – Jim Bailey provided an update on efforts surrounding Age Friendly Anchorage and encouraged everyone to attend Age Smart in September.

I. Old Business: None

VIII. New Business: None

IX. Good of the Order

The next Board of Board of Director's meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2025.

Committee/Staff Reports are attached.

Upcoming Dates of Interest:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Bailey, Secretary