



LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION

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STATE OF ALASKA LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting for December 17, 2024 at 10 am
Via Zoom

LBC Chair Larry Wood called the meeting to order at approximately 10:04 a.m. Commissioners John Harrington, Ely Cyrus, and Clay Walker were present. Commissioner Trotter was not present.

Commissioner Harrington motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Cyrus seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Chair Wood said the Commission received a letter from attorneys representing the communities of Pelican, Tenakee Springs, and Gustavus, requesting an eight day extension on submittal of a request for reconsideration. The current regulation would require a request for reconsideration to be submitted by January 7, 2025. The extension, if granted would set the date to January 15, 2025.

Commissioner Cyrus motioned to extend the deadline for reconsideration to January 15, 2025. Commissioner Harrington seconded the motion.

Assistant Attorney General Gene Hickey said the request is premised on the release date of the Xunaa Borough written decision of December 20, 2024. The Local Boundary Commission regulations provide for an 18-day time period for filing a reconsideration request. 3 AAC 110.660 allows the commission to relax or suspend certain procedural regulations if they serve the broad public interest.

The motion to extend the reconsideration deadline passed 4-0.

Commissioner Walker motioned for the commission to move into executive session for the purposes of deliberation of the written decision. Commissioner Harrington seconded the motion.

Commissioner Cyrus asked if the purpose was to discuss any edits to the document. Chair Wood responded in the affirmative.

The motion to adjourn into executive session was adopted 4-0 at approximately 10:11 a.m.

The commission returned from executive session at approximately 11:15 a.m.

Chair Wood said the commission took no action in the executive session except to give direction to legal counsel.

Commissioner Harrington motioned to adopt the written decision on the Xunaa Borough with discussed edits, and to be released on December 20, 2024. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. The motion was adopted 4-0.

LBC staff said the written decision and the dissenting opinion would be distributed to the petitioner and the respondents, as well as posted to the Local Boundary Commission website.

Commissioner Harrington moved to adjourn at approximately 11:20 a.m. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

APPROVED: February 18, 2025

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LARRY WOOD, CHAIR

ATTEST:

JEDEDIAH SMITH, STAFF