

Regulatory Commission of Alaska

Board Roster

Position ↑	Appointee (Current Appointee)	Date Appointed (Current Appointee)	Expiration Date
Public	Steven DeVries	10/2/2024	3/1/2027
Public	John Springsteen	5/22/2024	3/1/2030
Public	John Espindola	6/9/2023	3/1/2025
Public	Julie Vogler	3/11/2026	3/1/2032
Public	Mark Johnston	11/5/2024	3/1/2028

Board Facts

Board Name

Regulatory Commission of Alaska

Board Number

200

Department

COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Status

Active

Website

rca.alaska.gov/RCAWeb/home.aspx

Description

The board consists of 5 members appointed by the Governor. To qualify for appointment as a commissioner, a person must be a member in good standing of the Alaska Bar Association or have a degree from an accredited college or university with a major in engineering, finance, economics, accounting, business administration, or public administration. Actual experience for a period of five years in the practice of law or in the field of engineering, finance, economics, accounting, business administration, or public administration is equivalent to a degree.

Function

The board regulates public utilities by certifying qualified providers of public utility and pipeline services and ensuring that they provide safe and adequate services and facilities at just and reasonable rates, terms, and conditions. This keeps rates as low as possible while allowing the utility to earn a fair return. The Commission also determines the eligibility and the per kilowatt-hour support for electric utilities under the Power Cost Equalization program (AS 42.45).

Special Facts

When a vacancy occurs in the office of chair, the commission may nominate one of its members to serve the remaining term as chair. The chair may be elected to not more than three successive terms as chair. After a year of not serving as chair, the commissioner is eligible for election as chair again.

Other Compensation

Members' salaries at Range 27; exempt service

Board Meets

Continuous hearings throughout the year.

Requirements

Financial Disclosure Required

Yes

Legislative Confirmation Required

Yes