



Chambers of
Susan M. Carney
Chief Justice

Supreme Court
State of Alaska

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January 9, 2026

The Honorable Gary Stevens
Senate President
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 111
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

The Honorable Bryce Edgmon
House Speaker
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 208
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: Alternate public member appointment to the Legislative Ethics Select Committee

Dear Senate President Stevens and House Speaker Edgmon:

Alaska Statute 24.60.130(b) designates the Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court to nominate the five public members who sit on the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics. In my capacity as Chief Justice, and pursuant to AS 24.60.131(b)(3), I am nominating Mr. Chase Berenson to serve as an alternate.

Mr. Berenson is an experienced business leader and holds a Masters of Business Administration. His information is available upon request from the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics. For purposes of determining compliance with AS 24.60.130(c), I understand Mr. Berenson is registered with the Alaska Democratic Party.

Please let me know if I can provide you with any additional information.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Carney
Chief Justice

cc: Mr. Chase Berenson
Mr. Kevin Reeve, Administrator, Select Committee on Legislative Ethics

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APPELLATE COURT
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STATE OF ALASKA

The Honorable Susan Carney
Alaska Supreme Court
5th Floor
303 K Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Re: Select Committee on Legislative Ethics, Public Member Vacancy

Friday, December 5th, 2025

Dear Chief Justice Carney,

I am writing to express my interest in serving as a public member of the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics. I respect the Committee's role in safeguarding the integrity of our legislative processes, and I would welcome the opportunity to contribute to this important work. My professional background, commitment to impartial decision-making, and service to Alaska's communities align strongly with the responsibilities of this position.

Throughout my career, including in business leadership overseeing complex operations across remote regions of Alaska, I have worked in environments where ethical clarity, transparency, and sound judgement were essential. I have been responsible for guiding teams, managing compliance with statutory and contractual requirements, and making decisions that impact diverse stakeholders. These experiences required a disciplined approach to confidentiality, careful evaluation of information, and the ability to separate personal views from objective analysis. These are all qualities that are critical to the Committee's mission.

I understand that the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics plays a unique and essential role within state government: helping people understand and comply with the Legislative Ethics Act, issuing advisory opinions interpreting the Legislative Ethics Act, considering complaints alleging violations of the Legislative Ethics Act, and maintaining public files of disclosure statements. These actions help ensure the public can have confidence in the conduct of those who serve them.

I am motivated by the belief that ethical governance is foundational to public trust. I meet the qualifications for public members. My party affiliation as listed on my voter registration is Democrat.

Thank you for considering my application to be a public member of the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics. I would bring a steady, balanced perspective to the Committee's deliberations. I appreciate the opportunity to be considered for this role and would be honored to contribute to the continued integrity of the Alaska Legislature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chase Berenson', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Chase Berenson

CHASE JAMES BERENSON, MBA

Experienced Executive Manager

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Aleut Ventures
2022 - 2025

General Manager

- Directed multiple operating companies in Alaska's Aleutian Islands generating **\$13.1 million annual revenue** and **\$2.6 million EBITDA**, achieving a **19.8% flowthrough rate** in a remote and logistically challenging business environment.
- Forecasted **78% EBITDA growth** from FY24 to FY26 through internal cost restructuring and both organic and inorganic expansion strategies.
- Oversaw daily operations across **five** companies, including two fueling businesses, hotel, port, and fish processing plant, serving critical logistics functions for aviation, maritime, tourism, and community needs.
- Spearheaded the **strategic expansion** of one subsidiary from basic fuel services into a full-service aviation support enterprise, including on-airport (de-icing) and off-airport (crew lodging) services.
- Held full contract authority and P&L ownership; directed budgeting, resource planning, workforce management, and new market development.
- Managed a cross-functional remote team of **16** employees across multiple sites.
- Played a key role on Aleut's **Enterprise Leadership Team**, advising on strategic planning and performance improvement across all corporate subsidiaries.
- Cultivated and maintained **high-value relationships** with customers, public stakeholders, military entities, and regional leaders that enabled multi-million dollar transactions, ensured operational alignment, and built community trust.
- Represented Aleut on the Governance Body of the Alaska Mariculture Cluster, overseeing the **\$49 million EDA grant** for expansion of mariculture in Alaska
- **Recognized for excellence** by senior military leadership.

E Source
2017 - 2022

Senior Consultant - Solution Services

- Grew business process reengineering workstream for utilities deploying AMI by introducing new methods to **provide value** to customers while **increasing revenue**.
- Increased the scope of E Source's change management activities with clients to increase the pricing of change management-related tasks by an **average of 58%**.
- **Facilitated cross-functional meetings** to align stakeholders and drive consensus in high-stakes environments, translating complex topics into actionable strategies.
- Built trust and credibility with clients by fostering **collaborative problem-solving**.

EDUCATION

Master of Business Administration

Specializations: Management Consulting
and Global Entrepreneurship

Louisiana State University
2015-2017

Bachelor of Arts

Major: Urban Studies
Concentrations: Geography and Sociology

Vassar College
2003-2007

COMMUNITY

- Vice Chair of Imagine Girdwood
- Member of the Loan Advisory Board of the Revolving Loan Fund of the Alaska Mariculture Cluster
- Member of the CERT Team of the Girdwood Fire Department
- Fieldwork volunteer for the Prince William Sound Stewardship Foundation
- Past Member of the Adak Restoration Advisory Board for Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC)
- Past Member of the US Delegation to the Conference Board of the International Pacific Halibut Commission