

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**MARCH 31, 2025
5:15 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Sara Hannan, Chair
Senator Gary Stevens, Vice Chair
Representative Ashley Carrick
Representative Bryce Edgmon
Representative Chuck Kopp
Representative Mike Prax
Representative Calvin Schrage
Representative Louise Stutes
Senator Matt Claman
Senator Cathy Giessel
Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson
Senator Lyman Hoffman
Senator Jesse Kiehl
Senator Bert Stedman

MEMBERS ABSENT

Representative Donna Mears (alternate)
Senator Löki Tobin(alternate)

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Robyn Niayuq Burke

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
APPROVAL OF MINUTES
SANCTIONING OF CHARITABLE EVENTS
EXECUTIVE SESSION
COMMITTEE BUSINESS

SPEAKER REGISTER

JC Kestel, Procurement Officer, Legislative Affairs Agency
(LAA)

I. CALL TO ORDER

5:17:26 PM

CHAIR HANNAN called the Legislative Council meeting to order at 5:17pm on Wednesday, March 31, 2025, in Room 532 (Senate Finance) of the State Capitol. Present at the call were Representatives Carrick, Edgmon, Kopp, Schrage, Stutes, Hannan; Senators Claman, Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Hoffman, Kiehl, Stedman, Stevens.

Thirteen members present.

Representative Prax joined the meeting via teleconference at 5:35pm.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

5:18:39 PM

VICE CHAIR STEVENS moved and asked unanimous consent that Legislative Council approve the agenda as presented.

The motion passed without objection.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. March 12, 2025, Minutes

5:18:56 PM

VICE CHAIR STEVENS moved and asked unanimous consent that Legislative Council approve the minutes dated March 12, 2025, as presented.

The minutes were approved without objection.

IV. SANCTIONING OF CHARITABLE EVENTS

a. Legislative Skits–April 26, 2025

5:19:15 PM

VICE CHAIR STEVENS moved and asked unanimous consent that Legislative Council ratify the Chair's sanctioning of the following charitable event per AS 24.60.080(a)(2)(B):

1. Legislative Skits–April 26, 2025

CHAIR HANNAN objected for the purpose of discussion and stated the 501(c)(3) status of the beneficiaries of Legislative Skits

has been verified. These beneficiaries are Juneau's AWARE shelter and Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

There was no discussion. Chair Hannan removed her objection, and the sanctioning of the charitable event was ratified.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Security Update

b. RFQ 667 Alaska State Capitol Security Screeners

CHAIR HANNAN stated that Legislative Council would go into Executive Session for a security briefing and consideration of a Request for Quotation for Capitol screening personnel.

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VICE CHAIR STEVENS moved that the Legislative Council go into Executive Session under Uniform Rule 22(b)(1), discussion of matters, the immediate knowledge of which would adversely affect the finances of a government unit and 22(b)(3), discussion of a matter that may, by law, be required to be confidential. The following people may remain in the room or on-line for the executive session: Jessica Geary, Santé Lesh, Tim Powers, JC Kestel, Ernest Daigle, Michael Mills, Megan Wallace, Emily Nauman, Andrew Dunmire, Micaela Bradner, Matt Simpson, any legislators not on Legislative Council, and any staff of Legislative Council members.

5:21:18 PM

Council went into Executive Session.

7:04:43 PM

Council came out of Executive Session.

Roll was taken to establish a quorum. Present at the call were Representatives Carrick, Edgmon, Kopp, Schrage, Stutes, Hannan; Senators Claman, Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Kiehl, Stedman, Stevens.

Twelve members present.

7:05:55 PM

VICE CHAIR STEVENS moved that Legislative Council approve the award of RFQ 667 for security screening services to Universal Protection Service, LP, in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00.

CHAIR HANNAN objected for the purpose of discussion and asked Procurement Officer JC Kestel to speak to this item.

JC KESTEL, Procurement Officer, Legislative Affairs Agency (LAA), said the Agency issued RFQ 667 - Alaska State Capitol Security Screeners to solicit bids from qualified contractors to provide screening services at the Capitol during the legislative session.

The RFQ was published on the State's online public notices site and emailed to several known contractors in the state. There was a total of five bids received, the lowest bid coming from Universal Protection Services, LP. All bids were evaluated, Universal Protection Services, LP's bid was evaluated to make sure it met all the requirements of the RFQ.

CHAIR HANNAN, noting there were no further questions, removed her objection and asked for a roll call vote.

Due to technical difficulties related to the member on teleconference, after a brief at-ease the original roll call vote was voided and a second roll call vote was taken.

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YEAS: Representatives Edgmon, Schrage, Stutes, Hannan; Senators Claman, Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Stevens

NAYS: Representatives Carrick, Kopp, Prax; Senators Kiehl, Stedman

The motion passed 8-5.

VI. Committee Business

a. Capitol Visitor Screening Policy

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VICE CHAIR STEVENS moved that Legislative Council adopt the Alaska State Capitol Visitor Screening Policy as presented, effective immediately and implemented as soon as feasible, and authorize the Legislative Affairs Agency to make any necessary technical and conforming changes.

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VICE CHAIR STEVENS then moved to amend the policy by removing all references to ID badges in the Capitol Visitor Screening Policy; and adding language that a visitor shall be defined as a person who enters the Capitol through the front door and who does not have electronic access to the building.

CHAIR HANNAN asked if anyone objected to the adoption of amendment number one to the policy.

The amendment was adopted without objection.

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SENATOR KIEHL moved to delete the word "lounge" in the first bullet point under item seven on page two.

The second amendment was adopted without objection.

With no further amendments or discussion, the members were brought to the main motion, adoption of the Capitol Visitor Screening Policy as amended.

A roll call vote was taken.

7:14:09 PM

YEAS: Representatives Edgmon, Schrage, Stutes, Hannan; Senators Claman, Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Stedman, Stevens

NAYS: Representatives Carrick, Kopp, Prax; Senator Kiehl

The motion passed 9-4.

b. Identification Badge Policy

CHAIR HANNAN noted that the agenda item concerning the ID Badge Policy would not be taken up at this meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

CHAIR HANNAN informed the committee that a new state pin depicting a salmon has been added to the collection at Legislative Affairs Agency. The pin was commissioned during Senator Gray-Jackson's term as Legislative Council Chair and is available for offices to request.

SENATOR GRAY-JACKSON clarified that although the pin was commissioned during her tenure, the credit for the idea belongs to Senator Dunbar, who had been persistent in following up on its progress. She expressed her excitement to share the final product with him.

There being no further business before the committee, the Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm.

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