



CITY OF GUSTAVUS CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING: ELECTION REVIEW COMMITTEE

Friday, October 10, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Gustavus City Hall

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Sally McLaughlin
Vice Mayor Shelley Owens
Council Members: Susan Warner, Geoff Fosse,
Lucas Beck, Jim Kearns, Mike Taylor

CITY HALL

City Administrator – Kathy Leary
City Clerk – Liesl Barker
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MINUTES - PENDING

VIRTUAL MEETING INFORMATION

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ID: 515 501 9406

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ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Sally McLaughlin
Vice Mayor Shelley Owens
Council Member Lucas Beck
Council Member Mike Taylor
Council Member Susan Warner

ABSENT

Council Member James Kearns (excused)
Council Member Geoff Fosse (unexcused)



Reading of the City of Gustavus Mission Statement

Mission Statement read by Council Member Beck.

The City Council is acting as the election review committee per CoG 5.50.010.

Motion made by Council Member Warner that the City Council now transition into taking action as the Election Review Committee per ordinance 5.50.010 to certify the 2025 City of Gustavus General Election

Seconded by Council Member Taylor

Hearing no objections the motion passed by unanimous consent.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Canvass Absentee, Special Needs, Questioned, Defective, and Spoiled Ballots cast in the October 7th, 2025 General Election

Motion made by Mayor McLaughlin that the Election Review Committee rejects question ballot A that was not eligible to vote in the City of Gustavus.

Seconded by Council Member Taylor

Voting Yea: Mayor McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Owens, Council Member Beck, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Warner

5 yea / 0 nay

Motion Passed.

Motion made by Mayor McLaughlin to take a 5-minute recess by unanimous consent.

Seconded by Vice Mayor Owens

Hearing no objection the motion passed by unanimous consent.

*Clerk note: recess began at 6:45pm

back in session at 6:49pm

Motion made by Council Member Warner that the Election Review Committee accept absentee ballots A-JJ that have been properly cast by voters in the City of Gustavus and reject ballot KK.

Seconded by Vice Mayor Owens

Voting Yea: Mayor McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Owens, Council Member Beck, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Warner

5 yea / 0 nay

Motion passed

2. Certify Reports of Election for October 7th, 2025 Results

Motion made by Mayor McLaughlin to take a 5-minute recess.

Seconded by Council Member Warner

Hearing no objections the motion passed by unanimous consent.

* Clerk note: recess began at 7:18pm

back in session at 7:21pm

*Clerk note: Election Board Chair, Kim Ney served as a watcher in the ballot counting process since there were not enough council members present to fill all six positions in the ballot counting process.

Motion made by Mayor McLaughlin that the Election Review Committee accept the tally of ballots as tallied and certify the 2025 City of Gustavus General Report of Election Results.

Seconded by Council Member Taylor

Voting Yea: Mayor McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Owens, Council Member Beck, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Warner

5 yea / 0 nay

Motion passed

Motion made by Mayor McLaughlin to take a 10-minute recess so that the City Clerk can prepare the Certificates of Election.

Seconded by Council Member Warner

Hearing no objections the motion passed.

3. Signing of Certificates of Election by Mayor and City Clerk

*Clerk note: Mayor McLaughlin signed the certificates of election and Clerk Barker attested.

Clerk read results aloud:

Seat A - Renee Patrick

Seat B - Renee Patrick

Seat C - Karen Hutten

Seat D - James Standford Kearns

Proposition passed.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business and hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57PM.

POSTED ON: October 2, 2025 at P.O, Library, City Hall & <https://cms.gustavus-ak.gov/>

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MISSION STATEMENT

The City of Gustavus is a distinctive Alaskan City that provides high quality public services in a thoughtful, cost effective and professional manner to sustain a safe, beautiful tolerant environment to live, work, and play with respect for individual freedom and each other.

Sally A. McLaughlin, Mayor

Date

Attest: Liesl M. Barker, City Clerk

Date