



Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB)

Board of Directors – Regular Meeting

Draft Minutes November 17, 2025

Hotel Captain Cook, Anchorage

1. Call to Order

President Jullia Phelan called the meeting to order at 8:03 am

2. Roll Call

Phil Burdick	Present
Amber Frommherz	Present
Carl Jacobs	Absent/Excused
Melanie Kasyulie	Present
Frieda Nageak	Present
Julia Phelan	Present
Darlene Trigg	Present
Annie Weyiouana	Absent/Excused
Tim Doran	Present
Peny Vadla	Present
Michael Swain	Present
Clarence Daniel	Present
Marie Greene	Present
Dana mock	Present
Margo Bellamy	Present

3. Establish Quorum

A quorum was established

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Julia Phelan

5. Land Acknowledgment

Read by Darlene Trigg

6. Equity Statement

Read by Michael Swain

7. Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed.



8. Approval of Agenda

Action: Motion to approve the agenda as presented, as a guide.

Moved by: Clarence Daniel

Seconded by: Penny Vadla

Outcome: Motion passed unanimously

9. Approval of Minutes

Action: Motion to approve the July 18, 2025, regular meeting minutes and the Executive Committee meeting minutes from 8/21/25, 9/18/25 & 10/21/25.

Moved by: Clarence Daniel

Seconded by: Darlene Trigg

Outcome: Motion passed unanimously.

10. Recognition of Visitors

No visitors present

11. Correspondence

Letters of thanks for AASB staff were acknowledged

12. Reports/Discussion Items

12.A. Annual Conference Report

Speaker(s): Tiffany Jackson

Discussion held on highlights of the 72nd Annual Conference.

12.B. Like Size District Forum Report

Speaker(s): AASB Board of Directors

Discussion of concerns raised during the like-sized district forums.

12.C. Discussion of Legislative Priorities

Speaker(s): Lon Garrison, Andrea Watts

Discussion on the 2026 Legislative Priorities and the supporting resolutions.

12.D. Past President Report

Speaker(s): Margo Bellamy

Past President Bellamy provided highlights to the report included in the board packet. Bellamy expressed it being an honor to serve on the Executive Committee.

12.E. President-Elect Report

Speaker(s): Julia Phelan

Phelan, now serving as President, expressed gratitude to board members for their service and mentorship. The written report was included in the board packet.



12.F. Secretary/Treasurer Report

Speaker(s): Darlene Trigg

Secretary/Treasurer Trigg delivered a brief verbal report, noting the rapid progression from stepping into the Secretary/Treasurer role to assuming the responsibilities of President-Elect and being up to the task.

12.G. ASAA Report

Speaker(s): Margo Bellamy

ASAA Representative Bellamy provided comments supplementing the report provided in the board packet.

12.H. NSBA Director's Report

Speaker(s): Lon Garrison, Dana Mock

Reminder to the Executive Committee that the NSBA Presidents' meeting is the first Monday of every month.

12.I. Pacific Region Report

Speaker(s): Lon Garrison, Dana Mock, Julia Phelan

Reminder to the Executive Committee that the Pacific Region Presidents' call is the third Thursday of every month.

12.J. AIAN Report

Speaker(s): Dana Mock

Dana Mock provided an update on AIAN membership and encouraged board members to join. He also reviewed instructions for signing up through NSBA's website.

Recess: 12:08

Resume: 12:30

12.K. Budget Committee Report

Speaker(s): Lon Garrison, Evan Reeves, Darlene Trigg

Trigg gave a brief verbal report highlighting the Budget Committee meeting report from November 5, 2025, included in the board packet.

12.L. Sustainability Committee Report

Speaker(s): Tim Doran

Committee Chair Doran provided a brief overview of the committee's work. Full report provided in the board packet.

12.M. Long Range Plan Report

Speaker(s): Katie Oliver, Lon Garrison

Garrison reviewed the dashboard information provided in the board packet. Discussion followed.

12.N. Review of Mission Statement, Code of Ethics, and Director's Job Description

Board members reviewed and signed the code of ethics document.



13. Action Items

13.A. Approval of Legislative Priorities

Action: Motion to approve the 2026 AASB Legislative Priorities as identified.

Moved by: Michael Swain

Seconded by: Margo Bellamy

Outcome: Motion passed unanimously.

13.B. Approval of AASB Budget

Action: Motion to approve the FY2026 operating budget as presented.

Moved by: Darlene Trigg

Seconded by: Not required (per point of order, motions coming from committee do not require a second).

Outcome: Motion passed unanimously.

13.C. Committee Assignments

Julia Phelan facilitated committee assignments for board members.

14. Staff Reports

14.A. Executive Director Report

Speaker(s): Lon Garrison

Executive Director Garrison highlighted key items from the written report included in the board packet and provided an update on the repairs required as a result of the office flooding.

14.B. Associate Executive Director Report

Speaker(s): Katie Oliver

No report was presented for this item.

14.C. Chief Financial Officer Report

Speaker(s): Evan Reeves

CFO Reeves referred the Board to the Q3 financial information included in the board packet and provided brief highlights on investment performance and financial management updates.

14.D. Director of Membership Services Report

Speaker(s): Tiffany Jackson

Jackson, referred the Board to the written report in the board packet. Highlighted recent district support and the upcoming superintendent searches.

14.E. Director of Conditions for Learning Report

Speaker(s): Lori Grassgreen

Grassgreen referred the Board to the report in the board packet and highlighted the YLI themes the students wanted to share with board members.



14.F. Tribal Consultation Update

Speaker(s): Lori Grassgreen, Margo Bellamy

The Tribal Consultation report noted continued focus on consultation and requests for facilitation assistance.

15. Board Comments

Marie Greene: Marie expressed appreciation for the conference, thanked Julia for stepping into a role change earlier in the year, and acknowledged the support and flexibility during a busy time.

Penny Vadla: Penny thanked staff and participants for the conference and expressed appreciation for the work done in support of students.

Amber Frommherz: Amber thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve, expressed appreciation for the patience shown during discussions, and shared that the student participation in the conference was particularly meaningful.

Frieda Nageak: Acknowledged the hard work of Board members balancing responsibilities and thanked them for their service.

Melanie Kasayulie: Thanked staff and Board members for support, shared appreciation for the conference, and noted her efforts to engage and help elder board members.

Tim Doran: Expressed admiration for the conference experience, highlighted the inspiring work being done in schools, and emphasized optimism for student learning and classroom impact.

Phil Burdick: Phil thanked the Board for the invitation, expressed appreciation for AASB's welcoming environment.

Margo Bellamy:

Michael Swain: Mike welcomed new board members, thanked staff for their work, and offered his support to the new executive committee.

Darlene Trigg: Expressed gratitude to the Board and community, welcomed feedback, and shared an innovative program (105L) that could generate revenue for schools, with plans to report outcomes in the future.

Dana Mock: Dana thanked staff and Board members for their support, welcomed new members, expressed gratitude for mentorship and teamwork over the past year, and offered continued support.

Julia Phelan: Julia expressed appreciation for the Board's support during challenging times, emphasized the importance of working together, and highlighted the value of doing meaningful work with care, passion, and dedication.



16. Future Business

Spring Board meeting is March 27 & 28, 2026

17. Adjournment

Action: Motion to adjourn.

Moved by: Dana Mock

Seconded by: Amber Frommherz

Outcome: Meeting adjourned at 3:14 pm