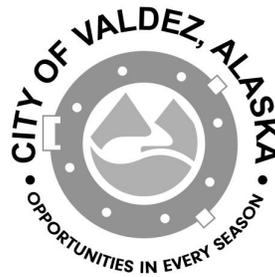


City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.
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Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

7:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

Economic Diversification Commission

REGULAR AGENDA - 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commission member Sadie Blancaflor called the meeting to order at 7:04pm in Council Chambers.

II. ROLL CALL

Present 4 - Chair Pro Tempore Jim Shirrell
Commission Member Levi Rowland
Commission Member Sadie Blancaflor
Commission Member Lanette Oliver

Excused 1 - Chair Colleen Stephens

Also Present 2 - Economic Development Director Martha Barberio
Executive Administrative Assistant Brianne Skilbred

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Economic Diversification Commission Minutes from May 17, 2023

MOTION: Chair Pro Tempore Shirrell moved, seconded by Commissioner Rowland, to approve the minutes from the Economic Diversification Meeting on May 17, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote.

VOTE

Yays: 4 - Chair Pro Tempore Shirrell, Commissioner Rowland, Commissioner Blancaflor, and Commission Member Oliver

Excused: 1 - Chair Stephens

IV. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND CHAIR PRO TEMPORE

MOTION: Commissioner Shirrell moved, seconded by Commissioner Rowland, to elect Commissioner Stephens as the Economic Diversification Commission Chair. The motion carried by the following vote.

VOTE

Yays: 4 - Chair Pro Tempore Shirrell, Commissioner Rowland, Commissioner Blancaflor, and Commission Member Oliver

Excused: 1 - Chair Stephens

MOTION: Commissioner Oliver moved, seconded by Commissioner Rowland, to elect

Commissioner Shirrell as the Economic Diversification Commission Chair. The motion carried by the following vote.

VOTE

Yays: 4 - Chair Pro Tempore Shirrell, Commissioner Rowland,
Commissioner Blancaflor, and Commission Member Oliver

Excused: 1 - Chair Stephens

V. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

No public business from the floor.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Alaska Fellows Program (AFP)

Commissioner Blancaflor presented the Alaska Fellows Program to the commission. The Alaska Fellows Program is a seasonal and residential fellowship program for young professionals to work in Alaska through non-profit and public-sector organizations. Commissioners expressed their thoughts and had a discussion the possibility of using the Alaska Fellows Program in Valdez. Commissioner Blancaflor was asked to gather further information to being back to a future commission meeting.

VII. REPORTS

1. Mariculture Report

Tommy Sheridan from Alaska Blue Economy Center presented a report to update the commission on the current status of the mariculture project.

VIII. COMMISSION BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

No commission business from the floor.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

With no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm in Council Chambers.

Colleen Stephens, Chairperson

Brianne Skilbred, Executive Assistant