

# City of Valdez

*212 Chenega Ave.  
Valdez, AK 99686*



## Meeting Minutes - FINAL

**Wednesday, May 17, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

**Regular Meeting**

**Council Chambers**

**Economic Diversification Commission**

**REGULAR AGENDA - 7:00 PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

With Chair Colleen Stephens attending virtually, Chair Pro Temp Jim Shirrell called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM in Council Chambers

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present 5 - Chair Colleen Stephens  
Chair Pro Tempore Jim Shirrell  
Commission Member Jamie "Kal" Berg  
Commission Member Will Stark  
Commission Member Anna Bateman  
2 - Vacancies

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approval of the 04.13.23 Economic Diversification Commission Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Commission Member Berg moved, seconded by Commission Member Stark, to Approve. The motion carried by the following vote.

Yays: 5 - Chair Stephens, Chair Pro Tempore Shirrell, Commission Member Berg, Commission Member Stark, and Commission Member Bateman

**IV. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

There was no public business from the floor at this time.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Valdez by the numbers**

The draft of the Valdez by the Numbers Report from Rain Coast Data was presented and reviewed. Commissioners shared their edits to the data provided.

2. **Seatrade update**

Martha Barberio, Economic Development Director, and Commission Chair Colleen Stephen provided a report on the SeaTrade conference that they attended. The goal of attending the conference was to meet with current cruise line customers, maintain relationships, support those relationships, and build what was needed to keep those relationships, as well as meet and build relationships with new cruise lines that could potentially come to Valdez in the future. A discussion was had on a plan to maintain and manage the growth of cruise ships in Valdez in the future.

**VI. COMMISSION BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

There was no commission business from the floor at this time.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM in Council Chambers.

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Colleen Stephens, Chairperson

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Brianne Skilbred, Executive Assistant