



Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly
Special Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 8, 2018 – 9:00 A.M.
Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Nelson called meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Member Cleveland provided invocation.

ROLL CALL/MEMBER EXCUSAL

Assembly Members present at the time of roll call:

<i>Elmer Armstrong Jr.</i>	<i>Kirk Oviok Jr.</i>	Dood Carr	<i>Austin Swan Sr.</i>
Sandy Shroyer Beaver	Nathan Hadley Jr.	Reggie Joule III	<i>Miles Cleveland Sr.</i>
<i>Larry Westlake Sr.</i>	Walter Sampson	Lucy Nelson	

Introduction of Staff and Guests

<i>Nelda Swan</i>	Matt Mead	Clara Jones	Noah Naylor
Ingemar Mathiasson	Nate Kotch	Charlie Gregg	Hiram Walker
Angie Sturm	Helena Hildreth	Angel Jones	Claude Wilson
Alfred Gregg	Fred Smith	Maggie Sampson	Harold Lambert
Arthur Douglas Jr.	Savannah Wilson	Jimmy Evak	Yiyuk Henry
Silvano Viveiros	York Mendenhall	Colleen Sheldon	<i>Clement Richards Sr.</i>
Stella Atoruk			

A quorum was present to conduct business.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda presented for approval with no changes.

Member Sampson motioned to approve the agenda presented, seconded by Member Shroyer Beaver. *Member Westlake raised concern of someone taking over once resolutions are passed.* Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 18-25** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly accepting Assembly Member Lucy Nelson's resignation of Assembly Seat G, and for related purposes.*

Member Sampson motion to approve Resolution 18-25, seconded by Member Westlake; motion passed unanimously by roll call.

Legal Mead provided the next process of filling the President seat; formally reorganize at the

next regular meeting.

Member Shroyer Beaver nominate Member Hadley as Acting Chair, seconded by Member Carr; Member Shroyer Beaver reword motion requesting unanimous consent if second follows. Motion carries.

Member Sampson raised concern of process of filling vacancy; is there certain ordinance that specifically identify with residents and timeframe of applying. Does that need to be a form of action to start the process?

Member Carr raised concern of background checks like what Assembly is subject to.

Member Shroyer Beaver raised concern of interview process or letter of interest.

Lucy Nelson thank Assembly for working with you all this past eight years on the Assembly; a lot of good things moving this Borough forward. Wish you all the luck and look forward to working relationship as well. Thank you.

Member Shroyer ensure a time to welcome Mayor, thank you.

2. **Resolution 18-26** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly certifying the November 6, 2018 Mayoral Runoff Election Results.*

Canvas Chair Angel Jones provided a summary of the election results.

Member Sampson motion to approve Resolution 18-26, seconded by Member Shroyer Beaver. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Acting President Hadley congratulates Mayor Nelson. Clerk Atoruk swore in Mayor Lucy S. Nelson.

Mayor Nelson thank everyone; blessed and fortunate to serve as your Mayor. First and foremost, we've come to end what seems a long journey. Thank you for electing as Mayor, honored and humbled to represent our Borough. Look forward working with all for the betterment of this Borough and residents. She thanked Carl for running in this Election whom deserves her respect for his ability and perseverance; together they served as a team.

Thank the opponents running in October election; takes a lot of bravery and courage to run for Mayor which takes sacrifice, patients and courage. The campaign was well thought out based on demands; housing, improve public safety, suicide prevention, lower cost of living, improve infrastructure, youth clubs and much more. Thank each community for getting out to vote. Thank Clement Richards for service as Mayor.

For many years Borough has been economically challenged, we need to come together in unity to meet those challenges with local, state, federal, private partners and agencies to improve the quality of live for every resident. We will continue to move forward to address needs.

In closing she thank her family; husband Fred Smith, children, parents and many residents that provided financial and moral support. Also, thank you to cousin Clara for campaigning to the villages; what a journey that was. Lastly, to the citizens of the Borough for the privilege of serving as Mayor to the Assembly thank you for working relationship serving as Assembly woman for eight years. Thank you all for confidence you've bestowed on me. Thank you.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Hiram Walker congratulates Mayor Nelson, hope you have all the blessings possibly can get in new job. We as residents will support you.

Claude Wilson congratulate Mayor Nelson, thank you for years of service as Assembly woman. Thank you.

York Mendenhall congratulate Mayor Nelson, thank you for strong hard campaign. We will support you; we believe you will be transparent as you can. Thank you.

Colleen Sheldon congratulate for your new seat, we will support you from Kobuk and hope to see you there.

Clement Richards congratulates Mayor Nelson; encourage staff to work with her diligently. Thank everyone for the three years of service. Congratulations.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Member Westlake had no comment.

Member Armstrong congratulates Mayor Nelson on election. Look forward to working with you and Assembly.

Member Swan congratulates Mayor Nelson, look forward working with you. Congratulations to whomever got elected. We got lot of work ahead of us; glad moving forward in our community. Thank you.

Member Oviok congratulates Mayor Nelson. Thank you for good introduction. Good that housing is a priority, we are here to support each other and our Region. Thank you.

Member Cleveland congratulates Mayor Nelson, we will continue to work more together. Thank you.

Elder Representative Swan had no comment.

Member Shroyer Beaver thank Clement for Mayor; although didn't see eye on many things although it's about politics and best interest we feel for our people. New governor, whom she

will support. Congratulate John Lincoln, know your doing good job. Commend to Mayor Nelson for excellent campaign, excellent job. Look forward working with you. Thank you.

Member Joule congratulates Mayor Nelson, look forward working with all the Assembly members and tough road we do face moving forward.

Member Sampson in Inupiaq; thank and congratulates Mayor Nelson for Mayor ship today. Thanks to Carl for running, to those that also ran. It's not going to be an easy road for all; at this time, he encourages all to set aside differences and see what we can produce for the residents of this Region. We need to look at the needs and challenges of our residents. We need to look at the future, lot of potential in this region as for resource development hoping to create opportunity for residents to receive additional revenue. Thank you, Acting President, certainly we will work with you.

Member Carr congratulates Mayor Nelson and newly elected Reggie, thank Clement for time, efforts and work we've put in with his Administration. Thank you to Hannah, there was a lot of work done and we did together. Thank Mayor for clean campaign. Years ago, she beat her on NANA Board and she have earned her respect as a person that can accept politics as politics and friends as friends. Real value that can work with everyone, hopefully she can do. A lot of work ahead of us, got our VIF, got our Administration; one thing lacking is this Assembly needs to know what we are doing. Be aware of efforts going on. Thank you for voting although one third have come out. There is nothing worse than running unopposed, if something small start in your villages we are going to need more leaders. Thank you, Legal working with us moving forward. Wishes this Assembly and new Mayor best wishes.

President Hadley thank you for confidence of selecting as President until reorganization. Congratulations to Mayor Nelson for race, also to Carl on run off. He thanks the Assembly for working together. Thank you.

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Nelson thank Barbara Atoruk for helping with translation; slogan. Thank you all for being here, providing comments and well wishes. One of the strengths she believes she has is telling stories. She knows it will be a tough road although ready to work; heard a lot of needs and need to act on. Thank you for comments, now the work begins. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Carr motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Shroyer to adjourn at 9:46 A.M.

