



NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Lobbying Committee Meeting

Agenda

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Monday, September 28, 2026

9:00 A.M.

1. Lobbist Update Christine, Reggie, John
2. KOTZ Radio Topic discussion review (Oct 1) Terri Walker
3. FY27 Legislative Priorities:
NSB would like to develop a joint list of FY27 legislative priorities, similar to the approach used for FY26, and present the priorities at the Joint School District Dinner hosted by NWABSD; scheduled during the AASB Annual Conference in November.

Committee Members: Margaret Hansen, Marie Greene, Tillie Ticket, Lawrence Jones

Staff: Terri Walker

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ELECTIONS

Alaska's primary election results were recently certified, and while most races did not change much since election night, last-minute developments in the governor's race had many watching with interest.

Governor's Race Update

Current top four tickets advancing to the general election:

- **Jonathan Kreiss-Tompkins (D) & Zac Johnson (N):** Kreiss-Tompkins and his running mate Johnson finished first in the primary with 22.5% of the vote. Kreiss-Tompkins is from Sitka and was a member of the Alaska House for a decade. Johnson is a member of the Anchorage assembly with a military and law enforcement background.
- **Bernadette Wilson (R) & Mike Shower (R):** Wilson and Shower were the top finishing Republican candidates with 10.0% of the primary vote. Wilson is from Anchorage with a background in business and politics with no elected office history, and Shower is a commercial pilot with a military background from Wasilla who served in the Alaska Senate.
- **Dave Bronson (R) & Josh Church (R):** Bronson and running mate Church earned 8.1% of the primary vote. Bronson, also a commercial pilot with a military background, served as Anchorage Mayor for one term. Church is from Fairbanks with a business background.
- **Candice English (R) & Jodi Taylor (R):** English was on the primary ballot as Treg Taylor's running mate, and the two finished in fifth place with 7.3% of the vote. Yesterday, the Lt. Governor announced that Treg Taylor's candidacy was ineligible due to campaign finance reporting violations, which by law moved English to the top of the ticket. Minutes before the filing deadline, Jodi Taylor (wife of Treg Taylor) filed as English's running mate. Jodi Taylor's financial disclosure contains the same legal defects as Treg's. Then **Lt. Gov. Nancy Dahlstrom (R) reversed course and ordered the state Div. of Elections to put Treg Taylor (R) name back on November general election ranked-choice ballot**, It is possible that someone may sue the Division of Elections and seek to clarify this issue. Treg Taylor served as Attorney General for several years. Candice English is a relatively unknown wealthy Anchorage businesswoman.

Other top finishers:

- **Tom Begich (D)** and running mate **Julia Hnilicka (D)** finished second in the primary with 20.1% of the vote but withdrew from the race to consolidate support around a single Democratic candidate. This puts Kreiss-Tompkins in an advantaged position against a splintered field of three Republicans.
- **Click Bishop (R)** and running mate **Greta Schuerch (N)** withdrew. Bishop and Schuerch finished in sixth place, but after Begich's withdrawal and the Taylors' disclosure issues, it was possible that they could have ended up on the ballot.

U.S. Senate Race

- Former Congresswoman **Mary Pelota (D)** held on to her election-night lead as votes were tallied over the last two weeks, finishing in first place with 49.5% of the vote.
- Incumbent Senator **Dan S. Sullivan (R)** finished second with 41.4% of the vote.

- The other **Dan R. Sullivan**, who was not allowed to list a party affiliation on the primary ballot, finished in third place with 2.5% of the vote.
- **Gerald Heikes (R)** will be the final candidate on the U.S. Senate ballot, receiving 1.1% of the primary vote, after fourth place finisher **David Leslie (D)** withdrew.

U.S. Congress Race

- Incumbent **Nick Begich (R)** had a strong first place finish with 44.6% of the vote.
- **Bill Hill (N)**, a relative newcomer to the political scene, received 32.5% in the primary. **Matt Schultz (D)**, who had withdrawn from the race after the deadline and still appeared on the ballot, received 8.1%. Schultz will not appear on the general election ballot.
- The other candidates to appear on the general election ballot are New York inmate **Eric Hafner (D)**, who received 3.8% of the primary vote, and **Jim McDermott (Lib)**, who received 1.2%.
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Alaska Senate

- There were no major shakeups in Alaska State Senate races after election night. It remains highly likely that a bipartisan coalition of Democrats and moderate Republicans will organize a majority caucus.

Alaska House

- Based on primary election results, the Alaska State House may have an outright Democratic/Nonpartisan majority. Republicans were hoping to take back the House, but if the general election follows the primary's lead, they'll be fighting to hold on to the seats they already had.

We will be watching the elections season as it progresses and will keep you posted.

Chris and Reggie
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