

**Minutes of the Special Meeting
Denali Borough Assembly
Tri-Valley Community Center
February 16, 2009**

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7 CALL TO ORDER Presiding Officer Armeda BULARD called the regular meeting to order at 9:23
8 AM.
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10 ROLL CALL Assembly members present: Eileen HOLMES, Armeda BULARD, Teresa
11 Chepoda USIBELLI, Robert KOHLSDORF, Clay WALKER and Baxter
12 MERCER. John WINKLMANN and Vickie LAUSEN were absent. Mayor
13 Talerico was also in attendance.
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15 HOLMES MOVED to excuse LAUSEN and WINKLMANN. MERCER
16 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.
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18 AGENDA MERCER MOVED to receive a written report from the Ethics Commission that
19 is dated February 15, 2009. HOLMES seconded.
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21 USIBELLI MOVED to amend the agenda by adding Ethics Complaint number
22 2008-01 to the agenda. MERCER seconded. The VOTE was 2 – 4. Motion
23 fails.
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25 The VOTE on the main motion was 5-1. Motion passes.
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27 PUBLIC Neal Laugman, Ethics Commission member, was not at the Ethics
28 COMMENTS Commission's special meeting on February 15, 2009 and therefore did not
29 have input into their final report. He supports Ordinance 09-04.
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31 ASSEMBLY KOHLSDORF is not in favor of taking over the Ethics Commission
32 COMMENTS because there are other things that the Assembly is working on.
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34 ORDINANCE **ORDINANCE 09-04:** An emergency ordinance providing for the Denali
35 Borough Assembly to assume Ethics Commission powers by amending
36 Denali Borough Code of Ordinances 5.40m Ethics Commission, Section
37 5.40.020.
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39 MERCER MOVED to adopt. HOLMES seconded.
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41 KOHLSDORF does not support the Assembly being the Ethics
42 Commission because they are the appeals board. The Ethics
43 Commission needs to be totally separate from branches of the
44 government.
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46 MERCER thinks the Assembly has to do this at this time. This ordinance
47 will sunset in 60 days.
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1 WALKER supports in the long term, the Advisory Committee continuing to
2 be the Ethics Commission. He supports Ordinance 09-04 for now.

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4 HOLMES supports Ordinance 09-04 which gives the Assembly time to do
5 something about this issue.
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7 USIBELLI feels that the Code of Ethics needs work. She also supports
8 the Ethics Commission filling out the financial disclosure form. She
9 requested a copy of complaint number 2008-01. She would also like to
10 see the Commission apply for their seats every three years.
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12 The roll call VOTE on the main motion was unanimous.
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14 Setting the Commission members

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16 USIBELLI nominated WALKER, MERCER and KOHLSDORF. HOLMES
17 seconded. KOHLSDORF declined the nomination.
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19 MERCER nominated BULARD. USIBELLI seconded. The roll call VOTE
20 was unanimous.
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22 WALKER nominated HOLMES and KOHLSDORF as alternates.
23 MERCER seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.
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25 MERCER MOVED to nominate BULARD as Chair. WALKER seconded.
26 The VOTE was unanimous.
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29 COMMENTS

Linda Paganelli, Healy, thanked the Assembly for taking over and
encouraged a re-write of the Ethics Chapter to take care of the loop-
holes. She feels that the Advisory Committee serves well as the
Ethics Commission.
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33 ADJOURN.

The presiding officer declared the regular meeting adjourned at 10:47 AM.
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37 APPROVED:


Armeda Bulard, Presiding Officer

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41 ATTEST:


Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

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44 Date Approved: March 11, 2009
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