

Association of Alaska School Boards
Spring Board Meeting
March 27-28 & April 17-18, 2026
Virtual Meetings

The AASB Spring meeting was held virtually March 27-28, 2026. Reports by the board officers, committees and management presented their reports. President Julia Phelan's reported Law Day was *centered around School Safety* which included a Bethel student sharing his memories of the tragic shooting at their school. The second day's presentation was on the current bills and the state legislators presented a Legislative Citation recognizing the services of school board members across the state. **Please reach out to the AASB office for a copy to display in our boardroom.**

Executive Director Search: an ad hoc Search Committee met three times after the board accepted Lon Garrison's resignation. The board held a virtual board meeting April 17th to interview the four finalists and held a meeting the following day for discussion and action. The board selected Tiffany Jackson and I am very happy to report she was accepted and will be taking on the reigns June 1, 2026.

Lon Garrison, ED reported Katie Oliver is now more involved in board meeting logistics and communications as she continues her role in board training and superintendent searches along with Dave Herbert. AASB has 29 full and part-time employees and six contractors such as John Sedor and Dave Herbert.

Board actions included:

- the 2026 budget revision accounts for a few expenses, such as the summer BOD meeting that had not been included.
- And the amended policies presented by the 2026 AASB Policy Committee.

The details will be included in the minutes.

The summer board meeting will be held in Delta Junction, Alaska hosted by Dana Mock & Julia Phelen, July 16-19, 2026. As the NWABSD board representative, I may not be able to attend due to the 2026 Inuit Circumpolar Council General Assembly which is held every four years. It is scheduled for July 22-25, 2026 in Iqaluit, Nunavut, Canada. I have informed the board president once my ICC travel is confirmed, I will know whether I can attend the meeting virtually. Quyanaq.

