



JUNEAU COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY AGENDA

January 7, 2026 at 12:00 PM

Zoom Webinar

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Or Phone: 1-253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 880 6953 4778

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to acknowledge that the City and Borough of Juneau is on Tlingit land and wish to honor the indigenous people of this land. For more than ten thousand years, Alaska Native people have been and continue to be integral to the well-being of our community. We are grateful to be in this place, a part of this community, and to honor the culture, traditions, and resilience of the Tlingit people. *Gunalchéesh!*

C. ROLL CALL

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Novemer 5, 2025 JCOS Regular Meeting

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

G. AGENDA TOPICS

2. Welcome New Member
3. Officer Elections
4. Set Annual Retreat Date and Location
5. Set Date for Next Sustainability Session and Work Session
6. Discuss Presenting Guests to Invite to this Year's JCOS Meetings

H. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

I. NEXT MEETING DATE

7. TBD

J. ADJOURNMENT

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Juneau Commission on Sustainability
Minutes—Meeting of November 05, 2025

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Plush at 12:03 pm.

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

C. ROLL CALL

Present: Brennen McColloch, Griffin Plush, Laura Achee, Marian Call, Nick Waldo, Jessica Barker

Absent: Duff Mitchell, Jim Powell, David Teal

Staff & Others Present: CBJ Staff Rose Evans, Assembly Liaison Nano Brooks, Planning commission liaison member Nina Keller

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved as published without Objection

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. JCOS work session, October 15, 2025 – Approved

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

G. AGENDA TOPICS

1. **Discuss Subjects for Upcoming Sustainability Sessions**

Potential Session Topics:

- **Cruise Ship Impacts** – Research-led session pending publication of a related paper.
- **Zero Waste / Waste Stream Study** – Include landfill updates and results from the waste stream study.
- **Construction Debris Challenges** – Raised by Griffin.
- **Food Security** – Possibility of inviting the Food Bank as a guest speaker.
- **Food Waste & Sustainability** – Jessie expressed interest in leading this topic.
- **Major Community Infrastructure Projects** – Suggested by Nick, covering:
 - Hydropower dam development
 - Second crossing study
 - Cascade Point ferry terminal
 - New cruise ship docks
 - Amalga mine
 - Flood mitigation initiatives
 - Solid waste planning

- Purpose: Provide an overview of project timelines, upcoming public meetings, and how residents can engage in the public process.

Notes on Speakers and Outreach:

- Nick, through his professional role, is closely connected to many large projects and can help identify points of contact and guest speakers.
- Jessie and Marian will reach out to potential speakers for food-focused sessions.
- Food-related sessions may face scheduling challenges near Thanksgiving and the holiday season.

Scheduling & Locations:

- **Early December:** Potential timeframe for the food security/food waste sessions (pending speaker availability).
- **January:** Target timeframe for the “Major Projects Update” session, with Nick leading guest speaker outreach.
- **February–March:** potentially a zero-waste/waste study update and food security session.
- Marian will coordinate with Rose to secure locations (likely Mendenhall Valley Library). She will also reserve dates for the full session lineup.

Additional Coordination:

- The commission plans to check in with David regarding the upcoming EV AML shipping discussion. While not a JCOS Sustainability Session, JCOS will help coordinate logistics.

2. Discuss Experts for Future Meetings

Griffin noted past expert presentations on solid waste and CBJ building energy use as examples. Potential experts/topics discussed included the following:

- **EV Shipping Updates:** Marian expressed interest in receiving updates on upcoming EV shipping developments.
- **Economic Sustainability:** Griffin proposed inviting someone to speak on CBJ’s long-term economic sustainability outlook, including the fiscal budgeting process.
- **Amalga Mine:** Marian emphasized the importance of hosting an expert to discuss potential impacts and considerations of the Amalga mine. Nina suggested that if an environmental impact assessment is required, the contractor or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers could be suitable presenters.
- **Public Information Resources:**
 - Laura suggested creating a website compiling information on major local projects and their impacts, providing a centralized reference for the public.
 - Marian raised the possibility of CBJ hosting such a site or JCOS distributing informational flyers.

- Laura also emphasized the need to educate the public on public comment procedures and permitting processes.
- **Tourism and Visitor Services:** Marion highlighted tourism-related impacts, including short-staffed visitor center operations during the summer, and suggested incorporating these updates into future JCOS meetings.
- **Guest Participation in JCOS Meetings:** The group discussed inviting experts being contacted for sustainability sessions to also attend JCOS meetings to provide commission updates. Possible dates include the December 10 JCOS meeting or the November 19 work session.

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

None

I. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Introductions were held to introduce Nano Brooks to the commission and vice versa.

J. NEXT MEETING DATE

Work session – November 19, 2025, 12 PM @ Zoom

K. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 1:06 pm