

**To: Members of the State Board of
Education & Early Development**

March 11, 2026

From: Deena Bishop, Commissioner

Agenda Item: 15

◆ ISSUE

The board is being asked to appoint one member to the Alaska State Museums Collections Advisory Committee (MCAC).

◆ BACKGROUND

- The MCAC, established by AS 14.57.020, is a five-member committee appointed by the board for three-year terms. Under MCAC bylaws, members may serve for two terms.
- The MCAC represents the public's interest in preserving the human, cultural, natural, archaeological, and anthropological history of Alaska. The MCAC acts in an advisory capacity with regard to the general acquisition policies of the Alaska State Museum in Juneau and the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka. The MCAC must approve all purchases and donations valued at or over \$5,000 and must approve all deaccessions from the museums' permanent collection.
- Member Charles E. Diters has completed his second term on the Committee.
- The MCAC, Addison Field, Chief Curator, Alaska State Museums, and Dr. Amy Phillips-Chan, Director, Division of Libraries, Archives & Museums, recommend that Christine Carpenter be appointed to serve a three-year term on the Alaska State Museums Collections Advisory Committee.
- Behind this cover memo are:
 - 1) the current list of MCAC members;
 - 2) the statutory authority for the MCAC; and,
 - 3) the background and resume of Christine Carpenter.
- Dr. Amy Phillips-Chan, Director, Division of Libraries, Archives & Museums, will be present to brief the board.

◆ OPTIONS

- Approve the appointments.
- Reject the appointments.
- Seek more information.

◆ ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the appointments.

◆ SUGGESTED MOTION

I move the State Board of Education and Early Development appoint Christine Carpenter to serve a three-year term on the Museum Collections Advisory Committee.

