

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

**December 8, 2022**

**From: Heidi Teshner, Acting Commissioner**

**Agenda Item: 15**

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**◆ ISSUE**

The board is being asked to appoint two members 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 Jeremy Kane has completed his second term on the Committee.
- Member Evguenia V. Anichtchenko will completed her second term on the Committee on December 31, 2022.
- The MCAC, Addison Field, Chief Curator, Alaska State Museums, and Clint Farr, Division Operations Manager, recommend that Judith Dax̄ootsú Ramos and Amanda Lancaster be appointed to serve three-year terms 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 resumes of Judith Dax̄ootsú Ramos and Amanda Lancaster.
- Dr. Amy Phillips-Chan, PhD, 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 Judith Daxootsú Ramos and Amanda Lancaster to serve three-year terms on the Museum Collections Advisory Committee.