



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE # 10.D.4.

Assembly Memorandum

No. AM 464-2023

Meeting Date: June 20, 2023

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**FROM: MAYOR**

**SUBJECT: LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD (JESSIE MOODY, ROBYN BRANSON, LEIGH SLOAN).**

I have appointed the following individuals to the Library Advisory Board:

<b>Jessie Moody</b>	To Replace:	<b>VACANCY</b>
Seat 2	Term Expires:	10/14/2025
<b>Robyn Branson</b>	To Replace:	<b>VACANCY</b>
Seat 3	Term Expires:	10/14/2025
<b>Leigh Sloan</b>	Tom Replace:	<b>VACANCY</b>
Seat 5	Term Expires:	10/14/2025

Resumes are attached for your information. Confirmation is requested at the June 20, 2023 Regular Assembly meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Bronson, Mayor

Attachments

# JESSE MOODY

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For me, the library has always been a fun, friendly, safe, quiet, and enjoyable place to visit. My goal on the advisory board will be to ensure that the individuals and families of Anchorage are able to have the same opportunity.

## EXPERIENCE

FEBRUARY 2009 – PRESENT

**FACILITIES MANAGER**, ALASKA USA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Responsible for all aspects of the maintenance of 600,000 sqft spread across 31 buildings throughout Alaska, including managing a team of 12 people, managing service contracts; and managing small projects to include Tis, reconfigurations, and repairs. Responsible for implementation and enforcement of safety protocols.

APRIL - SEPTEMBER 2008

**FISHERIES BIOLOGIST**, NOAA

Worked on fishing boats out of Dutch Harbor and King Cove, Alaska. Took random samples of the catch. Daily log book documented. Sent samples to NOAA.

SUMMER 2005 – SUMMER 2007

**VARIOUS FACILITIES POSITIONS OF INCREASING RESPONSIBILITY**, ALASKA USA  
FCU

Started as a Facilities Specialist I, completing routine maintenance tasks. Promoted to Building Superintendent where I was responsible for completing all maintenance work for one location. Promoted to Mechanical Specialist where I maintained the mechanical systems of various locations.

## EDUCATION

APRIL 2005

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**, FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE

Biology degree with Chemistry and Sociology minors.

SEPTEMBER 2000 - JUNE 2005

**2005 DIVISION II WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM**, FLORIDA SOUTHERN  
COLLEGE

Played 4 years of DII Baseball. Starting pitcher for 4 years.  
Red-shirted Junior year due to Tommy John surgery.

## SKILLS

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- Good listener
- Able to discern what is relevant from a scenario.
- Able to arrive at a solution.
- Effective brainstorming skills
- Able to get others involved

## ACTIVITIES



## Robyn S. Branson

### PROFESSIONAL SKILLS PROFILE

- Ethically Minded (American Counseling Code of Ethics, American Mental Health Counselor's Association Code of Ethics)
- Cultural Sensitivity
- Knowledge of Spiritual Integration Counseling
- Interpersonal Communication
- Goal setting
- Cooperation/Coordination
- Skilled researcher
- Empowers Individuals Through Community Building
- Innovative and Flexible
- DSM-V Knowledge
- Organization
- Written and Verbal Communication

### EDUCATION

**Master of Arts Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CACREP)**, Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA Anticipated May of 2023

- GPA 3.96
- Honors Rho Eta Pi Rho Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota
- Relevant Course Work: Clinical Diagnosis & Treatment Planning, Multicultural Counseling, Crisis Counseling, Group Counseling, Counseling Techniques & the Helping Relationship, Ethical & Legal Issues in Counseling, Theories of Counseling, Psychopathology, Career Development & Counseling, Human Growth and Development, Assessment Techniques, Integration of Spirituality & Counseling, Research & Program Evaluation, Theories of Counseling

**BA in Social Science: Psychology, Sociology and History**, University of Alaska Southeast, Ketchikan, AK December 2019

- 2019 Social Science Outstanding Student Award

### RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

**Student Success Coach**, Sand Lake Elementary, Anchorage, AK | August 2021-Present

- Coordinates with community vendors, volunteers and intra district staff to create, organize and host family Literacy Events
- Assesses, creates and implements academic, and social interventions and programs tailored to students' needs
- Addresses the needs of individual students and families with cultural sensitivity, while maintaining confidentiality
- Collaborates with student, families, school teams, to improve behavior, attendance, and academic outcomes
- Creates a safe nurturing environment for students and families in order to provide academic and social case management for 104+ students/families in three different schools.
- Develops and implements effective, confidential data tracking of services provided
- Creates and teaches enrichment curriculum tailored to student needs (first-sixth grade)

**Paraprofessional**, Service Highschool and Hanshew Middle School Anchorage, AK | November 2011-August 2021

- Built and nurtured positive rapport with students and staff of diverse cultures within a school population of 1300 students.
- Observed students, adjusted curriculum and implemented behavior, social, and academic interventions to support goals
- Collected Data on 25 + students, per school year, in academic and social settings while maintaining confidentiality
- Analyzed data with team to plan effective strategies and interventions to improve behavior, social and academic outcomes

### OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Lead Expeditor/Office Assistant**, Alaska Minerals Inc., Anchorage, AK | July 2011-October 2018

- Trained and supervised 5 employees for completion of expediting duties
- Managed all aspects for successful procurement and delivery of time sensitive, weekly food and supplies to 13 geological camps in remote Alaska with varying needs, populations and schedules.
- Kept financial records of all services provided for 13 service contracts
- Streamlined procurement, packing and delivery of services resulting in a seasonal savings of over [REDACTED]

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Spring Tea Fundraiser Volunteer and Prayer Partner, Community Pregnancy Center March 2017-present
- Hospitality, Faith Christian Community August 2010- March 2020
- Lay Counselor/ Mom's Group Leader/ Girls Group Leader, FCC and Anchorage Bible Fellowship August 1995-2007

## Leigh Sloan

### LETTER FOR APPLICATION TO THE ANCHORAGE LIBRARY COMMISSION

The majority of my children's lives have been spent growing up in Anchorage over the past ten years. As homeschoolers, we utilize the library often, especially throughout my kids' younger years. There is a Muldoon favorite librarian who would always compassionately speak to them when they lost a book or had to pay overdue fines. My young daughter would routinely walk out with so many books, one would wonder who weighed more, the books or herself! When the pandemic hit and the libraries were closed, I offered to get her books without going inside, but she didn't just want the books— she wanted the library. She cried huge tears when she realized it would be closed for an indefinite period of time. Delight returned when she could go again and get lost in the isles of books.

Libraries help the next generation develop a relationship with books and with knowledge. In an increasingly digital world, libraries help us focus on what is valuable and help us slow down enough to enjoy learning. Local libraries are where diverse communities can come together and share diverse viewpoints regardless of externals such as income level, age, or education level. They should be preserved and maintained as a safe place for all Anchorage residents, particularly our young ones. Over the past few years, the safety and welcoming atmosphere at the library has diminished, particularly for families. I am concerned about this and would like to help restore the people's feeling of trust and joint ownership of our libraries so that we can enjoy them for many years to come.



## LEIGH SLOAN PROFILE

My mission is to influence pioneers with courage and wisdom to create significant cultural reform.

I am a persistent learner and pursuer of truth. I enjoy communicating truth in a unique and compelling way. I love people and building communities. Leadership has always been part of my life, and I have made excellent leadership an art form. I enjoy finding people's strengths and helping them maximize who they are on my teams. My positive outlook, vision, and ease in working with different people helps create forward momentum in every project I tackle.

I am married to [REDACTED] and together we have with three children. We have lived in Alaska for 15 years. I've been involved in church ministry, creative work, event planning, and community outreach in various capacities. Since 2018, I have remained active in the Alaskan political community as an outspoken advocate for school choice and maintaining liberty in many aspects of culture.

## EXPERIENCE

### BRAVE NATION PODCAST, PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL COACHING AND CONSULTING – 2018-PRESENT

The "Brave Conversations" podcast and local meetings began as a way to encourage healthy dialogue around difficult and controversial topics. I developed specific methods to teach people how to communicate in a productive way. This platform has grown into "Brave Nation," equipping people with courage and wisdom to create significant cultural reform in their spheres of influence. I offer individual coaching as well as monthly group training online. I also do political consulting and a variety of classes for adults, as well as middle and high school students, through Brave Nation.

### COMMUNITY WRITING AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS, ANCHORAGE, AK

I periodically write for local news outlets and occasionally fill in for local radio. I also teach and speak at community or private events.

### RENAISSANCE KIDS (GREEN ROOM LEARNING COMMUNITY) AK EDUCATIONAL VENDOR - 2019-PRESENT

As a homeschool parent and former public school educator, I brought additional students into my home for small group instruction. I served as a vendor for a brief time with Alaska Homeschool Classes educational vendor group. I currently administrate and instruct at a small group middle/high school I created called, "The Green Room Learning Community," which meets four days a week during the school year in East Anchorage. One additional day of the week, I also lead a private homeschool co-op with about 10 families.

### EXECUTIVE PASTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS, ABBOTT LOOP CHURCH, ANCHORAGE, AK – 2016-2018

I led a team of people to create systems of administration, communication, and marketing. I was part of the regular teaching/preaching staff for Sunday services and led curriculum development. I taught leadership development classes, coordinated numerous special events, and lead in creative communication efforts. The teams I trained helped to welcome and assimilate new people into the ethos of the church community.

### EDUCATION

College of the Ozarks, Point Lookout, MO - BS Education, 2001

Drury University, Springfield, MO - Certificate Gifted Education 2001-2003

### SKILLS

- Teaching, training, interviewing
- Copywriting, speechwriting, other forms of writing
- Marketing
- Recruiting volunteers and engaging communities
- Strategic planning and delegating
- Developing creative marketing strategies
- Social media skills
- Creating and maintaining healthy relational cultures
- Cross-cultural communication