



KAWERAK, INC.

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Date: January 2, 2025
To: Kawerak Full Board
From: Christine Piscoya, Executive Assistant
RE: Committees and Committee Member List

Full Board Members

Frank Katchatag, Robert Keith, Barb Gray, Kirsten Timbers, Anna Oxereok,
Jill Campbell, Irene Navarro, Bengamin Pungowiyi, Lucy Oquilluk, Agatha Foxie,
Jerry Okbaok, Gilbert Tocktoo, Merlin Koonooka, Charlie Fitka,
Shawn Bergamaschi, Matilda Hardy, Theresa Kobuk, Anthony Haugen,
Samantha Ozenna, Dawn Birdie Warnke, Nancy Kokeok,
Lola Hannon, King Island Member.

Executive Committee

(Selected every even numbered year at the Spring Full Board Meeting)

Chairman, Frank Katchatag
1st Vice Chair, Robert Keith
2nd Vice Chair, Anna Oxereok
Treasurer, Barb Gray
Secretary, Kirsten Timbers
Sergeant-at-Arms, Jill Campbell
Member, Irene Navarro

Kawerak Elders Advisory Committee

Support Staff: Eskimo Heritage Program Staff

Location: Talialuk Board Room

1. Merlin Koonooka, Chair
2. Charlie Fitka
3. Maria Dexter
4. **VACANT**
5. John Pullock
6. **VACANT**
7. Merlin Henry
8. Clara Tookaylok



BOARD STANDING COMMITTEES

Natural Resources Committee

Staff support: Natural Resources Director

Location: Subsistence Office Area – Talialuk Board Room

1. Merlin Koonooka
2. Samantha Ozenna
3. *King Island Board Member*
4. Shawn Bergamaschi
5. Charlie Fitka

Education & Employment Support Services Committee

Support Staff: EESS Director

Location: EESS – Katirvik Cultural Center

1. Robert Keith
2. Kirsten Timbers
3. Agatha Foxie
4. Jill Campbell
5. Lucy Oquilluk
6. Lola Hannon

Community Services Committee

Support Staff: Community Services Division Director

Location: CSD- Ublugiaq Boardroom or Richard Foster Room

1. Gilbert Tocktoo
2. Matilda Hardy
3. Jerry Okbaok
4. Irene Navarro
5. Dawn Birdie Warnke

Cultural & Regional Development Committee

Support Staff: Cultural & Regional Development Director

Location: CRD – Ublugiaq Board Room

1. Barb Gray
2. Anna Oxereok
3. Bengamin Pungowiyi
4. Nancy Kokeok
5. Theresa Kobuk
6. Tony Haugen



The following are Committees that may or may not meet in conjunction with the Full Board Meetings.

Board Policy Committee

(Filled when a seat becomes vacant)

Staff Support: HR Director

Location: Ublugiaq Boardroom

1. Frank Katchatag
2. Lucy Oquilluk
3. Kirsten Timbers
4. Gilbert Tocktoo
5. Barb Gray

Board Policy Committee Appeal Committee

(Filled when a seat becomes vacant)

1. Frank Katchatag
2. Kirsten Timbers
3. Robert Keith

Audit and Investment Committee

(Filled when a seat becomes vacant)

1. Frank Katchatag
2. Barb Gray
3. CEO, Melanie Bahnke
4. CFO, Donna Ray

ARDOR/Board Planning Committee

Support Staff: CPD Staff

1. Seat J: (Brevig Mission, Diomedes, Shishmaref, Teller, and Wales): Anna Oxereok/Gilbert Tocktoo
 2. Seat K: (Elim, Golovin, Koyuk & WMO): Robert Keith/Lola Hannon
 3. Seat L: (Shaktoolik, Stebbins, SMK, and UNK): Matilda Hardy/Charlie Fitka
 4. Seat M: (Gambell and Savoonga): Bengamin Pungowiyi/Jill Campbell
 5. Seat N: (Council, King Island, NEC & Solomon): Barb Gray/King Island Member
 6. Seat I: (Kawerak Board): Frank Katchatag/ Gilbert Tocktoo
- (Board Chair + Board Sub-Regional Appointments 3-year terms – appts. In Spring BOD Meeting)



The following is a list of other Board appointments routinely made by the Kawerak Board

Department of Interior – Secretary’s Tribal Advisory Committee

Robert Keith

RurAL CAP:

Barb Gray/Lola Hannon

Alaska Village Initiatives:

Alice Bioff, Business Planning Specialist/Lola Hannon

Norton Sound Health Corporation:

Robert Keith/ Barb Gray

Coalition for Alaska Native Higher Education: (EESS Director holds position)

Luisa Machuca

Inuit Circumpolar Council Alaska:

Bengamin Pungowiyi, Staff Support: Brandon Ahmasuk (alternate)/Mary David

Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority Board of Commissioners: (3 Year Terms)

1. Northern Seat: Gilbert Tocktoo/Lucy Oquilluk (alt) (expires: 10/15/26)
2. Island Seat: Jill Campbell/Bengamin Pungowiyi (alt) (expires: 12/31/25)
3. Nome Based: Tribes Seat: Kirsten Timbers/Barb Gray (alt) (expires: 12/31/25)
4. Southern Seat: Frank Katchatag/ Shawn Bergamaschi (alt) (expires: 10/15/26)
5. Global Seat: Eugene Asiksick/ Anna Oxereok (alt) (expires: 12/31/25)

Northwest Campus Council:

Kirsten Timbers/Luisa Machuca(alt)

AYKSSI Steering Committee:

Brandon Ahmasuk/Dr. Julie Raymond-Yakoubian (alt) – Serves at the pleasure of the BOD

Alaska Legal Services:

Gilbert Tocktoo - 3-year term expires: 05/2024

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Tumet Board:

Village Group A: Berda Wilson/ Cameron Piscoya (ATL); 3-year term expires 01/31/26.

Village Group B: Anthony Haugen/ Frank Myomick (ATL); 3-year term expires 1/31/25.

Village Group C: Dean Peterson/Paul Nagaruk (ATL); 3-year term expires 1/31/25.

Village Group D: Reuben Weyiouanna (ATL); 3-year term expires 1/31/24.

Kawerak Representatives:

Seat E: Barb Gray/Nany Kokeok (ALT), 3-year term, expires: 01/31/26.

Seat F: Merlin Koonooka/Irene Navarro, 3-year term, expire: 01/31/26.

Seat G: Cameron Piscoya/Gilbert Tocktoo, 3-year term, expires: 01/31/25.

Unaatuq Board:

Melanie Bahnke / Mary David (alt) - Serves at the pleasure of the BOD

Northern Bering Sea Regional Aquaculture Association: (NoBSRAA)

Brandon Ahmasuk/Julie Raymond-Yakoubian (alt) 3-year term expires 03/2026

Kawerak Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Committee

Barb Gray

Anthony “Tony” Haugen

Robert Keith