

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, KPB Assembly

FROM: Ryan Tunseth, Assembly President 

DATE: December 8, 2025

RE: Discussion Regarding Holding Certain Formal Presentations During Committee of the Whole

I've asked the Borough Clerk to schedule a committee of the whole committee on January 6, 2026, to discuss scheduling quarterly reports from CPGH, Inc., SPH, Inc., and potentially other financial reports from KPB service areas, departments, grantees, and KPB-affiliated programs during a committee of the whole meeting instead of during the regular Assembly meeting.

A potential upside of holding the hospital quarterly reports and other financial or similar reports during committee meetings is that it would allow for more efficient regular meetings while also providing a public forum for such presentations, just at an earlier time in the day. The presentations would remain publicly available as part of the committee of the whole meeting. The presentations would also be open to the public and recorded. Additionally, the earlier time slot may closer align with hospital staff working hours and staff travel time.

A potential downside with this approach is that by having the presentations during a committee of the whole meeting, less members of the public may hear the presentation live. A counter point might be that hearing the presentation live is not vital because the presentation would be recorded and available to the public. The presentations are quarterly reports that largely focus on the financial health of the hospitals. Being new to the Assembly President position, I am looking to gather input on this topic prior to implementing this scheduling change.

The Borough Attorney and Borough Clerk have reviewed KPB Code and respective operating Agreements with CPGH, Inc. and SPH, Inc. and there is neither a code nor contract term impediment to moving the quarterly reports to committee of the whole meeting time slots.

Lastly, it is not my intention to move the KPBSD's presentations. I am not in favor of moving the KPBSD's quarterly report to a committee of the whole meeting, because, in my opinion, there is significant public interest in hearing those reports during the regular meeting but if a member disagrees, we can have that discussion as well.

Thank you.