



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

Assembly Memorandum

No. AM 217 - 2025

Meeting Date: March 4, 2025

1 **From: MAYOR**

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3 **Subject: EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT – CONFIRMATION HEARING.**

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5 Pursuant to the Municipality of Anchorage Charter in sections 5.02, 5.03 through
6 5.05 and the Anchorage Municipal Code sections 2.30.095, 3.20.020 and 3.20.070, I
7 ask the Assembly to confirm the following executive and department head that I
8 have appointed:

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
11 David A. Persinger	General Manager AWWU

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13 Resume submitted in accordance with Anchorage Municipal Code section 3.30.173
14 is attached for your information.

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16 **THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.**

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18 Prepared by: David Samsa, Human Resources Executive Assistant
19 Approved by: Tyler Andrews, Chief Human Resources Officer
20 Concur: William D. Falsey, Chief Administrative Officer
21 Concur: Rebecca A. Windt Pearson, Municipal Manager
22 Respectfully submitted: Suzanne LaFrance, Mayor

David A. Persinger

Education: B.S. Civil Engineering, University of Alaska Anchorage - May 2007
Graduate Level Classes in Arctic Engineering/Utilities and Wastewater Treatment
Water and Wastewater Leadership Center, UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School

Professional Certification: Alaska Professional Engineer CE-13346

Professional Affiliation: American Water Works Association, Member, Past Chair, second term Past Chair, Past Director, Government Affairs Chair – Alaska Section; Water Environment Federation Member

Notable Skills: Effective Leadership and Management Skills
Excellent Diplomatic, Team Building, and Negotiating Skills
Excellent Verbal and Written Communication

Employment History:

Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility, Anchorage, Alaska 2023 - Present
Assistant General Manager

Duties: Direct utility-wide efforts and contract assistance in assembling, integrating, and providing information in support of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permitting. Lead efforts in planning, organizing, implementing, and integrating AWWU-wide initiatives affecting environmental permitting, business practices, internal policies, and performance measures. Direct the preparation for activities, agendas, and meetings in support of the AWWU Advisory Board and Assembly. Interface and present to other Municipal departments including the Municipal Manager Office, the Office of Management and Budget, Municipal Attorney Office, Office of the Mayor, and the Anchorage Assembly. Provide subject matter expertise and testimony in AWWU regulatory matters before the Regulatory Commission of Alaska. Oversee development of the AWWU annual operating budget, capital budget, and rate changes. Provide backup to the AWWU General Manager including acting when they are unavailable.

Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility, Anchorage, Alaska 2019 - 2023
Operations & Maintenance Division Director

Duties: Responsible for overall repair and maintenance of utility systems including SCADA, electrical, fleet, materials warehouse, mechanical maintenance, water distribution, wastewater collection, and treatment plant. Manage a diverse workforce of over ninety skilled employees including supervisors and represented operators and technicians including collective

bargaining agreement negotiation. Responsible for overall annual budget of over \$18M.

Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility, Anchorage, Alaska 2013 - 2019
Treatment Division Director

Duties: Manage operations of three wastewater treatment facilities, two water treatment facilities, complex water distribution system, and environmental compliance for both water and wastewater systems. Manage a diverse workforce of over sixty skilled employees including supervisors and represented operators and technicians including collective bargaining agreement negotiation. Responsible for overall annual budget of over \$19M.

Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility, Anchorage, Alaska 2007 - 2013
Civil Engineer I/II

Duties: Performed project management tasks associated with projects from design through construction. Performed design reviews of design studies and construction documents. Administered professional services and construction contracts including contracts in excess of \$5M. Performed field inspections of water and wastewater construction projects including treatment plant upgrades.

Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility, Anchorage, Alaska 2006 - 2007
Project Management Intern

Duties: Performed project management related tasks associated with projects from design through construction. Performed field inspections of water and wastewater construction projects. Prepared design and construction documents for a gravity sewer upgrade project.

G.V. Jones and Associates INC, Anchorage, Alaska 2004 - 2005
Summer Intern

Duties: Performed various data analysis and AutoCAD duties including preparing plan sets for construction. Assisted with water treatment plant evaluations including pilot and jar testing. Assisted with regulatory permitting for water and wastewater treatment facilities. Reviewed shop drawings.