

SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Executive Meeting – January 9, 2026
Remote

MEMBERS PRESENT

President	Councillor Louise Wallace Richmond, Salmon Arm
Past President	Councillor Aimee Grice, Oliver
Directors	Mayor Spencer Coyne, Princeton Councillor Stephen Karpuk, Kamloops Director Tricia Thorpe, TNRD Councillor Bill Sarai, Kamloops Councillor Adam Etchart, Merritt
	General Manager Koryn de Vries
Absent	Mayor Ruth Hoyte, Coldstream Councillor Gord Lovegrove, Kelowna Councillor Keith Thom, Peachland

CALL TO ORDER

President Louise Wallace Richmond called the regular board meeting to order at 8:41am.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded by Aimee Grice/Bill Sarai THAT:

The agenda for January 9th, 2026, be adopted.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved/Seconded by Bill Sarai/Aimee Grice THAT:

The draft minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 7 November, 2025 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

1. JP Centre FAQ – for the Board’s reference.
2. ONA Water Forum – agenda and request for sponsorship
SILGA to send a representative – Tasha, or if not, then 1st VP, as can be reimbursed by travel policy.

Moved/Seconded by Spencer Coyne/Tricia Thorpe THAT:

Tasha Da Silva attend the ONA Water Forum on behalf of SILGA.

CARRIED

- 3. PSSG Collaboration Letter

Moved/Seconded by Tasha Da Silva/Bill Sarai THAT:

The correspondence from the Public Safety and Solicitor General’s office be received and filed.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 1. Resolution on Member Dues – reviewed the proposal of dues increases proportional to population size, similar to the model used by UBCM.

Moved/Seconded by Tasha Da Silva/Aimee Grice THAT:

The proposed dues be adopted and a resolution be distributed to the membership.

CARRIED

- 2. Strategic Plan Progress

To touch base on in March

Communications plan: Louise to follow up with Tasha before developing a more detailed plan

- 3. Spencer’s projects

Community to Community – difficulties getting off the ground due to Premier Eby’s declaration that BC may change DRIPA

Regional Transit Working Group – looking into RD contacts because they can get this done best

Tricia and Spencer to coordinate bringing this to the EA Directors on January 26

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. PWABC and BCMSA Joint Conference in Penticton

- a) Call for Presentations – no capacity for 2026.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. **Finance**

- We are on track to be in the black for 2025.

- Bookkeeping is wrapping up for the year

- 2. **HR**

- In-Camera

Moved/Seconded by Aimee Grice/Spencer Coyne THAT:

The agreement for employment for SILGA’s Executive Director be adopted as written 9 January, 2026

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded by Stephen Karpuk/Tasha De Silva THAT:

The annual performance evaluation be approved and undertaken.

CARRIED

- 3. **Convention**

- look at providing Keith Thom CDs/mp3s for delegates – bring to convention

- invitations are ready to send to all MLAs and MPs in SILGA region

4. Community Excellence Awards

- please submit and promote submitting! The deadline is February 3rd.

5. Communications

- Koryn to send newsletter to the Executive to review

- Please send Koryn any needed website corrections

- Kelowna Airport passenger terminal grand opening - send flowers as congratulations

Moved/Seconded by Aimee Grice/Adam Etchart THAT:

The SILGA Board send flowers to the City of Kelowna in celebration of their new airport passenger terminal.

CARRIED

6. Education

- February Webinar will be advertised in newsletter – a reminder will be sent to staff also

7. Resolutions

- Please remind your staff to send drafts to Koryn prior to passing resolutions at Council/Board meetings.

UBCM REPORT:

- Everyone is keeping an eye on DRIPA changes and Okanagan Falls incorporation

- UBCM sat with the Province for an M216 advocacy meeting – local governments didn't seem to be listened to, but there is still a 3rd reading to go through

Moved/Seconded by Bill Sarai/Tasha Da Silva THAT:

The youth at UBCM program be renamed to the Keith Thom Scholarship Fund.

CARRIED

FCM REPORT:

Water has been a huge issue, next meeting is in Newfoundland, engagement and outreach is increasing to ensure election readiness.

Next meeting:

Friday, March 20th, 9:00am-12:00pm

Convention Committee: Feb 6th, 9am

Community Excellence Awards: Feb 6th, 10:30am

Moved/Seconded by THAT:

At 10:35am the SILGA Executive Meeting of January 9th, 2026 be adjourned.

CARRIED

General Manager