



SCA Board of Directors

Minutes

January 21, 2026

Hybrid: AWC Offices - Rainier Room, AWC | 1076 Franklin Street SE, Olympia, WA 98501 and via Zoom

1) Call to Order

SCA Vice President Armondo Pavone called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. Present were members Troy Linnell, Annette Ademasu, Amy McHenry, Tom French, Dana Ralph, Scott MacColl, Tola Marts, Thomas McLeod, Sean Kelly, Lynne Robinson, Angela Birney, Lydia Assefa-Dawson; and SCA staff Robert Feldstein, Leah Willoughby, Aj Foltz, Laura Belmont, and Dax Tate.

Guests present included: Eric Perry, Renton Staff.

2) Welcome, Introduction of New Board Members

SCA Vice President Pavone welcomed 2026 Board members and invited each member to introduce themselves.

3) Board Agreement & Conflict of Interest Policy

Executive Director Robert Feldstein gave an overview of the Board Agreement and Conflict of Interest document included in the meeting packet, and asked all members to sign the documents and return them to staff. Members were also asked to review the current SCA mission, vision, and guiding principles for later discussion.

4) Election of 2026 SCA Board Officers

2025 Board Nominating Committee member Dana Ralph provided a report for the Nominating Committee. Executive Director Robert Feldstein noted that the election for Board Secretary would take place in February, to allow the Nominating committee adequate time to interview and consider new members of the Board for the officer position.

Thomas McLeod moved, seconded by Angela Birney, to appoint 2026 SCA Board officers as follows:

- ***Armondo Pavone as President***
- ***Troy Linnell as Vice President***
- ***Thomas McLeod as Treasurer***

The motion passed unanimously.

5) President's Report

SCA President Armondo Pavone reported that SCA is unique due to its different cities and viewpoints and emphasized the importance of respecting one another's viewpoint. He also welcomed new members.

6) Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Robert Feldstein reported on recent elections, noting more than 60 new elected officials and 17 new mayors across SCA member cities. He reported that SCA is conducting outreach to new officials and working to maintain engagement in regional discussions with new Seattle and King County leadership, including pursuit of a standing meeting with the county executive and meetings with the new Seattle mayoral administration.

Feldstein reported on recent and upcoming meetings by SCA staff, including with PSRC. He also shared that staff has started work on a small cities workgroup to support resource sharing.

Feldstein reported on recent discussions by Bothell concerning continued membership in SCA. He noted importance of continued engagement. Board will continue to be updated.

7) 2026 Meeting Schedule

SCA Executive Director Robert Feldstein gave an overview of the draft 2026 SCA Board Meeting Schedule, as included in the meeting packet. In response to question, it was clarified that an August meeting is included, but may be canceled at the discretion of the board.

Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Angela Birney moved, seconded by Troy Linnell, to adopt Board Resolution 2026-1, setting the 2026 SCA Board of Directors Regular Meetings Schedule. The motion passed unanimously.

8) Financial Report

a. 2026 Reserves

President Pavone directed members to the overview of the 2026 SCA Financial Reserves, as provided in the meeting materials, and asked for any questions or discussion.

Angela Birney moved, seconded by Lynne Robinson, to adopt the 2026 Financial Reserves as recommended by the Finance Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

b. HomeStreet Bank Accounts

President Pavone directed members to the overview of policies regarding signers to SCA bank accounts, as provided in the meeting materials, and asked for any questions or discussion.

Troy Linnell moved, seconded by Angela Birney, to authorize the 2026 Board Officers of:

- ***Armondo Pavone President;***
- ***Troy Linnell Vice President; and***
- ***Thomas McLeod Treasurer***

as signers for HomeStreet Bank accounts held by SCA, in addition to the SCA Executive Director, as provided in Board Policies.

The motion passed unanimously.

c. 2026 Finance Committee

President Pavone gave an overview of the structure and membership on the Board Finance Committee. Feldstein noted that meetings are held virtually, once a month.

Angela Birney moved, seconded by Annette Ademasu, to appoint the following individuals to the 2026 SCA Board Finance Committee, in addition to the Treasurer:

- **Scott MacColl**
- **Sean Kelly**
- **Dana Ralph**
- **Tola Marts**

The motion passed unanimously.

d. Member City Dues Update

President Pavone reported on 2026 Member City dues payments received to date, including those received since meeting materials were distributed. Invoices are due by February 14.

e. Sponsorship Update

President Pavone reported that sponsors are invoiced annually on their anniversary; no invoices have been issued since the start of the year. Of \$86,500 invoiced in 2025, \$84,500 has been received. Executive Director Feldstein reported ongoing efforts to secure additional sponsors, including regional employers. Councilmember Robinson volunteered to assist in outreach to a potential sponsor.

f. Other Updates

There were no other updates.

9) Action Items

a. 2026 Events Committee

Executive Director Feldstein noted events as a primary means of member engagement, adding that SCA hosted events in the past year featuring members of Congress and the newly elected county executive as speakers. He expressed interest and efforts towards expanding events in the coming year, including councilmember-focused events and more regional tours and trainings.

Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Angela Birney moved, seconded by Annette Ademasu, to appoint the following individuals to the 2026 Events Committee:

- **Lynne Robinson**
- **Amy McHenry**

The motion passed unanimously.

b. Regional Staff Committees

Senior Policy Analyst Foltz provided an overview of the staff committee appointment process, completed in December. She reported that two late applications to renew existing staff appointments were received after the December appointments and gave an overview of the application materials included in meeting materials.

Following discussion, the Board took the following action.

Lynne Robinson moved, seconded by, Annette Ademasu to appoint the following individuals to 2026 Regional Staff Committees:

- ***Jeff Magnan, Mercer Island, as member to the King County Regional Automated Fingerprint Identification System Advisory Committee***
- ***Kate Nesse, Bellevue, as member to the Affordable Housing Interjurisdictional Team***

The motion passed unanimously.

10) Discussion Items

a. Personnel Policies

Executive Director Robert Feldstein gave an overview of staff's initial work on updating the staff travel reimbursement policies. This item will be brought to the Finance Committee, and will return to the Board at a later meeting for discussion.

b. 2026 Events

Executive Director Robert Feldstein gave an overview of planned 2026 events. Members were encouraged to attend and to share any ideas with staff.

c. 2026 Board Retreat

Executive Director Feldstein thanked members for completing the retreat poll and reported that the Board Retreat will be held February 24 in Renton, with Andrew Ballard serving as in-kind facilitator.

d. Equity Inclusion Cabinet (EIC)

Executive Director Feldstein provided an overview of the EIC's structure, purpose, and prior processes and proposed that members apply and be selected by the Board on an ongoing basis. Board was in agreement. Feldstein described potential work areas, including review of committee application processes, events, and possible identity caucuses, and invited volunteers from the Board. Board members Assefa-Dawson and Ademasu volunteered to serve on the Cabinet.

Following the discussion items, the following was discussed:

Immediate Past President Birney emphasized the importance of maintaining a strong organization and encouraged Board members to reach out to newly elected members to connect them with SCA resources. President Pavone added that connections are a vital part of SCA's work, particularly for newly elected officials.

Feldstein noted the SCA Appointee Orientation is scheduled for February 4 at SeaTac City Hall. Program will include a panel of regional experts as well as a panel of SCA members. The first Public Issues Committee meeting is scheduled for February 11.

President Pavone noted potential location for the 2026 SCA Board of Directors Retreat.

11) The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 AM.

Attachment B: Zoom Chat Log

2026-01-21 09:33:58 From CC-LydiaAssefa-Dawson-iPadAir to Everyone:

Thank you for bringing it back.

2026-01-21 09:34:31 From CC-LydiaAssefa-Dawson-iPadAir to Everyone:

Count me in

2026-01-21 09:35:34 From Cmbr Lynne Robinson, Bellevue to Everyone:

Thank you all for welcoming me :)