



## SCA Board of Directors

### Minutes

September 17, 2025

### Renton City Hall

#### 1) Call to Order

SCA President Buxton called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM. Present were members Armondo Pavone, Troy Linnell, Katherine Ross, Vanessa Kritzer, Thomas McLeod, Nigel Herbig, Dana Ralph; Mary Lou Pauly; Mason Thompson; Regan Bolli; and Thomas McLeod; and SCA staff Robert Feldstein, Aj Foltz, Laura Belmont, and Dax Tate; and Steve DiJulio from Foster Garvey. Absent were members Amy Falcone and Chris Roberts.

#### 2) Public Comment

President Buxton asked if there were any members of the public present for public comment. Hearing none, this portion of the agenda was closed.

#### 3) Consent Agenda

President Buxton asked for any questions or concerns regarding items on the consent agenda.

***Bolli moved, seconded by Linnell, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the July 18, 2025 SCA Board of Directors Meeting, Financial Reports of June 2025 and July 2025, and the 2024 End of Year Financial Reports. The motion passed unanimously.***

#### 4) 2025 – 2026 SCA Legislative Committee

Executive Director Robert Feldstein summarized his goals and approach for the upcoming year legislative agenda. Senior Policy Analyst Aj Foltz outlined process for earlier agenda adoption; requested volunteers for the committee; and noted coordination process with PIC and the Board. Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

***Ross moved, seconded by Pavone, to nominate Ralph, Linnell, Kritzer, Bolli, and Pauly to serve on the SCA Legislative Committee. The motion passed unanimously.***

President Buxton thanked volunteers for stepping up and shared her excitement to start a County agenda.

#### 5) Investigation Document Review

This item is included in Item 6.

#### 6) Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(iii), to discuss with legal counsel the legal risks of a proposed action or current practice that the agency has identified when public discussion of the litigation or legal risks is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

At 10:18 AM, President Buxton called to order an executive session, consisting of thirty minutes each to discuss Items 5 and 6. The executive session was extended. The executive session ended at 11:43 AM. There were no actions to report.

## **7) Treasurer's Report**

Bolli noted two financial items: increased legal fees from Foster Garvey; and additional sponsorship revenue.

There were no action items to report. There were no other updates to report.

## **8) PIC Report**

As PIC Chair Chris Roberts was not present, SCA Staff reported on the September 10, 2025 PIC Meeting. Executive Director Robert Feldstein noted that the meeting was preceded by a tour of the upcoming Mercer Island Sound Transit Station, and that PIC Vice Chair Joseph Cimaomo, Jr. is interested in hosting some PIC meetings in-person next year. Topics included:

- a. King County Library System Levy Lid Lift Update from KCLS  
SCA Senior Policy Analyst Aj Foltz reported that KCLS sought early feedback from PIC on a potential levy lid lift; clarified the lift would restore the rate to \$0.45 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Staff will share presentation materials with board members.
- b. Prep for Upcoming Discussion(s) with KCC Regarding KCTD Sales Tax  
SCA Executive Director Robert Feldstein reported that SCA on a meeting with King County Councilmember Sarah Perry regarding KCTD Sales Tax. Many Board members were in attendance and productive conversation. Discussion centered on ensuring potential revenues are shared with cities. Staff will continue to update.
- c. SCA Draft Letter to the Washington State Legislature on the Indigent Defense Case Standards  
SCA Senior Policy Analyst Aj Foltz presented for Board feedback a draft letter to the Legislature regarding the Indigent Defense Case Standards . Edits and updates will be shared in the coming week, with further input encouraged.
- d. Updates and Informational Items
  - i. Early Feedback on 2026 State & County Legislative Agendas  
SCA Senior Policy Analyst Aj Foltz reported that staff collected preliminary topic areas from PIC members.
  - ii. SCA Regional Boards and Committees  
SCA Senior Policy Analyst Aj Foltz shared current process for updates. Staff proposed a shift to proactive updates to better gather and feedback and input. Board members expressed supported this change.
  - iii. August & September SCA Newsletter  
SCA Senior Policy Analyst Aj Foltz reported positive feedback on the recent newsletters; encouraged members to submit City Wins to SCA staff, to be included in future newsletters.

iv. Levies and Ballot Measures

Members were asked to share items to be included in future updates.

**9) Informational Items/Updates**

a. 2026 Board of Directors

This item was not discussed.

b. 2026 Board of Directors Elections

This item was not discussed.

c. 2025 Board Leadership & Board Nominating Committee

Executive Director Robert Feldstein noted upcoming transitions on the Board and asked members to help identify future members.

**10) The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.**