SCA Board of Directors

Minutes

April 15, 2026

Bellevue City Hall

1) **Call to Order**
SCA President Armondo Pavone called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Present were members Troy Linnell; Dana Ralph, Angela Birney, Scott MacColl, Thomas McLeod, Lynne Robinson, Amy McHenry, Annette Ademasu, Tom French, Sean Kelly, Lydia Assefa-Dawson, and Tola Marts, and staff Robert Feldstein, Leah Willoughby, Aj Foltz, Laura Belmont, and Dax Tate. Absent was member Amy McHenry.

   Guest present was Alex Zimmerman.

2) **Approval of the Agenda**
President Pavone called for any amendments to the agenda.

3) **Public Comment**
President Pavone asked if there were any written public comments submitted. Hearing none, this portion of the agenda was closed.

4) **Consent Agenda**
SCA President Pavone asked for any questions or concerns regarding the items on the Consent Agenda.

   Ralph moved, seconded by Birney, to approve the consent agenda, consisting of the minutes of the March 18, 2026 SCA Board of Directors meeting, and the financial reports of November 2025 and December 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

5) **President's Report**
President Pavone reported that appointments to the SCA Legislative Committee will be made at a future Board meeting and encouraged members to consider volunteering to serve. President Pavone also noted positive feedback received regarding the in-person April PIC meeting and highlighted recent and upcoming meetings.

6) **Executive Director's Report**
Executive Director Robert Feldstein provided an overview of ongoing discussions regarding the King County Transportation Department and the Transportation Benefit District sales tax. Feldstein invited feedback from Board members and noted that staff will continue to update the Board regarding ongoing discussions and any potential future actions.

7) **King County Executive Meeting Group Report**

Executive Director Robert Feldstein reported on the recent meeting with the King County Executive. Because the 3rd Wednesday was before the 3rd Tuesday, SCA had not had their April meeting with the Executive, but he reported that on the agenda were the KCTD, an report out from April PIC (potential Sewer Rate Letter and Sound Transit statement), and questions about what the workgroup looking at a "Dedicated Revenue Source for Housing" would look like.

8) Treasurer's Report

a. Bad Debt
Treasurer McLeod reported that dues from the City of Bothell were included in the approved 2026 SCA budget under Member Dues revenue. As Bothell has indicated it will not renew membership for 2026, staff recommended writing off the unpaid invoice as bad debt. Pursuant to Board policy, the Finance Committee reviewed the proposed write-off, as the amount exceeded $1,000, and recommended Board approval of the write-off in the amount of $25,111.61.

McLeod moved, seconded by Assefa-Dawson, approval of bad debt write off for member dues invoice, in the amount of $25,111.61, for the non-returning member city. The motion passed unanimously.

b. City Member Dues Update
Treasurer McLeod reported that an additional payment from Kent was received following distribution of the meeting materials. McLeod further reported that the two remaining outstanding invoices have been confirmed by the respective cities as being in process for payment.

c. Sponsorship Update
Treasurer McLeod reported that, since distribution of the meeting materials, one additional Partner sponsor invoice was issued to Microsoft. As of Tuesday, April 14, total sponsorships invoiced were $51,500, with $14,000 received to date. Executive Director Robert Feldstein also noted new and potential sponsors. Staff will continue to provide updates to the Board.

d. Employee Retirement Program Discussion
Staff updated the Committee on progress toward replacing the retirement benefit program following release from PERS. Staff will continue work on the project and provide updates to the Committee. Executive Director Robert Feldstein noted that staff capacity for the project will increase with the addition of the new Executive and Administrative Coordinator, who will begin next week.

e. Staff Transportation Expenses Discussion
Treasurer McLeod reported that the Finance Committee reviewed a draft revision to the Staff Transportation Expenses Policy proposed by staff. The proposed changes are intended to better reflect hybrid work arrangements and current operational practices since the policy's original adoption, and to provide greater clarity, consistency, and equity in the application of travel and mileage reimbursement. The Committee directed staff to discuss the proposed revisions with all staff and expects to continue discussion and consider a recommendation for action at its next meeting.

f. Other Updates
There were no other updates.

9) PIC Chair's Report

PIC Chair Lydia Assefa-Dawson reported on the April 8, 2026 PIC Meeting.

a. Regional Boards and Committees
   Senior Policy Analyst Aj Foltz and Policy Analyst Dax Tate briefed members on appointments recommended by the PIC Nominating Committee. PIC Nominating Committee members also encouraged continued member participation in future appointment opportunities and noted that the Committee expects to reconvene prior to the broader call for nominations in the fall.
   Assefa-Dawson moved, seconded by Ademasu, to appoint the following individuals as members and alternates to 2026 Regional Boards and Committees, including a finding of extraordinary circumstances to allow an exception to the six-year term limit for the PSCAAC appointment, for a shortened term of one (1) year:

   - ***Council President Ryan McIrvin, Renton, as member on the Greater Seattle Partners***
   - ***Council President Satwinder Kaur, Kent, as member on the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency Advisory Council, for a term of one (1) year***

   The motion passed unanimously.

b. Proposed Sewer Rate Response Letter
   SCA Policy Staff reported that information was presented to PIC regarding the proposed 2027 wastewater sewer rate and a draft sewer rate response letter recommended by the SCA RWQC Caucus. Discussion focused on the projected impact of future rate increases on ratepayers, regulatory and infrastructure cost drivers, and opportunities for continued coordination and engagement with regional and state partners. Following discussion, the PIC voted to take the issue up and bring back to a future meeting for possible action.

c. State Legislative Update & Panel Discussion
   SCA Policy Staff provided PIC with an overview of actions taken during the 2026 State Legislative Session related to the SCA State Legislative Agenda, including public safety, housing, sustainability, transportation, and e-bike regulation. Members also discussed coordination and engagement with legislators and partner organizations between legislative sessions, and ongoing challenges related to state mandates, local control, and state funding policies.

d. Updates and Informational Items
   Members were directed to informational items included in the meeting materials.

10) City Manager's Report

City Manager Representative Scott MacColl reported on the March 2026 City Managers and Administrators meeting. Topics included a presentation from Dylan Ordonez, FIFA Seattle, regarding regional preparations for the FIFA World Cup; discussion regarding potential impacts related to the King County Regional Homelessness Authority; Day with ICMA activities; and updates from partner organizations including AWC, SCA, and WCMA.

11) Discussion Items

a. Equity and Inclusion Cabinet
   This item will return for discussion at the next meeting of the Board.

b. Parliamentary Training
   Staff reported that it is considering a future training on Robert's Rules of Order and meeting management and will continue to provide updates.

c. Other Updates
   Immediate Past President Angela Birney asked for discussion regarding the August 2026 SCA Board of Directors Meeting. Following the discussion, the Board took the following action:

   Birney moved, seconded by Ademasu, to cancel the August 2026 SCA Board of Directors meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

12) For the Good of the Order
There were no items for the good of the order.

13) The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 PM.