



SCA Board of Directors

Minutes

July 15, 2026

Bellevue City Hall

1) Call to Order

SCA President Armondo Pavone called the meeting to order at **10:13 AM**. Present were members Armondo Pavone, Thomas McLeod, Troy Linnell, Scott MacColl, Lynne Robinson, Amy McHenry, Tola Marts, and Sean Kelly; and staff Robert Feldstein, Leah Willoughby, Dax Tate, Aj Foltz and Amanda Hebert. Absent was member Angela Birney, Annette Ademasu, Tom French, Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Dana Ralph.

2) Approval of the Agenda

President Pavone called for any amendments to the agenda. There were none

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

President Pavone asked for any questions or concerns regarding the items on the Consent Agenda. There were none.

McLeod moved, seconded by McHenry, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the June 17, 2026 SCA Board of Directors Meeting; and the financial reports of April 2026 and May 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

5) President's Report

SCA President Pavone recognized SCA's leadership on KCTD this past month. He noted that the first Legislative Committee is meeting this Friday, and they would consider priorities that SCA can take up in the following year. President Pavone mentioned that SCA now has representation on the Breaking the Cycle Investments & Revenue Workgroup with Mayor Nancy Backus and SCA Immediate Past President Angela Birney. He encouraged everyone to continue participating as conversations move forward. SCA President Pavone reminded everyone the Summer Social is next Wednesday and encouraged everyone to attend.

6) Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Robert Feldstein provided update on upcoming SCA events. He asked the Board members to help encourage their councilmembers to register for the summer social. Feldstein also mentioned planning for the joint AWC event on October 28 and the Annual Meeting at the Museum of Flight on December 2. He mentioned ways that SCA is being invited to engage more by working with the LTD working group with Solid Waste, helping provide feedback for a play book on economic development with the Challenge Seattle luncheon or breakfast, helping to evaluate how to engage the city electeds/staff with the new group Built for Zero, and working with Starter Homes by the Black Homes Initiative.

Executive Director Robert Feldstein reported on organizations reaching out to SCA to participate with Challenge Seattle, Built for Zero. SCA will continue to engage in these organizations. Staff will continue to report updates to the Board.

7) King County Executive Meeting Group Report

Executive Director Robert Feldstein reported on the items that were discussed during the previous monthly meeting.

8) 2027 SCA Member City Dues Assessment Rate

SCA Chief Operating Officer Leah Willoughby provided a brief overview of the process by which member dues are assessed each year, per organizational bylaws, and presented the Draft 2027 Member City Dues to the Board. Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

McLeod moved, seconded by Kelly to recommend approval of the Draft 2027 SCA Member City Dues to the full Membership at the Annual Meeting on December 2, 2026; and directed to staff to circulate the recommended rate and dues to member cities. The motion passed unanimously.

9) Treasurer's Report

a. Investment Maturity

SCA Treasurer McLeod presented information on the CD Investment Maturity, recommendation to continue as they are. He reported on the Sponsorship update, 89.5K, paid 52K.

McLeod moved, seconded by Marts for Approval for SCA to reinvest the full amount of CD maturing in July 2026 into a new three-year CD with Time Value Investments, as recommended by the SCA Finance Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Sponsorship Update

SCA Treasurer McLead reported on sponsorships invoiced and payments received since the last meeting of the Board.

c. Other Updates

SCA Treasurer McLeod discussed the upcoming meetings and decided that the Finance Committee will not meet in July, but will meet in August, before the September Board meeting.

10) PIC Chair's Report

As PIC Chair Assefa- Dawson, was not present, SCA Policy Analysts reported on the June 10, 2026 PIC Meeting.

a. 2027 Solid Waste Response Letter

SCA Policy Analyst Laura Belmont presented the changes made by the PIC to the draft Solid Waste Response letter and reported on the status of the letter in its current state. Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Robinson moved, seconded by Marts to approve the draft letter to the King County Council as recommended by the SCA Public Issues Committees (PIC). The motion passed unanimously

b. Affordable Housing Levy, Part 2

SCA Senior Policy Analyst AJ Foltz reported on breakout sessions at the PIC for the cities to form small groups and participate in discussions around the Affordable Housing Levy. Each group was guided by an SCA Policy Analyst. The overall feedback was positive. She also discussed the Pre-PIC presentation which provided a virtual tour of the Connections Crisis Care Center as well as explaining its role and answering questions from the PIC attendees. She mentioned how well it was received.

c. MIDD Implementation Plan

SCA Senior Policy Analyst AJ Foltz provided an overview of the MIDD Implementation Plan, including a name change. She explained that there will be an attempt to hold a “caucus” meeting to organize their thoughts before going to the meeting.

11) City Manager’s Report

As City Manager Representative Scott MacColl was not present for the July 8 City Managers/City Administrators meeting, Chief Operating Officer Leah Willoughby reported on the meeting. Items included the Sound Transit – enterprise initiative, City of Remond’s commercial drone delivery regulations, and a roundtable discussion on peer support.

12) Discussion Items/Updates

a. Boundary Review Board

SCA Executive Director Robert Feldstein reported on the allotted seats on the Boundary Review Board and the distribution of those seats; how the process has been handled in the past; and potential SCA involvement. Staff will continue to update and take feedback and direction from the Board.

b. Equity & Inclusion Cabinet

SCA Executive Director Robert Feldstein reported on the meeting of the Equity & Inclusion Cabinet, including the goals discussed by the Cabinet. He presented next steps. The Board discussed goals of the Cabinet, the purpose of the Cabinet, and possible formats for their work; and asked that the topic be brought back for continued discussion at the September Board meeting.

c. Data Centers and Battery Storage Centers

Executive Director Robert Feldstein introduced the topic of data centers and battery storage centers. Members were asked to share what other cities are thinking about these items and if SCA helping with these discussions would be helpful.

d. 2027 Board Elections

SCA Executive Director Robert Feldstein discussed the seats that would be opening on the Board of Directors.

Per Bylaws, a Board Nominating Committee will be appointed in October to make recommendations for leadership positions on the 2027 Board. Officers will be elected at the first meeting of 2027. Members interested in serving in leadership positions on the Board in 2027 may not serve the Board Nominating Committee.

e. Other Updates

Sean Kelly suggested an item on the September Board meeting agenda regarding the format of 2027 PIC meetings.

Kelly moved, seconded by Marts to include an item on the September meeting agenda discussing the format of the 2027 PIC meetings.

13) For the Good of the Order

Scott McLeod mentioned that a church in Tukwila has a Tiny Home Village, where ICE took custody of someone there. Sean Kelly recommended that SCA continue to maintain an unbiased opinion regarding the flock camera. SCA President Pavone said that Boeing is opening another line in Everett to continue their market share.

14) The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 PM.