SCA Board of Directors

Minutes

October 21, 2026

Renton City Hall

1) **Call to Order**
SCA President Armondo Pavone called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. Present were members Armondo Pavone, Dana Ralph, Thomas McLeod, Angela Birney, Scott MacColl, Lynne Robinson, Amy McHenry, Troy Linnell, Tom French, Sean Kelly, Tola Marts, and Lydia Assefa-Dawson; and staff Robert Feldstein, Leah Willoughby, Dax Tate, and Amanda Hebert. Absent was member Annette Ademasu.

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.

Birney moved, seconded by McHenry, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the September 16, 2026 SCA Board of Directors Meeting; and the financial reports of August 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

5) **President's Report**
SCA President Pavone reminded members about the upcoming co-hosted networking event with Association of Washington Cities (AWC) on Wednesday, October 28^{t} and encouraged members to attend. Mayor Birney shared additional information about the event. Mayor Pavone reminded the Board that the deadline for applications for SCA appointments is approaching and encouraged members to apply and to encourage other electeds to apply. Pavone reported that SCA is hosting with King County Elections a tour of the elections floor and gave details. He also shared that there is a possible King County Library tour in 2027,with details to be determined.

6) **Executive Director's Report**
Executive Director Robert Feldstein reported on registration for the upcoming networking event with the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) and encouraged attendance by Board members. He shared his excitement for the King County Elections tour and mentioned that King County Elections are a great resource and partner for SCA. Feldstein spoke on a potential future training on levies, including how the process works. Feldstein and Mayor Birney provided updates on the Breaking the Cycle Revenue group. Birney provided further details from the caucus and on next steps. Feldstein provided quick updates for

Regional Transit, Steering Group, Bridge, Best Starts for Kids, the Utility Summer and SCA Regional Boards and Committees appointments. Feldstein asked the Board for direction regarding invites and attendees to the Annual Networking event.

7) King County Executive Meeting Group Report

SCA Executive Director Robert Feldstein reported on the most recent meeting with the King County Executive. Topics discussed included Best Starts for Kids and the Housing Levy; the and Housing Levy and concerns. The Board briefly discussed these topics. There were no action items to report.

8) Treasurer's Report

a. Sponsorship Update

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

b. Draft 2027 SCA Budget

SCA Treasurer McLeod reported on the draft 2027 SCA Budget and noted changes from the current year to the new 2027 budget. McLeod asked for any questions. The draft budged will return to the Finance Committee at their October meeting and a draft will brought to the board at the November Board meeting for action.

c. Other Updates

SCA Treasurer McLeod did not have any further updates for the Board.

9) PIC Chair's Report

PIC Chair Lydia Assefa- Dawson reported on the October 14, 2026, PIC Meeting.

a. Appointment of the 2027 SCA PIC Nominating Committee Members

PIC Chair Assefa- Dawson reported on the appointment of the 2027 SCA PIC Nominating Committee Members. Members appointed include: Mayor Troy Linnell, Algona, for the South Valley Caucus; Mayor Pro Tem Ronn Mercer, Duvall, for the Snoqualmie Valley Caucus; Council President Melissa Stuart, Redmond, for the North Caucus; and Councilmember Alex Andrade, Burien, for the South Caucus.

b. Breaking the Cycle Investments & Revenue Workgroup Update

PIC Chair Assefa- Dawson reported on the presentation "Breaking the Cycle Investments & Revenue Workgroup Update" which was given by Marissa Chávez, Director of Policy and Innovation for the King County Executive.

c. SCA 2027 State Legislative Agenda & County Priorities

PIC Chair Assefa-Dawson presented the updates for the SCA 2027 State Legislative Agenda & County Priorities. She mentioned what was discussed during the September meeting, and that an action was called to approve the decision of the SCA Legislative Committee & County Priorities. Assefa-Dawson mentioned the amendment brought up during the PIC meeting and the concerns that were brought up, noting that it was tabled for the next PIC meeting in November to continue the discussion. SCA Senior Policy Analyst Aj Foltz provided additional information and recommended a motion to approve the SCA State Legislative Agenda and 2027 SCA County Priorities.

Birney moved, seconded by McHenry approval of the 2027 SCA State Legislative Agenda and 2027 SCA County Priorities as presented in meeting materials. The motion passed unanimously.

10) City Manager's Report

As City Manager representative Scott MacColl was not present for the October City Managers/City Administrators meeting, SCA Executive Director Robert Feldstein reported on the meeting. Topis included: King County Regional Homelessness Authority discussion; potential 0.01% sales tax being introduced; discussion on future meeting topics, and partner updates.

11) 2027 Board Nominating Committee

SCA President Armondo Pavone gave an overview of the Board Nominating Committee process, responsibilities, and makeup. Birney provided additional details, including how the Committee worked in past years. SCA Chief Operating Officer Leah Willoughby gave further details based on SCA bylaws, including the suggested timeline.

President Pavone Appointed the following individuals to the Board Nominating Committee:

1. ***Armondo Pavone***
2. ***Angela Birney***
3. ***Sean Kelly***
4. ***Tola Marts***

12) Discussion Items/Updates

a. RAM and Partner Engagement and Participation
SCA Executive Director Robert Feldstein requested guidance on the "rules of thumb" for how to engage with SCA's sponsors so that it feels mutually beneficial. The Board held brief discussion.

b. Call for Nominations Update
SCA Executive Director Robert Feldstein requested that the board members invite additional applicants. SCA Chief Operating Officer Leah Willoughby asked them to apply early.

c. SCA Winter Break
SCA Executive Director Robert Feldstein reported that the SCA offices will be closed for Winter Break during the week of December 28 through January 1.

d. Other Updates
There were no other updates.

13) For the Good of the Order

Kelly mentioned an event January 7, from 11 – 1 for a lunchtime meeting for electeds around public safety with more information to come.

Birney mentioned that Redmond is needing to hire an outside consultant and the cost of this new hire.

14) The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 PM.