
ACSLPA COUNCIL MINUTES
Saturday, February 28, 2026
Hybrid via Microsoft Teams & In Person at the Deerfoot Inn, Calgary AB
9:07am

PRESENT: Council
In person- Nancy Bassendowski, Ajay Mysore Narasimha, Karin Bork, Kerry Campbell, Mike DeVuyt, Diana DiMarcello, Sumari Erasmus, Alyssa Fex, Mirela Oltean, Brad Walls
Virtually- Monica Behl

Staff
In person- Melanie Sicotte, Margot Walters

REGRETS: Muhammad Rasheed

MINUTES

1.0 Welcome and Call to Order (N. Bassendowski)

- 1.1 **President's Remarks**
- 1.2 **Introductions**

2.0 Approval of Agenda – February 28, 2026 (N. Bassendowski)

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

APPROVED

3.0 Declaration of Conflict of Interest (N. Bassendowski; circulated with agenda)

Two possible conflicts were reported. Regarding item 5.15, a member of council was involved with the development of the protocol that the Registrar approved administrative updates to. Regarding item 9.0, a member of council has a relative who works in the field of ultrasound imaging. Item 5.15 was for information and item 9.0 was for discussion on the agenda. Council decided that identification of the potential conflicts was adequate, and no further action was required.

4.0 Approval of Minutes from prior meetings (N. Bassendowski)

4.1 November 29, 2025, Meeting Minutes

APPROVED

Abstained from vote: Brad Walls, Karin Bork, Monica Behl.

5.0 Consent Agenda (circulated with agenda)

5.1 Financial Update and Management Report – REMOVED

5.2 2026 Annual Plan Status Update – ACCEPTED

5.3 Professional Conduct Report – ACCEPTED

5.4 Risk Register Report – ACCEPTED

5.5 Final 2025 Annual Plan Status Update – ACCEPTED

5.6 NEW: 2026 Annual Plan Risk Report – ACCEPTED

5.7 2026 Appointments of Council Committee Chairs

5.8 2025 & 2026 Work Plans – Governance Committee – APPROVED

Recommended motion: That Council approves the 2026 Governance Committee Work Plan as presented.

5.9 2026 Council KSE Information

5.10 2025 & 2026 Work Plans – Executive Comm – APPROVED

Recommended motion: That Council approves the 2026 Executive Committee Work Plan as presented.

5.11 2025 & 2026 Work Plans – ARM Comm – APPROVED

Recommended motion: That Council approves the 2026 ARM Committee Work Plan as presented.

5.12 Review of 2025 Council Honorariums & Registrar/CEO Staff Development & Travel Expenses – ACCEPTED & APPROVED

Recommended motion: That Council accepts the results of the ARM Committee's review of 2025 members of council's honorarium claims and the Registrar/CEO's travel and staff development expenses, and approves the inclusion of members of council's travel expense claims in the ARM Committee's future annual reviews.

5.13 2025 & 2026 Work Plan – IDEA Committee – REMOVED

Recommended motion: That Council approves the 2026 IDEA Committee Work Plan as presented.

5.14 2025 Registration Committee Report – REMOVED

5.15 Registrar Notifications – REMOVED

5.16 Additional 2026 Appointments to Council Committees – APPROVED

Recommended motion: That Council approves the appointment of Mirela Oltean to the IDEA Committee for 2026, and the appointments of Monica Behl to the Executive, the Governance, and the Audit and Risk Management (ARM) committees for 2026.

6.0 Auditor’s Report (B. Waser, MNP LLP)

(for approval & acceptance)

Melanie S. introduced Benji W. as the representative for MNP LLP. Benji W. then gave a verbal presentation reviewing the Audit Findings Report and Financial Statements.

MOTION:	Mike D. moved that Council accepts the December 31, 2025, Audit Findings Report and approves the Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2025, as presented.	MOTION seconded & CARRIED unanimously
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5.13 2025 & 2026 Work Plan – IDEA Committee

(for information & acceptance)

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda by Mike D. for discussion and voting as a general agenda item.

MOTION:	Alyssa F. moved that the Council approves the 2026 IDEA Committee Work Plan as presented. Votes against: Mike D.	MOTION seconded & CARRIED
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5.14 2025 Registration Committee Report (M. Sicotte)

(for information & acceptance)

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda by Alyssa F. so that clarifying questions could be posed to staff.

MOTION:	Alyssa F. moved that the Council accept the 2025 Registration Committee Report	MOTION seconded & CARRIED unanimously
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7.0 Rescind Position Statement – Recording Currency Hours During Pandemic-Related Redeployment (M. Sicotte)

(for approval)

Melanie S. gave a presentation summarizing the historical requirement for this position statement and reasons for rescinding it.

MOTION:	Mike D. moved that Council rescinds the ACSLPA Position Statement – Recording Currency Hours During Pandemic-Related Redeployment (2021).	MOTION seconded & CARRIED unanimously
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8.0 Rescind Position Statement – Vaccine Hesitancy (M. Sicotte)

(for approval)

Melanie S. gave a presentation summarizing the historical requirement for this position statement and reasons for rescinding it.

MOTION:	Brad W. moved that Council rescinds the ACSLPA Position Statement – Vaccine Hesitancy (2021).	MOTION seconded & CARRIED
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9.0 Authorization for Ultrasound as SLP Restricted Activity (M. Sicotte)

(for discussion)

Melanie S. gave a presentation covering restricted activities under the Health Professions Act. She provided information specifically on the restriction of ordering or applying of non-ionizing radiation in ultrasound imaging. She further provided background on this restricted activity in the context of SLP practice, including how ACSLPA might go about submitting a proposal to the Ministry to include ultrasound as an advanced authorization for SLPs in Alberta.

Council asked questions and engaged in discussion on the topic.

10.0 Year in Review (M. Sicotte)

(for information)

Melanie gave a presentation on highlights from 2025 and discussed the same with Council.

5.1 Financial Update and Management Report (M. Sicotte)

(for information & acceptance)

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda by Brad W. for discussion as a general agenda item.

MOTION:	Brad W. moved that the Council accept the Financial Update and Management Report.	MOTION seconded & CARRIED unanimously
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5.15 Registrar Notifications (M. Sicotte, M. Walters)

(for information & acceptance)

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda by Karin B. for clarification on some health system re-organization related wording changes in the Pediatric Amplification Protocol.

ACTION: Staff will make the corrections discussed.

11.0 Annual Form Signing (M. Sicotte)

(for information)

Forms were handed out for in-person attendees to sign. Melanie gave a brief presentation outlining some key features of the Council Norms as part of the annual review of the confidentiality, conduct, and norms document signing.

12.0 Updates from Registrar/CEO (M. Sicotte)

(for information)

Melanie S. gave a presentation updating council on ACSLPA’s current work and emerging issues.

13.0 In Camera Session

See in camera minutes for further information

13.1 Approval of In Camera Minutes – November 29, 2025

13.2 Update on 2025 Registrar/CEO Performance Review

13.3 2026 Registrar/CEO Annual Goals and Objectives

13.4 General Discussion

Meeting was adjourned at 2:18pm.