
ACSLPA COUNCIL MINUTES
Saturday, May 30, 2026
Hybrid via Microsoft Teams & In Person at Delta South Edmonton
9:14am

PRESENT: Council

In person- Nancy Bassendowski, Ajay Mysore Narasimha, Monica Behl, Karin Bork, Mike Devuyt, Diana DiMarcello, Sumari Erasmus, Alyssa Fex, Mirela Oltean, Brad Walls
Virtually- Kerry Campbell, Muhammad Rasheed

Staff

In person- Melanie Sicotte, Tricia Gherbaz
Virtually- Ezra Henze, Ben Lamont, Margot Walters (at time of presentation)

REGRETS:

MINUTES

1.0 Welcome and Call to Order (N. Bassendowski)

- 1.1 President's Remarks
- 1.2 Introductions

2.0 Approval of Agenda – May 30, 2026 (N. Bassendowski)

MOTION:	Brad W. moved that Council approves the May 30, 2026 Council Meeting Agenda.	MOTION seconded & CARRIED unanimously
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3.0 Declaration of Conflict of Interest (N. Bassendowski; circulated with agenda)

No conflicts of interest were declared.

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

- 4.1 **February 28, 2026, Meeting Minutes**
Abstained from vote: Muhammad Rasheed

APPROVED

5.0 Consent Agenda (circulated with agenda)

- 5.1 **Financial Update and Management Report – ACCEPTED**
- 5.2 **2026 Annual Plan Status Update – ACCEPTED**
- 5.3 **Professional Conduct Report – ACCEPTED**
- 5.4 **Risk Register Report – ACCEPTED**
- 5.5 **2026 Annual Plan Risk Report – ACCEPTED**
- 5.6 **Rescind Membership List Appointment – APPROVED**
Recommended motion: That Council rescinds the appointment of Ben Lamont, R.SLP, from the Membership List effective immediately.
- 5.7 **Notice of Change to Committee Appointments**
- 5.8 **Proposed Policy 3.160 – APPROVED & ADOPTED**
Recommended motion: That Council approves and adopts Policy 3.160 (Review of Council Expenses & Honorariums) as presented effective June 1, 2026.
- 5.9 **Revisions to Honorarium & Expense Policies – APPROVED**
Recommended motion: That Council approves the proposed revised Policy 3.120 (Reimbursement of Expenses), proposed revised Policy 3.111 (Committee Honorariums), and proposed revised Policy 2.040 (Council Honorariums) as presented effective June 1, 2026.
- 5.10 **2025 ACSLPA Annual Report – APPROVED & ADOPTED**
Recommended motion: That the Council approve the content of the 2025 ACSLPA Annual Report as presented.
- 5.11 **2026 Council Effectiveness Self-Evaluation Tool Results – ACCEPTED & APPROVED**
Recommended motion: That Council accepts the 2026 results of the Council Effectiveness Self-Evaluation Tool and

approves revising the Council Effectiveness Self-Evaluation Tool for 2028 as follows: ... (see briefing)

5.12 2025 & 2026 Work Plans – Nominations Committee – APPROVED

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

5.13 Designation of 2026 Nominations Committee Chair – APPROVED

Recommended motion: The Council approves the designation of Brads Walls as the Chair of the Nominations Committee for 2026.

Melanie noted a minor error to item 5.8 regarding policy name.

6.0 Fee Schedule (M. Sicotte)

(for approval)

Melanie S. gave a presentation covering the proposed options for ACSLPA's 2027 fee schedule. Council discussed alternative options to an administrative fee.

MOTION:	Mike D. moved that Council approves the proposed fee schedule Option #2 (\$780) with an edit to change Credential Assessment Fee to Credential Assessment Review Fee and an edit to remove the \$100 Administrative Fee for renewing within 14 days of deadline. Brief discussion occurred. Votes against: Alyssa F., Sumari E., Karin B., Mirella O.	MOTION seconded & CARRIED
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ACTION: ACSLPA staff will adjust registration/renewal communications to reflect that fees have been decreased but to encourage members to renew earlier, at least prior to December 15, to avoid future increase in fees or the addition of an administration fee.

7.0 Advisory Statement: OTC Hearing Aids and Professional Obligations (M. Walters)

(for approval & adoption)

Margot W. gave a presentation covering the proposed Advisory Statement on over-the-counter hearing aids.

MOTION:	Diana D. moved that Council approves the Advisory Statement: Over-the-counter (OTC) Hearing Aids and Professional Obligations and adopts it effective June 15, 2026.	MOTION seconded & CARRIED unanimously
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10.0 Updates from Registrar/CEO (M. Sicotte)

(for information)

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

8.0 2026 Regulated Member of Council Selection Process (M. Sicotte)

(for decision & discussion)

Melanie S. gave a presentation describing additional considerations for the 2026 regulated member of council selection process resulting from the resignation of a regulated member in June 2026.

MOTION:	Brad W. moved that Council notifies the Nominations Committee that they would welcome additional audiologists on Council and asks the Nomination Committee to communicate this message to registrants when seeking nominations and when the polls open in 2026. No further discussion	MOTION seconded & CARRIED unanimously
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MOTION:	Brad W. moved that, to return as quickly as possible to a full complement of regulated members of council and 1/3 of regulated member of council terms ending each year, Council sets a September 15, 2026 start date and	MOTION seconded & CARRIED
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	a December 31, 2027 end date for the term of the regulated member of council position to be filled in 2026. Brief discussion.	<i>unanimously</i>
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ACTION: Staff will begin drafting edits to the Bylaws for review at the September Council meeting.

9.0 Regulated Professions Neutrality Act (RPNA) (M. Sicotte)

(for information)

Melanie S. gave a presentation covering the ongoing effects and considerations for the College resulting from Bill 13.

11.0 In Camera Session

See in camera minutes for further information

11.1 Approval of In Camera Minutes –February 28, 2026

11.2 General Discussion

Meeting was adjourned at 2:31 PM.