



LAW SOCIETY
OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

MINUTES

Executive Committee Meeting
Law Society of the Northwest Territories
Law Society Training Room
16 December 2025

Attendance:

Sandra Mackenzie, President
Sukhmanpreet Dhindsa, Vice-President
Bradley Patzer, Treasurer
Keelen Simpson, Secretary
Alex Godfrey, Member at Large
Jeff Round, Executive Director
Margo Nightingale, FLSC Council Member

Call To Order:

Sandra called the meeting to order at 12:19 PM

Approval of the Agenda:

MOVED BY: Alex GODFREY
SECONDED BY: Brad PATZER

THAT the Agenda be approved with the addition of the review of a membership application to be added to New Business.

CARRIED

Approval of Minutes of November 13, 2025

MOVED BY: Alex GODFREY
SECONDED BY: Sukhmanpreet DHINDSA

THAT the Minutes be approved.

CARRIED

Appointment of the Executive

MOVED BY: Alex GODFREY
SECONDED BY: Brad PATZER

THAT the following appointments to Executive roles are made:

President – Sandra Mackenzie
Vice-President – Sukhmanpreet Dhindsa
Treasurer – Brad Patzer

Secretary – Keelen Simpson

CARRIED

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

MOVED BY: Sukhmanpreet DHINDSA
SECONDED BY: Alex GODFREY

THAT the Consent Agenda be approved.

CARRIED

FEDERATION OF LAW SOCIETIES OF CANADA:

Margo provided an update on FLSC committee composition and noted that the FLSC has flagged the Chair of Discipline as a possible concern. CanLII AI development funding was approved along with other budget items. The Governance Review budget item was deferred. The Wellness Committee Report was approved. NCA policy amendments were passed to adopt early language assessment and cultural competency for all candidates. Next FLSC meetings in Ottawa March 2-4, 2026.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Rules of the Law Society:

Review of summary provided in the ED Report.

Action item: Sandra to be invited to Rules Committee meetings as Executive Liaison.

LSNT Employee Benefits Policy – review and discussion:

Contract format and Employee Benefits Policy still under review.

Action item: Meeting to be set to finalize.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

FATF AMLTF review

ED is now in discussion with Frederica Wilson about workplan for AMLTF work to start early in new year.

FINANCE REPORT:

Bank signing authorities are being updated on and must be finalized before balance transfers approved at AGM can be actioned.

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE:

Review of summary provided in the ED Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Three (3) expressions of interest were received for the NWT Law Foundation board member position.

MOVED BY: Alex GODFREY

SECONDED BY: Brad PATZER

THAT the Micheal Ellison be appointed as member of the NWT Law Foundation Board.

CARRIED

- The Law Assistance Program utilization data was reviewed.

Action item: Information about the program including the services offered and confidentiality of the program to be drafted and circulated to Executive prior to distribution through the Bulletin and email blast on a schedule going forward.

Action item: Information regarding the availability of practice advisors through the Law Society of Alberta to be distributed alongside the information above.

- A recent membership application of Robert Miller was discussed and considered by the Executive Committee.

MOVED BY: Alex GODFREY
SECONDED BY: Brad PATZER

THAT the application be approved.

CARRIED

UPCOMING BUSINESS:

None.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:14 PM

MOVED BY: Alex GODFREY
SECONDED BY: Brad PATZER

THAT the Motion be approved.

Next Meeting: 12 January 2026 @ 12:00 pm



[Sandra Mackenzie \(Jan 22, 2026 08:03:25 MST\)](#)

Sandra Mackenzie, President



[Sukhmanpreet Dhindsa \(Jan 19, 2026 23:01:07 GMT+5.5\)](#)

Sukhmanpreet Dhindsa , Vice President









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