



MINUTES

Executive Committee Meeting
Law Society of the Northwest Territories
Law Society Training Room
27 April 2026

Attendance:

Sandra Mackenzie, President
Bradley Patzer, Treasurer
Keelen Simpson, Secretary
Alex Godfrey, Member at Large
Jeff Round, Executive Director

Call To Order:

Sandra called the meeting to order at 12:06

Approval of the Agenda:

MOVED BY: Keelen SIMPSON
SECONDED BY: Alex GODFREY

THAT the Agenda be approved with addition of Bench and Bar BBQ, external appointments, Rural Wills and Estates Request for Expression of Interest and FLSC Executive ladder to New Business.

CARRIED

Approval of Minutes of 31 March 2025

MOVED BY: Keelen SIMPSON
SECONDED BY: Brad PATZER

THAT the Minutes be approved.

CARRIED

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

MOVED BY: Keelen SIMPSON
SECONDED BY: Alex GODFREY

THAT the Consent Agenda be approved.

CARRIED

Federation of Law Societies of Canada:

Margo's report was reviewed.

The Access to Justice Committee has received dates for Justice Karakatsanis' visit. Keelen will circulate dates once confirmed by Justice Karakatsanis' office.

Business Arising from the Minutes

None

Standing Committee Reports

None

Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director's Report was reviewed.

Finance Report

The Finance report was reviewed. Q1 reports are not yet available but will be presented at the May meeting.

Discipline Committee

The Discipline Committee status report was reviewed.

New Business

CPLD Committee membership (D):

MOVED BY: Keelen SIMPSON

SECONDED BY: Brad PATZER

THAT the Executive approve the extension of Matthew Yap's appointment to the CPLD Appeal Committee to June 30, 2028 to coincide with the appointments of other members of that committee.

CARRIED

External Committee Appointments

MOVED BY: Keelen SIMPSON

SECONDED BY: Brad PATZER

THAT the Executive approve the appointment of the following individuals in the capacity noted for a term expiring March 31, 2028:

- Jessi Casebeer to the Territorial Court Criminal Bench and Bar Committee
- Katerina Doige to the Territorial Court Civil Bench and Bar Committee
- Martin (Toby) Kruger to the Supreme Court Civil Bench and Bar Committee

Action item: The Executive Director will canvass members to fill vacancies remaining on the Supreme Court Criminal Bench and Bar Committee and Supreme Court Civil Bench and Bar Committee and return nominations to a subsequent Executive meeting.

CARRIED

Bench and Bar Education Event BBQ

Discussion about the event, LSNT sponsoring the event. The venue is set, discussions underway with caterer. Keelen is leading the organization and Sandra and Alex will assist to coordinate the event.

Action item: Keelen to pass event information and social committee membership to Sandra and Alex.

FLSC Executive Ladder

Discussion over the northern territories' nomination to the FLSC Executive Ladder.

Action item: Sandra to discuss the opportunity with current NT Council rep – Margo Nightingale. Jeff and Sandra to discuss with the other Presidents and Executive Directors.

Use of AI (I)

Discussion over Court Directive governing use of AI. The Committee suggests discussion at the Bench and Bar committee.

Changing admissions application questions re bankruptcy (D)

The Executive directs the Admissions Committee to review and make recommendations for changes to the Rules and admissions process regarding Applicant insolvency history.

Rural Wills and Estates Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) (D)

Draft document reviewed.

MOVED BY: Alex GODFREY
SECONDED BY: Keelen SIMPSON

THAT the Executive approve the draft REOI to issue with revisions suggested by the Executive Director.

CARRIED

Upcoming Business:

None.

Adjournment:

MOVED BY: Brad PATZER

The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 pm.

Next Meeting: May 26, 2026 @ 12:00 pm



Sandra Mackenzie (Jul 8, 2026 10:58:48 MDT)

Sandra Mackenzie, President



Keelen Simpson (Jun 3, 2026 13:40:35 MDT)

Keelen Simpson , Secretary

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