



MINUTES

Executive Committee Meeting
Law Society of the Northwest Territories
Law Society Training Room
8 July 2026

Attendance:

Sandra Mackenzie, President
Sukhmanpreet Dhindsa, Vice-President
Brad Patzer, Treasurer
Keelen Simpson, Secretary
Jeff Round, Executive Director
Margo Nightingale, FLSC Council Member

Call To Order:

Sandra called the meeting to order at 12:08 pm.

Approval of the Agenda:

MOVED BY:	Keelen Simson
SECONDED BY:	Brad Patzer

THAT the Agenda be approved adding an in-camera item as item 2.

CARRIED

In Camera @ 12:10 pm

MOVED BY:	Brad Patzer
SECONDED BY:	Keelen Simpson

THAT the meeting be moved in-camera.

CARRIED

Out of camera @ 12:24 pm

MOVED BY:	Sukhmanpreet Dhindsa
SECONDED BY:	Brad Patzer

THAT the meeting be moved out of camera.

CARRIED

Approval of Minutes of 26 May 2026

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: Sukhmanpreet Dhindsa

THAT the Consent Agenda be approved with the amended motion declining the Dhindsa exemption request.

CARRIED

Federation of Law Societies of Canada:

Margo provided an overview of her report. She suggested offering/promoting access to CanLII live webinars to the public and self-represented litigants. The ongoing FLSC consultation on the Model Code, ongoing litigation in British Columbia and legislative changes in Alberta that are challenging self-regulation of the legal profession and the ongoing Rule of Law Campaign were discussed.

CanLII cost adjustment was discussed.

Business Arising from the Minutes

The Admissions sub-committee proposal to establish a taskforce to review the bar admission exam was discussed.

MOVED BY: Keelen Simpson
SECONDED BY: Brad Patzer

THAT the Admissions Committee is directed to establish a subcommittee, not limited to Admissions Committee members, to review the development of a CPLED module specific to the NWT, possibly in concert with Nunavut, and to provide a subcommittee Terms of Reference for Executive Committee review within 30 days.

CARRIED

Request for Expressions of Interest for Rules drafting

MOVED BY: Keelen Simpson

SECONDED BY: Brad Patzer

THAT the Request for Expressions of Interest for drafting of the Rules is approved to be advertised as presented.

CPD Requirements Review

MOVED BY: Brad Patzer
SECONDED BY: Keelen Simpson

THAT the following changes to CPD requirements are approved:

- limiting self-study to a maximum of 2 hours during a 12 month reporting period which cannot be used as credit towards the two hours focused on legal ethics or law practice management, and
- waiver of CPD requirements for members who are on maternity or paternity leave or take leave because of health issues. The waiver shall be pro-rated (e.g., if the member is on maternity or paternity leave for six months during a twelve month reporting period, then the member will be required to do 6 hours of CPD, including 1 hour of ethics). A request for waiver must be made in writing to the attention of the Executive and may be submitted to info@lawsociety.nt.ca.

A review of previous action items was provided by the Executive Director.

Standing Committee Reports

There were none.

Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director's Report was reviewed.

Finance Report

The Finance report was reviewed.

Discipline Report

The Discipline report was reviewed.

New Business

There was no new business.

Upcoming Business:

None.

Adjournment:

MOVED BY: Keelen Simpson

The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 pm.

Next Meeting: August 25, 2026 @ 12:00 pm

Sandra P MacKenzie

Sandra Mackenzie, President

Keelen Simpson

Keelen Simpson , Secretary

Signature: 
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