

MINUTES

For the Executive Committee Meeting of the British Columbia Federation of Students
Friday, October 3 to Sunday, October 5, 2025 • Richmond

16:02 the meeting was called to order by Secretary-Treasurer Reinbold. Attendance was as follows:

Executive Members Present

Chairperson	Debi Herrera Lira
Director at Large	Jess Lamb
Director at Large	Holiness Ozumba
Director at Large	Prince Solanki
Indigenous Caucus Chairperson	Samantha Jo
Representative–Local 01 Members	vacant
Representative–Local 02 Members	Jaspreet Kaur
Representative–Local 04 Members	Calder Azak
Representative–Local 05 Members	vacant
Representative–Local 06 Members	Chloe Archuleta
Representative–Local 12 Members	Olivia Lai
Representative–Local 13 Members	Maggie Velisek
Representative–Local 14 Members	Harpinder Singh
Representative–Local 15 Members	Gurjeet Singh
Representative–Local 16 Members	Jag Toor Singh
Representative–Local 17 Members	Terence Baluyut
Representative–Local 21 Members	Karen Khatana
Secretary-Treasurer	Cole Reinbold

Executive Members Absent

Director at Large	Manan Singh
Representative–Local 10 Members	Medhavi Mahesh
Representative–Local 20 Members	Vishnukumar Sharma

Staff Present

Director-Membership Development	Michael Gauld
Director-Operations	Phoebe Lo Patigdas
Local Staff–Local 01	Megan Gray
Local Staff–Local 04	Jasvir Singh
Local Staff–Local 05	Nathan Lane
Local Staff–Local 06	Andrew Dalton
Local Staff–Local 12	Rachel Fortin
Local Staff–Local 13	James Bowen
Local Staff–Local 14	Bushra Ansari
Local Staff–Local 15	Carissa Wilson
Local Staff–Local 16	Brynn Joyce
Local Staff–Local 17	Michel Turcotte
Local Staff–Local 21	Thach Thao Nguyen
Organiser	Jill Adams
Organiser-Services	Esmé Kovacs
Researcher	Arielle Reid

Staff Absent

Local Staff–Local 20	Rozanna Rosarydasan
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Guests Present

Observer–Local 01	Anabelle Lee
Observer–Local 05	Crystal Yamak

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

Chairperson Herrera Lira acknowledged that they were chairing the meeting on the traditional unceded territories of the Stó:lō, Tsawwassen, Musqueam and Hul'quimi'num and Stz'uminus peoples and asked that participants think about and appreciate this throughout the weekend, and during their advocacy work and acknowledge the Nation on whose territory they work and live.

CALL TO ORDER – 16:00, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2025

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2025/10:01 MOTION
Lai/Archuleta
Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.
CARRIED

2. LOGISTICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Patigdas provided an overview of the hotel and meeting logistics to ensure participants could effectively participate in the meeting.

16:05 Director at Large M. Singh and Local 10 Members' Representative Mahesh entered the meeting.

3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

a. Receipt of Resignations of Members

Secretary-Treasurer Reinbold reported that the Executive Committee is not in receipt of any resignations.

b. Acceptance of New Executive Committee Members

Secretary-Treasurer Reinbold reported that the Executive Committee is in receipt of two appointment letters.

2025/10:02 MOTION
Harpinder/J.Singh
Be it resolved that Annabelle Lee be appointed as the Local 01 Members' Representative.
CARRIED

2025/10:03 MOTION
G.Singh/Velisek
Be it resolved that Crystal Yamak be appointed as the Local 05 Members' Representative.
CARRIED

2025/10:04 MOTION
Ozumba/J.Singh
Be it resolved that guests and observers are granted speaking rights.
CARRIED

4. ICE BREAKER

The Executive Committee took part in an ice breaker activity.

5. NAVIGATING THE STATE OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION IN BC

Chairperson Herrera Lira and Secretary-Treasurer Reinbold gave a brief overview of the current realities facing students across BC, particularly the financial crisis in post-secondary education, to provide context for the discussion about the growing impacts of cuts, affordability pressures, and policy-level threats.

Executive Committee members reported on ongoing cuts to programs, staff and services as well as institutional revenue losses. These numbers were added into the Federation's province wide cut tracker for use in lobbying and advocacy work.

The Executive also discussed the impact of the cuts on Local capacity, affordability concerns stemming from institutional budget issues, potential threats to affordable education at the policy level, and ideas for building momentum in advocacy.

6. REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP*

17:30 the meeting moved in camera

17:51 the meeting moved ex camera

2025/10:05 MOTION

J.Singh/G.Singh

Be it resolved that the Federation's Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer be empowered to carry out the necessary steps of supporting graduate students of UBC Okanagan to transition to their own member local, upon the receipt of referendum results in favour of ceasing regular membership with the SUO and being represented by the Graduate Students' Association.

CARRIED

2025/10:06 MOTION

Azak/Baluyut

Whereas, the BC Federation of Students' purpose is to bring together post-secondary students from all parts of British Columbia to discuss and take common, democratic positions on questions affecting students;

Whereas, the Federation aims to strengthen student solidarity in the province to ensure all students in all regions are represented, and advocacy on issues that affect students are amplified;

Whereas, Northern Undergraduate Student Society (NUGSS) and the Federation have aligned goals and have previously worked together in different capacities including participation in its general meetings, conferences, and endorsement of Federation campaigns;

Whereas, NUGSS aligns with the purpose of the services of the Federation by previously acquiring access to Deals App, Handbook and Dayplanner, Bulk Purchase for their members;

Whereas, NUGSS approved a motion to apply for prospective membership to the British Columbia Federation of Students on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 thus meeting the requirements of Bylaw 2.2.a;

Whereas, Bylaw 2.2.b. states that within ninety (90) days of receipt by the Executive Committee of the Federation of an application in writing for prospective membership, the Executive Committee shall consider the application and make a recommendation to the member local unions of the Federation regarding the application;

Whereas, Bylaw 2.3. b. states that the prospective membership fee is five per cent (5%) of the full membership fee, and assessed on a quarterly basis to the prospective member local union based on an estimate of individual prospective members for the duration of prospective membership;

Whereas, the prospective membership fee may be a financial barrier to students' unions delivering services and advocacy to their members;

Whereas, a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the plenary at a general meeting may waive this fee, in part or in whole; and

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Whereas Bylaw 2.6.a. states that for each referendum on the question of membership, the Executive Committee shall recommend an individual to serve as the Chief Returning Officer, whose appointment is subject to ratification by a general meeting of the Federation; therefore

Be it resolved that the Executive Committee recommends that prospective membership be granted to the Northern Undergraduate Student Society at the upcoming 44th Annual General Meeting during the Opening Plenary;

Be it further resolved that the prospective membership fee be waived; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation’s Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer be empowered to select a Chief Returning Officer for the NUGSS membership referendum and bring a recommendation to the 44th Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED

7. INDIGENOUS STUDENTS’ CAUCUS

Indigenous Caucus Chairperson Jo reported on the results of the Caucus Co Chair Election. Chloe Archuleta from Local 6 was successfully elected to the role at a Caucus meeting held on July 14, 2025. Jo also reported on the ongoing work to set an annual meeting schedule for Caucus and reminded Locals about the patches that Caucus ordered and distributed to Locals to support outreach to Indigenous members across the province.

Locals gave reports on the different work they did to increase engagement with Indigenous members including tabling for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

RECESS FOR THE EVENING

2025/10:07

MOTION

Mahesh/H. Singh

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for the evening.

CARRIED

18:06 the meeting recessed

CALL TO ORDER – 9:00, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025

9:07 the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Herrera Lira. Attendance was as follows:

Executive Members Present

Chairperson	Debi Herrera Lira
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Local Staff–Local 06	Andrew Dalton
Local Staff–Local 10	Lori MacDonald
Local Staff–Local 12	Rachel Fortin
Local Staff–Local 13	James Bowen
Local Staff–Local 14	Bushra Ansari
Local Staff–Local 15	Carissa Wilson
Local Staff–Local 16	Brynn Joyce
Local Staff–Local 17	Michel Turcotte
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8. REVIEW OF CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

a. 2025-27 Advocacy Plan

i. Access to Education Campaigns

Cuts Suck. Fix Education.

- **Campaign Debrief:** The Executive Committee discussed the *Cuts Suck. Fix Education.* campaign launch, including what’s working well, any feedback, on-campus implementation, and members’ reactions and engagement with the campaign.

Locals provided feedback that campaign messaging was easy to understand, and that the varied materials provided allowed locals to be more creative in their approaches. The postcard tool was highlighted to be well received by members.

- **Campaign Strategy:** Organiser Adams reviewed the campaign strategy, including key actions, timelines, and pressure points in detail for the remainder of the Fall semester with a brief highlight of what can be expected in the winter.

Key focuses include continuing to implement the post card action, meeting with MLAs to discuss the campaign asks and student stories about the impact of the cuts and building support from coalition partners.

- **Breakout Activity:** The Executive Committee worked in groups to discuss the best ways to engage members with campaign actions and implement the campaign on campus this fall. Highlights from conversations were reported back to the group so that ideas could be shared amongst all.

2025/10:08 MOTION
 Azak/Lai

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for 10 minutes.

10:31 the meeting recessed

10:43 the meeting resumed

ii. Affordability Campaigns

Fairness for International Students

Secretary-Treasurer Reinbold provided an update on the ongoing work to redevelop the Fairness for International Students campaign. Now that the *Cuts Suck. Fix Education.* campaign has been launched, the BC office will turn its attention to redeveloping campaign materials and building a strategy for on campus implementation.

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The Executive Committee also discussed the ongoing challenges being faced by international students on campus. There have been cuts to international student departments, including academic advisor roles. There has also been an observed increase in racism towards international students.

Open Textbooks Now!

The Executive Committee discussed the implementation of the campaign on campuses.

iii. Equity Campaigns

Equity for All (formerly Unlearn)

Secretary-Treasurer Reinbold provided an update on the redevelopment of the campaign materials and renaming of the campaign., including renaming the campaign *Equity for All*.

Let's Get Consensual

The Executive Committee discussed the implementation of the campaign on campuses.

b. General Relations with the Provincial Government and Opposition Parties

i. Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills

- **Recent Communications:** Chairperson Herrera Lira shared a report about the Federation's first meeting with Minister Sunner, as well as updates on recurring monthly meetings with staff from the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills.
- **Ministry Committees:** Chairperson Herrera Lira reported on the recent work of the Sexualized Violence Advisory Committee, as well as an invitation to attend the Ministry's release of the Sexualized Violence Prevention Policy.

Secretary-Treasurer Reinbold reported on the terms of reference for the Ministry's new Residence Advisor Subcommittee and reported that they will sit on the subcommittee, with Chairperson Herrera Lira as the alternate.

Organiser Adams shared that an open posting for a student representative on the BC Council on Admissions & Transfer (BCCAT) has been circulated by the Ministry and asked if any Executive Committee members met the eligibility and were interested in the committee. The Executive Committee also discussed the importance of having student representation on all government committees and the need to provincially identify and strategize Executive Committee members that are a good fit when opportunities arise.

ii. General Relations with the Provincial Government

A brief overview of what was published in the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services Budget 2026 Consultation report was provided.

2025/10:09 MOTION

Mahesh/Velisek

Be it resolved that the meeting move in-camera.

CARRIED

11:52 in-camera

11:54 ex-camera

iii. Fall Lobby Week

Director-Membership Development Gauld reported that the Federation's Fall Lobby Days are tentatively scheduled for October 21 to 23, 2025. He noted that the registration will be opened in the coming weeks and a representative from each Local is encouraged to submit a registration. He also noted that due to the limited number of meetings that registering does not guarantee attendance and that representatives will be selected with an effort to ensure the delegation brings a diversity of region, type of student, background and lived experience.

2025/10:10 MOTION

J.Singh/Ozumba

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for 5 minutes.

CARRIED

12:00 in-camera

12:07 ex-camera

iv. Threats to Tuition Limit Policy

The Executive Committee discussed potential threats to the Tuition Limit Policy and what an appropriate province-wide response is should any threats escalate. Adams reported on the status of Freedom of Information requests on ancillary fees in all member local institutions. Member locals provided ideas for ways that the importance of the Tuition Limit Policy could be framed to the public and to government.

c. General Relations with the Federal Government and Opposition Parties

i. General Relations with the Federal Government

Chairperson Herrera Lira reported on the Federation’s efforts to meet with BC MPs during the reporting period and provided an overview of the Federation’s federal budget submission including the responses to each lobbying ask.

They also provided a brief overview of the Federation’s most recent federal budget submission.

2025/10:11 MOTION

Khatana/Kaur

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for 1.5 hours for lunch.

CARRIED

12:45 the meeting recessed

14:21 the meeting resumed and Organiser-Services Kovacs joined the meeting.

d. Update on Coalition and Solidarity Work

Chairperson Herrera Lira and Director-Membership Gauld reported on recent meetings and engagement with the below coalition partners.

i. CUPE BC

ii. National Educational Association of Disabled Students (NEADS)

iii. Tenant Resource & Advisory Centre

iv. BC Campus

v. Non-Member Students’ Union Outreach

The Executive Committee received letter of requests from non-member students’ union for Federation’s endorsement. The Executive Committee reviewed the three letters and had a discussion.

\$10 Flat Rate on BC Ferries

The Executive Committee considered a letter from the BC3 Coalition, a coalition consisting of the AMS UBC, Alma Mater Society of UBC, Simon Fraser Student Society, University of Victoria Students’ Society, and Students’ Union of UBC Okanagan, requesting support for a \$10 flat-rate fare on BC Ferries for post-secondary students. It was noted that an endorsement aligns with existing Federation policy on affordable public transportation.

Funding for the Canadian Youth Climate Corps

The Executive Committee considered the BC3 Coalition letter requesting increased federal funding for the Canadian Youth Climate Corps. Organiser Adams reported on the relationship between the request and the Federation’s federal advocacy priorities. Executive Committee members discussed considerations related to endorsement.

2025/10:12 MOTION

Lai/Khatana

Be it resolved that the Federation endorses the Alma Mater Society of UBC Vancouver’s letter asking for increased funding for the Canadian Youth Climate Corps.

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FAILED

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MOTION

Lai/Khatana

Be it resolved that the Federation signs the Alma Mater Society of UBC Vancouver's letter asking for increased funding for the Canadian Youth Climate Corps.

FAILED

The Executive Committee considered a letter from AMS UBC requesting government funding to complete the SkyTrain extension to UBC. Executive Committee members discussed alignment with Federation transportation policy and the province-wide scope of the Federation's advocacy.

2025/10:13

MOTION

Ozumba/Lamb

Be it resolved the Federation signs the Alma Mater Society of UBC Vancouver's letter asking for funding to complete the SkyTrain extension to UBC.

2025/10:14

MOTION TO AMEND

Velisek/J. Singh

Be it resolved that the Federation writes a letter of support for the AMS UBC expansion transit campaign and general support for transit across BC.

CARRIED

2025/10:13

CARRIED AS AMENDED

e. Adoption of Campaigns, Government Relations, and Solidarity Report

2025/10:15

MOTION

Khatana/Kaur

Be it resolved that the Campaigns, Government Relations, and Solidarity Report be adopted.

CARRIED

9. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Presentation of Media Report and Press Review

Chairperson Herrera Lira reviewed the topics that earned media during the reporting period and reminded Executive Committee members of the importance of taking advantage of the current media interest in post-secondary. They encouraged Locals to seek out media through being available for comment, publishing news releases, pitching stories to media you have a strong connection to, or writing op-eds monthly.

2025/10:16

MOTION

G. Singh/Lai

Be it resolved that the Media Report and Press Review be adopted.

CARRIED

10. REVIEW OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

15:20 the meeting moved in camera

a. Legal Affairs*

b. Office Space*

c. Consideration of Staffing Issues*

15:35 the meeting moved ex camera

- 2025/10:17 MOTION**
Balayut/Ozumba
Be it resolved that the BC Office be empowered to hire a realtor for consultation purposes.
CARRIED
- 2025/10:18 MOTION**
J. Singh/Archuleta
Be it resolved that the Negotiating Committee be comprised of Secretary-Treasurer Reinbold, Chairperson Herrera Lira on behalf of the Executive Committee to renegotiate the Federation staff's collective agreement.
CARRIED
- 2025/10:19 MOTION**
Khatana/Veliesek
Be it resolved that the Reinbold and Herrera Lira be empowered to negotiate for the Director-Membership Development position as a permanent position into the collective agreement should representatives from both the employer and employees agree.
CARRIED
- 2025/10:20 MOTION**
Be it resolved that the meeting recess for ten minutes.
Azak/Balayut
CARRIED
- 15:49 the meeting recessed
16:10 the meeting resumed
- 11. REVIEW OF FEDERATION FINANCES**
- a. Review of 2024-25 Revenue and Expenditures**
Director-Operations Patigdas provided overview of the 12-month actuals of the Federation's 2024-25 revenue and expenses.
- b. Review of 2025-26 Revenue and Expenditures**
Director-Operations Patigdas provided an overview of the 1-month actuals of the Federation's 2025-26 revenue and expenses.
- 16:20 Representative Khatana left the meeting
16:40 Director at Large Lamb left the meeting
- c. Review of AGM and Skills Fee Structure**
Director-Operations Patigdas reviewed the current delegate and participant fee structure for the Federation's Annual General Meeting and Skills Development Symposium, as directed by the Executive Committee at the previous meeting. The Executive Committee discussed the information presented and directed the BC Office to investigate the participant fee formula and bring forward recommendations at a future meeting.
- d. Adoption of Finance Report**
Director-Operations Patigdas presented the Finance Report and reported on an unbudgeted capital purchase. The Executive Committee was informed that two fully amortised computers in the BC Office require replacement. Replacement of the devices was recommended to support office operations.
- 2025/10:21 MOTION**
Jo/Yamak
Be it resolved that \$5,000 amortised over 3 years, be approved for the purchase of new computers to replace aging devices.

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MOTION

Azak/J. Singh

Be it resolved that the Finance Report be adopted.

CARRIED

2025/10:23

MOTION

Archuleta/G. Singh

Be it resolved that the meeting recess until 6:11pm.

CARRIED

Meeting recessed 18:01

Meeting resumed 18:14

12. REVIEW OF FUTURE FEDERATION MEETINGS

a. 44th Annual General Meeting

i. Review of Meeting Logistics

Director-Operations Patigdas reported that the 44th Annual General Meeting has been scheduled for January 29 to February 1, 2026, at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport hotel in Richmond, BC. Additionally, Director-Operations Patigdas is applying for a grant from Tourism Richmond to help support meeting costs.

Secretary-Treasurer Reinbold reported that the Federation customarily appoints an external chairperson to facilitate AGM plenary sessions and recommended the appointment of Ashkon Hashemi.

2025/10:24

MOTION

Balayut/Ozumba

Be it resolved that Ashkon Hashemi be appointed as the Plenary Speaker for the Federation's 44th Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED

2025/10:25

MOTION

H. Singh/Lai

Be it resolved that Chairperson Herrera Lira and Secretary-Treasurer Reinbold be empowered to invite non-member Locals to the Federation's 44th Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED

ii. Review of Workshops, Guest Speakers, Open Sessions and Panels

Secretary-Treasurer Reinbold reported that the 44th Annual General Meeting will mark the Federation's 50th anniversary, with a proposed theme of *50 Years of Advocacy*. The Executive Committee discussed potential session topics, content areas, and engagement approaches for the AGM.

Feedback included the need for sessions focused on media relations, organizing, and government relations, as well as dedicated Indigenous spaces and content. Potential Indigenous panelists were identified for further consideration.

The Executive Committee also discussed approaches to engaging membership in the second phase of the advocacy plan's development and identified key policy areas for delegate briefings, including the Tuition Limit Policy, federal immigration policies, municipal elections, and sector-wide post-secondary developments.

Indigenous Caucus Chairperson Jo requested that Caucus meetings, where possible, be scheduled within the AGM agenda rather than outside of scheduled meeting time.

Director-Operations Patigdas proposed holding a rally during the AGM. The Executive Committee supported proceeding with planning for the rally, and the BC Office was directed to begin preparations.

iii. Election Protocols

Secretary-Treasurer Reinbold reported on preparations required for AGM elections, including the appointment of a Chief Electoral Officer and the striking of a Search Committee. It was noted that the Chief Electoral Officer is a Federation staff member responsible for overseeing elections in coordination with an Electoral Committee appointed at the AGM. Secretary-Treasurer Reinbold recommended the reappointment of Organiser Adams to the role.

2025/10:26

MOTION

Lai/Valisek

Be it resolved that Organiser Adams be appointed as the Federation’s Chief Electoral Officer.

CARRIED

Organiser Adams provided an overview of the Federation’s upcoming election that will be held at the 44th Annual General Meeting, including election protocols and the requirement to strike a Search Committee.

Secretary-Treasurer Reinbold nominated themselves.

Representative Lai nominated Director at Large Lamb. Lamb was not present but had said in advance that if she was nominated, she would accept her nomination.

2025/10:27

MOTION

Jo/Kaur

Be it resolved that the Search Committee, composed of Director-Operations Patigdas, Secretary-Treasurer Reinbold and Jessica Lamb be struck and that their contact information be circulated to the Executive Committee following the meeting.

CARRIED

iv. Motions for Consideration

Secretary-Treasurer Reinbold informed the Executive Committee that no motions had been drafted for consideration at the Federation’s 44th Annual General Meeting as of the meeting date. It was noted that an online meeting will be scheduled in advance of the AGM where motions will be put forward for discussion.

RECESS FOR THE EVENING

2025/10:28

MOTION

Jo/H. Singh

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for the evening.

CARRIED

18:48 the meeting recessed

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Staff Present

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13. THREATS TO STUDENT ORGANISING

The Executive Committee discussed threats to students’ ability to organize stemming from institutional decisions to withhold fees and ending operating agreements, and proposed government policy from other provinces, such as Bill 33.

2025/10:29 MOTION
Lamb/Lee

Be it resolved that the Federation write a statement highlighting the threats Bill 33 poses to student organizing and negative impacts of precedent it could set.

CARRIED

14. RECEIPT OF REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

a. Report of Local Representatives

Internal Affairs Policy, Section M, Article 1 states that Local Members’ Representatives’ reports shall include:

- an itemized schedule of directives from previous Executive Committee meetings and work undertaken to fulfill them;
- a list of local directors, staff, and student representatives to institutional governance bodies;
- a list of scheduled local board of directors’ meetings to be held in the subsequent reporting period; and
- a summary of the local union’s activities since the previous Executive Committee meeting, including internal affairs, services, institutional relations, and campaigns and government relations.

Each Executive Committee member will provide a brief review of their written report, excluding items already discussed in the agenda points above.

2025/10:30 MOTION
Azak/G. Singh

Be it resolved that the report of Local 21 Members' Representative Khatana, for the period Saturday, June 21, 2025 to Friday, September 26, 2025, be adopted.

CARRIED

2025/10:31

MOTION

Baluyut/Mahesh

Be it resolved that the report of Local 20 Members' Representative Sharma, for the period Saturday, June 21, 2025 to Friday, September 26, 2025, be adopted.

CARRIED

2025/10:32

MOTION

Archuleta/J. Singh

Be it resolved that the report of Local 17 Members' Representative Baluyut, for the period Saturday, June 21, 2025 to Friday, September 26, 2025, be adopted.

CARRIED

2025/10:33

MOTION

G. Singh/Lai

Be it resolved that the report of Local 16 Members' Representative Singh, for the period Saturday, June 21, 2025 to Friday, September 26, 2025, be adopted.

CARRIED

2025/10:34

MOTION

Ozumba/Velisek

Be it resolved that the report of Local 15 Members' Representative Singh, for the period Saturday, June 21, 2025 to Friday, September 26, 2025, be adopted.

CARRIED

2025/10:35

MOTION

Kaur/Solanki

Be it resolved that the report of Local 14 Members' Representative Singh, for the period Saturday, June 21, 2025 to Friday, September 26, 2025, be adopted.

CARRIED

2025/10:36

MOTION

Lamb/Lee

Be it resolved that the report of Local 13 Members' Representative Velisek, for the period Saturday, June 21, 2025 to Friday, September 26, 2025, be adopted.

CARRIED

2025/10:37

MOTION

Azak/H. Singh

Be it resolved that the report of Local 12 Members' Representative Lai, for the period Saturday, June 21, 2025 to Friday, September 26, 2025, be adopted.

CARRIED

2025/10:38

MOTION

M. Singh/Archuleta

Be it resolved that the report of Local 10 Members' Representative Mahesh, for the period Saturday, June 21, 2025 to Friday, September 26, 2025, be adopted.

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Ozumba/Khatana

Be it resolved that the report of Local 06 Members' Representative Archuleta, for the period Saturday, June 21, 2025 to Friday, September 26, 2025, be adopted.

CARRIED

2025/10:40

MOTION

Jo/Kaur

Be it resolved that the report of Local 05 Members' Representative Yamak, for the period Saturday, June 21, 2025 to Friday, September 26, 2025, be adopted.

CARRIED

2025/10:41

MOTION

Velisek/G. Singh

Be it resolved that the report of Local 04 Members' Representative Azak, for the period Saturday, June 21, 2025 to Friday, September 26, 2025, be adopted.

CARRIED

2025/10:42

MOTION

Azak/H. Singh

Be it resolved that the report of Local 2 Members' Representative Kaur for the period Saturday, June 21, 2025 to Friday, September 26, 2025, be adopted.

CARRIED

2025/10:43

MOTION

Mahesh/Archuleta

Be it resolved that the report of Local 1 Members' Representative Lee, for the period Saturday, June 21, 2025 to Friday, September 26, 2025, be adopted.

CARRIED

b. Report of the Directors at Large

Bylaw 11.2 states that the written reports of the Directors at Large shall summarize "their activities since the preceding meeting."

2025/10:44

MOTION

Jo/Kaur

Be it resolved that the report of Director At Large Lamb, for the period Saturday, June 21, 2025 to Friday, September 26, 2025, be adopted.

CARRIED

2025/10:45

MOTION

Yamak/Solanki

Be it resolved that the report of Director At Large Ozumba, for the period Saturday, June 21, 2025 to Friday, September 26, 2025, be adopted.

CARRIED

2025/10:46

MOTION

Lamb/Balayut

Be it resolved that the report of Director At Large Singh, for the period Saturday, June 21, 2025 to Friday, September 26, 2025, be adopted.

CARRIED

2025/10:47

MOTION

G. Singh/Ozumba

Be it resolved that the report of Director At Large Solanki, for the period Saturday, June 21, 2025 to Friday, September 26, 2025, be adopted.

CARRIED

c. Report of the Indigenous Caucus Chairperson

Indigenous Caucus Chairperson Jo provided a verbal report on their activities since the preceding meeting.

d. Report of the Chairperson

Bylaw 10.6 states that the Chairperson’s written report shall summarize “their activities since the preceding meeting.”

2025/10:48 MOTION

Azak/G.Singh

Be it resolved that the report of Chairperson Herrera Lira, for the period Saturday, June 21, 2025 to Friday, September 26, 2025, be adopted.

CARRIED

e. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer

Bylaw 12.5 states that the Secretary-Treasurer’s written report shall summarize “their activities since the previous meeting.”

2025/10:49 MOTION

J. Singh/Velisek

Be it resolved that the report of Secretary-Treasurer Reinbold, for the period Saturday, June 21, 2025 to Friday, September 26, 2025, be adopted.

CARRIED

2025/10:50 MOTION

Azak/Khatana

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for 10 minutes until 10:44.

CARRIED

10:34 the meeting recessed

10:49 the meeting resumed

Solanki left the site at the break and didn’t return to the meeting

10:50 Representative Sharma joined the meeting

10:53 Director at Large Ozumba joined the meeting

15. REVIEW OF FEDERATION SERVICES

a. Student Discount Program

Organiser–Services Kovacs reported that all provincial and member local discount renewals have been completed and updated in the app. An update was also provided on promotional efforts.

Member locals reported on their successful work finding new ways to solicit new businesses for the Deals app, as well as some challenges with getting businesses to commit to joining the app.

2025/10:51 MOTION

H. Singh/Mahesh

Be it resolved that Student Discount Program report be adopted.

CARRIED

b. Members’ Handbook and Dayplanner

Organiser–Services Kovacs provided a postproduction report for the 2025-26 order.

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2025/10:52

MOTION

J. Singh/Lamb

Be it resolved that Member Handbook and Dayplanner report be adopted.

CARRIED

c. Membership Development Products

Organiser–Services Kovacs provided an update on the on the Summer 2025 bulk order and preparations for the Winter 2025 order. It was noted that no additional costs were incurred in relation to tariff impacts.

Organiser-Services Kovacs reported that the water bottles currently available through the store are no longer union-made and that quality concerns have been identified. The Executive Committee discussed the need to identify alternative product options.

Organiser-Services Kovacs also reported on a proposal from Fairware to allow year-round access to the online store, with shipping costs covered by the Federation only during the two regular ordering periods. The Executive committee supported further exploration of this proposal, subject to clear communication regarding shipping coverage.

2025/10:53

MOTION

Ozumba/Azak

Be it resolved that Membership Development Products report be adopted.

CARRIED

d. Digital Services

Organiser-Services Kovacs provided a report on the Federation's digital services, including the Ready Education app.

2025/10:54

MOTION

Balayut/G. Singh

Be it resolved that the Digital Services report be adopted.

CARRIED

e. Insurance Services*

11:13 the meeting moved in camera

12:01 the meeting moved ex camera

2025/10:55

MOTION

Balayut/Kaur

Be it resolved that the Federation advocate for changes to the eligibility requirements that exclude students from the Canadian Dental Care Plan on the basis of having access to extended coverage through student union plans.

Be it further resolved that the Federation create tools that allows members to address their concerns to the MP and Minister of Health of students impacted by the eligibility requirements of the Canadian Dental Care Plan.

CARRIED

f. Federation Services Audit

Organiser–Services Kovacs provided an update on the preparations to date for the Federation's Service Audit, including the planned evaluation process and anticipated timelines.

2025/10:56

MOTION

Lai/M. Singh

Be it resolved that the Federation Service Audit report be adopted.

CARRIED

16. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

2025/10:57

MOTION

H. Singh/J/ Singh

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held June 27 to 29, 2025 be adopted.

CARRIED

17. REVIEW OF UPCOMING FEDERATION MEETING DATES

Director-Operations Patigdas reviewed the schedules for the below meetings.

a. Executive Committee Meetings

The schedule of the remaining Executive Committee meetings for the 2025-26 year is as follows:

- March 20-22, 2026 – Richmond
- June 26-28, 2026 – Prince George

b. Annual General Meeting

The 44th Annual General Meeting will be held January 29 to February 1, 2026, in Richmond, BC.

c. Skills Development Symposium

The 41st Annual Skills Development Symposium will be held May 21 to 24, 2026, in Sun Peaks, BC.

d. BC Student Health Consortium

The BC Student Health Consortium will be held March 19 to 20, 2026, in Richmond, BC. Please note, this meeting is open to consortium members.

18. OTHER BUSINESS

19. ADJOURNMENT

2025/10:58

MOTION

Velisek/Kaur

Be it resolved that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

12:35 the meeting adjourned

* Denotes in-camera