

MINUTES

For the Executive Committee Meeting of the British Columbia Federation of Students
Tuesday, January 20, 2026 • Zoom

16:44 the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Herrera Lira. Attendance was as follows:

Executive Members Present

Chairperson.....	Debi Herrera Lira
Director at Large.....	Jess Lamb
Representative–Local 01 Members.....	Annabelle Lee
Representative–Local 02 Members.....	Diksha Salwan
Representative–Local 04 Members.....	Calder Azak
Representative–Local 06 Members.....	Chloe Archuleta
Representative–Local 12 Members.....	Olivia Lai
Representative–Local 15 Members.....	Gurjeet Singh
Representative–Local 16 Members.....	Jag Toor Singh
Representative–Local 17 Members.....	Terence Baluyut
Representative–Local 20 Members.....	Vishnukumar Sharma
Representative–Local 21 Members.....	Michelle Reyes
Secretary-Treasurer	Cole Reinbold

Executive Members Absent

Director at Large.....	Holiness Ozumba
Director at Large.....	Manan Singh
Director at Large.....	Prince Solanki
Indigenous Caucus Chairperson	Samantha Jo
Representative–Local 05 Members.....	Crystal Yamak
Representative–Local 10 Members.....	Medhavi Mahesh
Representative–Local 13 Members.....	Maggie Velisek
Representative–Local 14 Members.....	Vikas Kumar Rathi

Staff Present

Director-Membership Development	Michael Gauld
Director-Operations	Phoebe Lo Patigdas
Local Staff–Local 02	Jaspreet Kaur
Local Staff–Local 04	Navi Brar
Local Staff–Local 06	Andrew Dalton
Local Staff–Local 15	Carissa Wilson
Local Staff–Local 16	Brynn Joyce
Local Staff–Local 17	Michel Turcotte
Organiser	Jill Adams

Guests

Auditor, Thompkins Wozny LLP	Erik Allas
Auditor, Thompkins Wozny LLP	Harshita Misra

Quorum was declared to be present.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

Chairperson Herrera Lira acknowledged that the meeting is being chaired on the traditional unceded territories of the Qayqayt First Nation. They asked that participants think about and acknowledge the Nation on whose territory they work and live.

CALL TO ORDER – 4:30 PM, JANUARY 20, 2026

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2026/01:01 MOTION
Azak/Lamb
Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

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2026/01:02

MOTION

Archuleta/Salwan

Be it resolved that guests present be granted speaking rights.

CARRIED

2. ELECTIONS AND RESIGNATIONS

a. Resignations for Members

Chairperson Herrera Lira reported that the Executive Committee is not in receipt of any resignations.

b. New Executive Committee Members

Chairperson Herrera Lira reported that the Executive Committee is not in receipt of any appointment letters.

16:50 Representative–Local 10 Mahesh joined the meeting.

16:55 Director At Large Solanki joined the meeting.

3. FEDERATION FINANCES

a. Draft Audited 2024-25 Financial Statements

An overview of the 2024-25 audited financial statements was provided.

2026/01:03

MOTION

J.Singh/G.Singh

Be it resolved that the presented 2024-25 audited financial statements is recommended for adoption at the 44th Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED

b. Recommendation of Auditor for the 2026 Fiscal Year

The Executive Committee will recommend the appointment of an auditor for the 2025-26 fiscal year for ratification by the general meeting.

2026/01:04

MOTION

Lee/Solanki

Be it resolved that Tompkins Wozny LLP is recommended as the auditing firm for the 2025-26 fiscal year at the 44th Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED

4. INTERNAL AFFAIRS

17:15 the meeting moved in camera.

17:23 Representative–Local 10 Mahesh left the meeting.

a. Staffing*

b. Legal*

17:25 the meeting moved ex camera.

2026/01:05

MOTION

Baluyut/Lee

Be it resolved that a hiring committee be struck to hire for the position of Replacement Researcher for the term of 8 months; and

Be it further resolved that the hiring committee be composed of Debi Herrera Lira, Cole Reinbold, Phoebe Lo Patigdas, and Michael Gauld.

CARRIED

5. PREPARATION FOR 44TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

a. Campaigns Plan

Organiser Adams presented an update on the implementation of the Advocacy Plan 2025-2027.

b. Report on Activities

Secretary-Treasurer Reinbold presented an overview of the Executive Committee Annual Report 2025 to be proposed for approval at the annual general meeting.

2026/01:06 MOTION

J.Singh/Baluyut

Be it resolved that the Annual Report be recommended for adoption at the 44th Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED

c. Logistics

Director-Operations Patigdas gave an overview of the Annual General Meeting site, meeting facilities, social events, and other logistical details.

d. Roles and Responsibilities of Executive Committee Members

Chairperson Herrera Lira led a discussion regarding the roles and responsibilities of Executive Committee members at the Annual General Meeting.

6. FUTURE MEETINGS

Chairperson Herrera Lira reminded the Executive Committee of the upcoming Executive Committee Meeting on January 29, 2026 at 2:00 PM.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

8. ADJOURNMENT

2026/01:07 MOTION

Solanki/Azak

Be it resolved that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

18:07 the meeting adjourned.

* Denotes in-camera