

MINUTES

For the Executive Committee Meeting of the British Columbia Federation of Students
Thursday, January 29, 2026 • Richmond

CALL TO ORDER –2:00 PM, JANUARY 29, 2026

14:04 the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Herrera Lira. Attendance was as follows:

Executive Members Present

Chairperson.....	Debi Herrera Lira
Director at Large.....	Holiness Ozumba
Director at Large.....	Prince Solanki
Indigenous Caucus Chairperson	Samantha Fifi
Representative–Local 01 Members.....	Annabelle Lee
Representative–Local 04 Members.....	Calder Azak
Representative–Local 06 Members.....	Chloe Archuleta
Representative–Local 10 Members.....	Medhavi Mahesh
Representative–Local 12 Members.....	Olivia Lai
Representative–Local 13 Members.....	Maggie Velisek
Representative–Local 14 Members.....	Vikas Kumar Rathi
Representative–Local 15 Members.....	Gurjeet Singh
Representative–Local 16 Members.....	Jag Toor Singh
Representative–Local 20 Members.....	Vishnukumar Sharma
Secretary-Treasurer	Cole Reinbold

Executive Members Absent

Representative–Local 05 Members.....	Crystal Yamak
Director at Large.....	Jess Lamb
Director at Large.....	Manan Singh
Representative–Local 21 Members.....	Michelle Reyes

Guests Present

NUGSS	Armaan Jamwal
Local 17 Members	Daniella Quesada

Staff Present

Local Staff–Local 04	Navi Brar
Local Staff–Local 06	Andrew Dalton
Local Staff–Local 12	Rachel Fortin
Local Staff–Local 14	Bushra Ansari
Local Staff–Local 16	Brynn Joyce
Local Staff–Local 17	Michel Turcotte
Local Staff–Local 20	Rozanna Rosarydasan
Organiser	Jill Adams
Organiser-Services.....	Esmé Kovacs

Quorum was declared to be present.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Any changes or additions to the agenda should be made at this time.

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Velisek/Lai

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

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Mahesh/Sharma

Be it resolved that speaking rights be extended to guests presents.

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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.

14:07 Representative–Local 21 Reyes and Local staff Ngyuen entered the meeting.

3. FEDERATION FINANCES

a. 2025-26 Revenue and Expenditures

Organiser Adams provided an overview of the year-to-date revenue and expenses for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

2026/01:03 MOTION

G. Singh/Azak

Be it resolved that the year-to-date 2025-26 Revenue and Expenditures be adopted.

CARRIED

4. PREPARATION FOR 44TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

a. Campaigns Plan

Organiser Adams provided an overview of the key updates to the 2025-27 Advocacy Plan to be presented and proposed for adoption at the annual general meeting.

2026/01:04 MOTION

J. Singh/Lai

Be it resolved that the 2025-27 Advocacy Plan is recommended for adoption at the 44th Annual General Meeting.

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b. Logistics

Secretary-Treasurer Reinbold reviewed the logistics for the general meeting site, including meeting rooms, meal plans, social events, and other logistical details so that Executive Committee members can assist their local's delegations to participate fully at the general meeting.

c. Roles and Responsibilities of Executive Committee Members

Secretary-Treasurer Reinbold reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the Executive Committee at the general meeting, including the Executive Committee task list so that all Committee members know what tasks they need to assist with throughout the general meeting.

d. Review of Block Agenda

Secretary-Treasurer Reinbold reviewed the block agenda and provided a brief overview of what to expect from plenaries, committees, caucus, and guest speakers.

e. Rally for Post-Secondary

Secretary-Treasurer Reinbold provided an overview of the day of logistics for the rally including transportation, meals and schedule of events to ensure that Executive Committee members can assist their local's delegation in being prepared for the rally.

f. Recommendation for Chief Returning Officer

As directed at the October Executive Committee meeting, Chairperson Herrera Lira and Secretary-Treasurer were tasked with identifying a Chief Returning Officer (CRO) for any membership referendums of the Federation for the 2026-27 academic year.

Chairperson Herrera Lira reported that Brynn Joyce is being recommended as the Federation's CRO for the 2026-27 academic year. They added that it is likely that referendum on the Northern Undergraduate Student Society membership will be held in the fall and will be scheduled by the Executive Committee at an upcoming meeting in accordance with Bylaw II.

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Ozumba/Lee

Be it resolved that Brynn Joyce is recommended as the Chief Returning Officer (CRO), for any membership referendums of the Federation for the 2026-27 academic year, for approval at the 44th Annual General Meeting.

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g. Candidate Search Committee

Representative-Local 10 Mahesh provided an update on the work of the Candidate Search Committee. The Committee reported that all positions are expected to have candidates running and that most are likely to be contested.

h. Preparations for Elections

Chief Electoral Officer Adams provided a reminder that the Federation's elections for Chairperson, Director At Large (4), Indigenous Caucus Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer, will take place at the general meeting. She reviewed when nominations will open and close as well as the requirements to stand for election. She added that elections for the other two Electoral Committee members will take place during opening plenary and that the only requirement is that they are a delegate of the meeting not seeking election.

i. Delegates

Chairperson Herrera Lira reported that NUGSS is joining the AGM, and encouraged Committee members to make them feel welcome. Chairperson Herrera Lira also noted that UBCO-GSA sent their regrets to the meeting. The Executive Committee reviewed delegates to the general meeting.

5. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**2026/01:05 MOTION**

Mahesh/Sharma

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held October 3 to 5, 2025, and the online Executive Committee meetings held on December 1, 2025 and January 20, 2026 be adopted.

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6. FUTURE MEETINGS

Herrera Lira reminded folks that the next Executive Committee meetings will be held March 20 to 22, 2026 in Richmond, and June 26 to 28, 2026 in Prince George.

14:45 Local staff MacDonald entered the meeting.

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7. OTHER BUSINESS

8. ADJOURNMENT

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G. Singh/Ozumba

Be it resolved that the meeting adjourn.

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* Denotes in-camera