

## SLR Board and Indigenous Council

### Minutes of Meeting

Meeting Date: February 9, 2026  
Meeting Time: 9:30  
Meeting Type: Hybrid  
Meeting Location: Society of Notaries Public of BC

#### Board Members in Attendance:

Bruce LeRose, KC (Chair)	Elizabeth Kollias
Johanne Blenkin	Scott Simpson
Jeevyn Dhaliwal, KC	Sarah Westwood, KC
Katrina Harry, KC	

#### Indigenous Council Members in Attendance:

John Borrows	Andrea Hilland, KC
Christina J. Cook, KC	Regrets: Carly Teillet

#### Advisory Committee Members in Attendance:

John Mayr	Adam Whitcombe, KC
Josh Paterson, KC	Paul Craven

#### Participants and Attendees:

Michael Johnston	Legal Advisor to the Indigenous Council
Jaxxen Wylie	Legal Advisor to the Indigenous Council
Cary Ann Moore	Legislative Counsel
Jamie Maclaren KC	Legal Advisor to the BC Paralegal Association
Jared Friedman	Project Management
Lindsey Ogilvie	Project Management
Maddie Holm-Porter	Project Support

#### Observers:

Name	Organization	Name	Organization
Alan Treleaven	Director, SNPBC	Marny Morin	Staff, SNPBC
Avalon Bourne	Staff, LSBC	Michael Lucas KC	Staff, LSBC
Barbara Buchanan KC	Staff, LSBC	Michael Mulhern	Staff, LIF
Carrie Robinson	Staff, LSBC	Michèle Ross	Bencher, LSBC
Claire Marchant	Co-ED, LSBC	Nicole Smith	Bencher, LSBC
Derek LaCroix KC	Co-ED, LAPBC	Rosina Jagore	Staff, BCPA

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Greg Sexton	Staff, LSBC	Sara Hopkins	Bencher, LSBC
Jeanette McPhee	CFO, LSBC	Shanti Reda	Staff, LSBC
Jeff Hoskins KC	Staff, LSBC	Sherry Small	Staff, LSBC
Kerry Simmons KC	ED, CBABC	Su Forbes KC	COO, LIF
Kerryn Holt	COO, LSBC	Terry Becker	Okanagan College
Lesley Small	Senior Director, LSBC	Thomas Spraggs KC	President, LSBC

### **1.0 Welcome and Acknowledgements**

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 am.

The Chair welcomed the Board, Indigenous council, and members of the Advisory Committee and delivered a territorial acknowledgement.

### **2.0 Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting**

The January 12, 2026 meeting minutes were approved.

### **3.0 Update from the Project Director**

The Cascadia Partners project director delivered a brief update on rules and Code of Professional Conduct development progress and process, as well as updates on activities of the Communications and Hiring committees.

### **4.0 Rules – Updated Table of Contents & Alignment to the Act**

The Legislative Counsel introduced the updated draft Table of Contents for discussion:

- The Legislative Counsel noted that the table presented was developed in June 2025 and had not been updated to reflect board guidance provided since that time.
- The Transition Team expressed interest in receiving briefing notes to accompany the draft rules, outlining the relevant powers and permissions under the Act, as well as summarizing guidance and direction from previous discussions to provide context and support review of the rules.
- The Transition Team also requested a consolidated document capturing Board direction and guidance to complement the formal meeting minutes and ensure that prior decisions are clearly tracked.

### **5.0 Code of Professional Conduct – Approach**

The Advisory Committee introduced the Code of Professional Conduct for discussion:

- As agreed by the Board at the May 14, 2025 board meeting, the draft Code of Professional Conduct will be based on the Model Code of Professional Conduct developed by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada.
- The Advisory Committee explained the process for developing the Code of Professional Conduct, which will closely mirror the process for developing the draft rules, including consultation with partner groups (e.g., SNPBC, LSBC, BCPA).

## **6.0 Work Plan Updates – Rules Drafting & Code of Professional Conduct**

The Project Management team introduced the updated workplan, revised to align with the amended amalgamation timeline, highlighting the following:

- The draft rules and Code of Professional Conduct will be developed over 12 months, from January to December 2026, with a six-month public consultation planned to begin in January 2027.
- The draft rules will be developed in two phases, with the first seven parts of rules developed from January to June 2026, and the remaining seven parts to be developed from July to December 2026.
- Development of each part of draft rules and the Code of Professional conduct will include consultation with partner agencies – the Law Society of BC, Society of Notaries Public of BC, and the BC Paralegal Association.

Discussion by the Transition Team included:

- The Transition Team requested that the workplan be updated to specify why certain policy papers were deferred and to indicate when they will be brought back to the board for discussion, including:
  - Discipline – Alternative Resolutions: To be discussed in conjunction with the draft rules in April 2026
  - Licensing and Enrolment – Scopes of Practice: Deferred pending finalization of the regulated paralegal scope of practice
  - Licensing and Enrolment – Mobility: Deferred until draft rules are complete to facilitate discussion with the National Federation of Law Societies of Canada
- It was also noted by the Transition Team that the Licensing and Enrolment – Pathways to Licensure policy paper was presented at the October 2025 board meeting but did not address the scope of practice for regulated paralegals, as that work was still in development. This topic will be revisited during the presentation of the draft rules.
- The Transition Team requested the opportunity to provide suggestions for organizations to be engaged during the public consultation period.

## **7.0 Transitional Board – Code of Conduct**

The Advisory Committee introduced the policy paper and led the discussion respecting establishing a Code of Conduct for the transitional board. The paper presented several questions for consideration:

- a) Does the transition team wish to adopt a proposed Code of Conduct for itself?
  - It was noted that the Act does not require the Transitional board to have a Code of Conduct, though the board of the new regulator must establish one within three months of amalgamation
  - The Transition Team agreed to adopt a Code of Conduct, subject to the following amendments:
    - Excluding the Oath of Office; the Transition Team agreed to defer the development of the Oath of Office to the board of the new regulator
    - Amending the core principles to include access to justice, protection of the public, and reconciliation, to align with Section 7 of the legislation
- b) If not, does the transition team want to develop a code of conduct for the first board prior to the amalgamation date?
  - N/A
- c) Does the Indigenous council want or expect that the proposed code of conduct and oath of office should apply to the members of the Indigenous council?
  - The Indigenous council indicated they would consider establishing a separate Code of Conduct that would harmonize with the Code for the transitional board and also address aspects specific to their mandate
- d) What are the transition teams' thoughts or concerns with the attached code of conduct?
  - The transitional board expressed interest in hearing from the transitional Indigenous council regarding potential ethical standards that could be incorporated into the Code of Conduct.

## **8.0 Regulated Paralegal Scope of Practice**

- In early 2024, the Attorney General established an external working group to develop a proposed scope of practice for regulated paralegals. The working group published their draft recommendations for public consultation in January 2026.
- The Working Group Chair, Lisa Trabucco, attended the board meeting to participate in a general discussion of the draft recommendations and respond to questions from the Transition Team.

## **9.0 In Camera Session**