Edmonton Area Council Meeting Minutes
Date: January 19, 2026
Time: 17:00 p.m.
Location: Hybrid

Attendance

Executive (all online): Stasi L'Hirondelle – Vice-Chair; Natalie Slonowski – Secretary, Riley Ellis – Member at Large

PSAC Regional Rep: Oneil Carlier (in person at the RO)

Members (all online): Nicole Fransden (UTE - Local 30025), Madeline Lee (CEIU - Local 30851), James Deydey (UCTE – Local 30314), Michelle Lai (USJE – Local 30010), Sarha Constant (UHSW – Local 30016), Simi Sudheer (CEIU – Local 30851), Gladys Krysak (CEIU Local 30851), Margaret Knox (UTE – Local 30025), Nikki Campbell (CEIU – Local 30851), Heather Rawlins (GSU – Local 30001), Marie-France Boudreault (UVAE – Local 30026), Nima Patel (USTE – Local 30314), Valerie Gow (USJE – Local 30150)

Regrets: Nicole Akhenak – Chair; Jen Beattie – Treasurer

1. Call to Order at 5:03 p.m. by Stasi L'Hirondelle
2. Land Acknowledgement – Read by Committee Vice-Chair, Stasi L'Hirondelle
3. Statement on Harassment – Not read; can be found on the PSAC website. Anti-Harassment Coordinator for this meeting was Oneil Carlier – phone number was given out to the attendees.

<u>Standing Items:</u>

4. Adoption of Agenda – Riley moved; Natalie second; Approved
5. Approval of Previous Minutes
    i. October 16, 2025 -Natalie moved; Margaret second – approved
    ii. November 26, 2025 – Natalie moved, Riley second - approved

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6. Chair's Report – not available as the Chair sent their regrets.

7. Treasurer's Report – read by Stasi as Jen sent her regrets:

    -Current Balance: $919.88 (daily banking); $1.25 (shares). Total: $921.13

    - Deposit from PSAC Prairies for $705 on October 26, 2025 for the member engagement event in November. $355 for the event itself and $350 for the parking costs at the Edmonton RO.

8. Prairie Regional Council Update – Stasi L'Hirondelle

    - PRC met on November 27th and 28th. During this meeting resolutions were discussed for the Prairie Region Convention submitted by PRC. They also discussed updating the PRC handbook to make sure it is accessible and to clarify duties. They also discussed changes to the financial packages. The next meeting that will be happening in Calgary at the end of February.

9. Edmonton Area Council AGM Planning for this next year's possible events:

    - Stasi mentioned that the Phoenix anniversary coming up on February 28th.

    - Natalie – Mustard Seed and food drive with a monetary donation

    -Stasi – Labour Day with EDLC and their annual BBQ. We could put items together and be under the PSAC tent. Scribblers were a big hit, and so were some of the other items PSAC provided, rules and pencils etc.

    - PRC Meeting from August 22-24, 2025 was in Winnipeg. PRC convention is in June 2026 and PRC resolutions are due by November 1, 2025. If anyone is interested in resolution training they should let Oneil or someone from the regional office know. Convention swag was discussed and will be coming out

10. Resolution Review for Submission:

    - Stasi indicated that four were submitted prior to the meeting. Stasi then explained how the process works for submitting resolutions from the Edmonton Area Council. Stasi also reiterated that we have to be within 150 words maximum.

    1) Maximum Number of Hours Combined for a Travel/Work/Union Business.

        - Discussions happened to ensure that any typo was corrected, clarity on when the item would become effective, addition and change of terms to

'and/or', clarification on hours and ensured that it was below 150 words. Moved by Stasi; seconded by Natalie. Unanimously passed.

2) Area Council Delegates at PSAC Regional Triennial Convention

- It was clarified that it's one delegate currently and we were proposing two. This was confirmed. Moved by Stasi; seconded by Natalie. Unanimously passed.

3) Recognizing Pregnancy Loss Before 20 Weeks

- Discussions took place to change terminology within the resolution. 'Pregnant parent' was changed to 'pregnant person' to also encompass surrogates. It was decided to go with 'presumed parent'. Unanimously passed. Moved by Stasi; seconded by Natalie. Unanimously passed.

4) Late Delegate Submissions to PSAC Convention

- It was discussed why this was being forward. Stasi clarified that there could be circumstances where this would beneficial. It was then asked how it currently works. It was agreed that we change it to a 2/3 majority vote. Moved by Stasi; seconded by Natalie. Unanimously passed.

Stasi and Natalie will do up the submission for the resolutions

11. Phoenix Event

- Stasi discussed how the 10th anniversary of Phoenix is coming up. We were asked to do an inventory of some sort. Ideas were passed around and Oneil indicated that there would be postcards, stickers, etc.

- It was decided that EAC would like a budget of $1000 for a Decade of Pain event. Out of this amount, $500 would be donated to the Edmonton Food Bank, and another $500 would go towards prizes and expenses (mileage, postage) for our event. The event would be simple – contact the President's of the locals and see how many postcards they need. We would ensure that these were mailed and they returned the names of the individuals that completed and mailed the postcards. From this point, there would be 3 - $100 prizes. Riley motioned to approve, Madeline seconded – Approved unanimously

12. Meeting adjourned at 7:22