

ASNL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR MEETING

March 16th, 2026

Via Teams

MINUTES

Present: Board of Directors: Robert Thompson, Elaine Dobbin, Rebecca Furlong, Shelly England, Melanie White, Sarah Hollett, Allison Lamond, Dawn White, Dave Bartlett

Management: Leah Farrell, CEO, Alex Collins, Dir. Finance and Social Enterprise (for Budget/Finance presentation)

Regrets: Sabrina Andrews, Elizabeth Churchill

Items:

1. Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 1: to adopt agenda as presented.

Mover: Sarah Hollett

Seconder: Elaine Dobbin

Decision: Carried

3. Approval of Minutes from Feb 24th Meeting and business arising from Minutes.

MOTION 2: to approve meeting minutes as presented.

Mover: Rebecca Furlong

Seconder: Shelly England

Decision: Carried

It was noted that the Self Advocate role needs to be filled as soon as possible. This will be a priority after committees are established, including a review of previous applicants.

4. Appointment of Officers and Committees

MOTION 3: to approve proposed committees and officers as presented

Mover: Elaine Dobbin

Seconder: Dave Bartlett

Decision: Carried

In discussion, it was noted that the Vice-Chair role is a rotating role every 12 months so that a variety of people can experience the role. It will be good for board development.

The Board discussed and requested some changes to proposed roles. The list will be revised and placed in the Meeting Folder

It was suggested that the Communications committee role needs to be reviewed. The mandates of all committees will be included in updated Governance policies. Until then, Interim Mandates for each committee will be provided.

5. Information: CEO Update – Leah Farrell

he CEO provided updates on World Autism Month, ASNL Financial Health – Grants and Fundraising, Partnerships and Networking, Addressing Systems Gaps, Advocacy, Employment Works

6. ASNL Finances and Budget

MOTION 4: to approve the budget

Mover: Dave Bartlett

Second: Dawn White

Decision: Carried

In discussion, it was noted that the revenue changes discussed during the meeting will be made to the draft budget, with a final version will be placed in the meeting folder.

7. Information: Status of By-law Review/Governance Policies – Board Chair, Robert Thompson

It was noted that the by-law review will come to the Board at the June meeting, and the Governance Policies possible by the September meeting.

8. **MOTION 6:** to adjourn meeting at 9:00pm

Mover: Dave Bartlett

Second: Dawn White

Decision: Carried

Amendment: Email motion: Board acknowledgement of the signing authority

Decision: Carried (unanimous Board acknowledgement)

A motion was circulated by email on March 18th, 2026 regarding Board acknowledgement of the signing authority of Robert Thompson, Leah Farrell and Cathy Drake (Office Manager).



Chair:



Date:

All board meeting minutes must be approved at the next board meeting and be signed by the Chair.
Only then will they be made public.

Appendix