



**EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
May 25, 2026**

PRESENT: Mayor Andy Fillmore, Chair
Deputy Mayor Patty Cuttell, Vice Chair
Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon
Councillor Laura White
Councillor Janet Steele
Councillor Nancy Hartling

REGRETS: Councillor John Young

OTHERS PRESENT: Councillor Kathryn Morse

STAFF: Brad Anguish, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
John Traves, K.C., CD, Municipal Solicitor/Chief Governance Officer
Laura Lewis, Deputy Clerk
Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant

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The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.

The agenda, reports, supporting documents, information items circulated, and video (if available) are online at halifax.ca.

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 27, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Steele

THAT the minutes of April 27, 2026 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions: None

Deletions: None

Deferred to a future meeting of Executive Standing Committee:

- Item 13.2.1 Youth Advisory Committee Annual Report

MOVED by Councillor Steele, seconded by Cuttell

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE

7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

9. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

10.1 Correspondence – None

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentation – None

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair noted there were no registered speakers and called three times for any other members of the public wishing to speak; there were none.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

13. REPORTS

13.1 STAFF

13.1.1 Proposed Amendments to AO 2017-009-ADM – Respecting District Funds

The following was before the Standing Committee:

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- Staff report dated May 20, 2026
- Staff presentation dated May 25, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Steele

THAT the Executive Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 2017-009-ADM, the District Funds Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated May 20, 2026.

Liam MacSween, Elections and Special Projects Manager gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.1.2 Proposed Amendments to AO 2019-001-GOV – Respecting Elections

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated May 20, 2026
- Staff presentation dated May 25, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Steele

THAT the Executive Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 2019-001-GOV, the Elections Administrative Order, as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated May 20, 2026.

Liam MacSween, Elections and Special Projects Manager gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.2 YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

13.2.1 Youth Advisory Committee Annual Report

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated February 5, 2026

This matter was deferred during the approval of the Order of Business.

14. MOTIONS – NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

15.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – April 27, 2026

This matter was dealt with in public as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor White

THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of April 27, 2026 be approved as circulated.

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MOVED by Councillor Steele, seconded by Councillor Cuttall

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THAT the Executive Standing Committee convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Items 15.2 PERSONNEL MATTER and 15.3 PERSONNEL MATTER.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15.2 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private) and ratified in public as follows:

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Private and confidential staff report dated May 21, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Steele

THAT the Executive Standing Committee:

- 1. Adopt the direction provided In Camera (In Private) on May 25, 2026; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated May 21, 2026 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15.2 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private).

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – June 22, 2026

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Laura Lewis
Municipal Clerk