



Saskatchewan Economic Development Association
(Operating as Saskatchewan Economic Development Alliance)

Annual Membership Meeting 2025

11:00 am June 11, 2025

VIA ZOOM LIVESTREAM

Agenda

- 1. Call to Order by Chair, Jim Dixon**
- 2. Adoption of Agenda**
- 3. Adoption of 2024 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes**
- 4. Business Arising from the Minutes**
- 5. Reports**
 - a. Chair and Treasurer Reports
 - b. Approval of 2024 Audited Financial Statements
 - c. Appointment of 2025 Auditor Jensen Stromberg
 - d. CEO Report
- 6. Proposed Bylaw Amendments**
- 7. Thank you to outgoing Board Members**
- 8. Introduction 2025-2026 Board of Directors**
- 9. Other Business**

Adjournment

Saskatchewan Economic Development Association

2024 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

3:00 pm June 13, 2024, Ballroom C Saskatoon Inn

- 1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement by Chair Jim Dixon 3:14 pm**
(Quorum Present)

- 2. Adoption of Agenda**

Motion 1: To adopt the agenda as presented. (Christina Birch/Jackie Wall) CARRIED

- 3. Adoption of 2023 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes**

Motion 2: To adopt 2023 membership meeting minutes as presented Jackie Wall/James Leier) CARRIED

- 4. Business Arising from the Minutes**
(None)

- 5. Treasurer Report presented**

Motion 3: To accept the Treasurer's Report and 2023 Audited Financial Statements (Jackie Wall/ John Gunderson) CARRIED

Motion 4: To appoint Jenson Stromberg as Auditor for 2024 (Kami DePape/ John Gunderson) CARRIED

- 6. CEO Report presented**

Motion 5: To accept CEO's report (James Leier/Christina Birch) CARRIED

- 7. Acknowledgement of SEDA's Strategic Partners and Corporate Members**

- 8. Thank you to the outgoing board members and introduction of 2024-25 SEDA Board of Directors**

- 9. Motion 6:** Adjournment Christina Birch 3:37 pm

ATTENDANCE 2024 AGM

Staff: Verona Thibault

Members

Jackie Wall
Jim Dixon
Kami DePape
Reagan Harding
Monica Osborn
Christina Birch

James Leier
Silvia Martini
John Gunderson
Ernest Heapy

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

For Presentation to SEDA Membership

2025 Annual General Meeting 11:00 am June 11, 2025, via Zoom Livestream

For reference, refer to the attached document entitled **CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**

MOTION: Approve the bylaw amendments as presented to clarify interpretation and meet the organization's current needs.

1. DELETE BYLAW III QUALIFICATION OF VOTERS in entirety and renumber remaining bylaws.

RATIONALE: Redundant to existing BYLAW II and proposed addition to BYLAW VIII

EXISTING BYLAW III - QUALIFICATION OF VOTERS

- (a) Voting shall be by Active and Corporate Members (DELETE – INCLUDED IN EXISTING BYLAW II).
- (b) Voting shall be taken by the usual showing of up-raised hands or by other means as designated by the Chair. A ballot vote may also be required if requested by three or more voting members. (MOVE TO EXISTING BYLAW VIII MEETINGS).

No member shall be entitled to vote or have other privileges of membership if his annual dues have not been paid within 90 days of the invoice date. (DELETE - INCLUDED IN EXISTING BYLAW II).

2. ADDITION TO BYLAW VI (d)– BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RATIONALE: To ensure that current knowledge and skills respective to the practice of comprehensive economic development are represented.

Add (d) iii

Board Composition and Practitioner Representation. To maintain a governance structure that is grounded in the current practice of comprehensive economic and community development, the Board of Directors will include a minimum of three practicing economic or community development professionals. These individuals must be actively engaged in the field at the time of their election or appointment and must maintain their practitioner status for the duration of their term.

For the purposes of this requirement, “practicing” shall mean employment, self-employment, or a contractual role in which the primary responsibilities involve economic, workforce, or community development activities.

The remaining directors may represent other sectors, including academia, private industry, philanthropy, or government, provided they meet the general eligibility criteria outlined in these bylaws.

The Nominating Committee shall ensure that each slate of nominees includes a sufficient number of qualified practitioners to meet the majority requirement. In the event that a director no longer meets the practitioner criteria during their term, the Board may take appropriate action to maintain compliance with this section, including but not limited to the appointment of a replacement.

3. CHANGE BYLAW VI (f) - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RATIONALE: Ensures flexibility and prevents gaps in executive committee positions. Aligns bylaws with governance policies that prefers the executive committee to be comprised of directors who have served at least one term on the SEDA board.

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(f) Vice-Chairperson and Treasurer shall be elected from among the Board of Directors at the first Board Meeting following the annual meeting. Following the two-year term, the Vice-Chairperson shall ascend to the office of the Chairperson for a two-year term. In the event that the Vice-Chairperson does not ascend to the office of the Chairperson an election at that board meeting shall be held for the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson positions

TO (removing ‘first meeting following the annual meeting’)

(f) Vice-Chairperson and Treasurer shall be elected from among the Board of Directors. Following the two-year term, the Vice-Chairperson shall ascend to the office of the Chairperson for a two-year term. In the event that the Vice-Chairperson does not ascend to the office of the Chairperson an election at that board meeting shall be held for the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson positions.

4. ADD TO BYLAW VIII (e) MEETINGS

Voting shall be taken by the usual showing of up-raised hands or by other means as designated by the Chair. A ballot vote may also be required if requested by three or more voting members.