



Idaho State Independent Living Council

Brittany Shipley, SILC Chair
Mel Leviton, SILC Executive Director

Minutes
State Independent Living Council (SILC)
Quarterly Business Meeting
Agenda - January 16, 2026

10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. MST (9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. PST)
Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Brittany Shipley, Tara Rowe, Erik Kimes, Anhora Snodgrass, Justyne Collins, Ian Bott, Jeremy Maxand, Joseph Vincent, Kylie Reed, Russell Salyards, Alan Aamodt, Erin Olsen, Beth Cunningham

Guests: Michael Lefevor, Mark Leeper, Jordan Zwygart, Ray Lockary

Excused: Sherri Boelter, Julie Anthony

SILC Staff: Mel Leviton, Jami Davis, Megan Bates, Janey Bruesch

Minutes

Call to Order and Introductions	Brittany called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Introductions were made. A quorum was declared at 10:18 a.m.
Approval of Minutes and Perfection of Agenda	There were no changes to the agenda. Tara Rowe moved and Justyne Collins seconded to approve the October Council Minutes. Motion carries.
October Meeting Evaluations	Brittany gave an overview of the meeting evaluations. Very positive feedback. Training ideas are a huge help.

SILC QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

FY 2025 Audit Report	<p>Auditor Jordan Zwygart reviewed the audit report. There were no findings. Everything looked good. SILC has good controls in place.</p> <p>Anhora Snodgrass moved and Ian Bott seconded to accept the Auditor's report. Motion carries.</p>
Executive Director Report	<p>The Program Performance Report (PPR) has been submitted.</p> <p>Fred Riggers Disability Awareness Day will be February 4th on the first floor of the Capitol Rotunda. The SILC is tentatively hosting a table with the CILs. ICBVI does plan to have a table.</p> <p>The SILC and LINC are hosting a pot-luck dinner on February 3rd from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for those planning to participate in DAD on February 4th. If you are from out of town, just bring yourself – no dish is needed.</p> <p>The SILC Chair & Vice Chair were nominated for the Fred Riggers Disability Advocacy award.</p> <p>It is recommended that you call and leave a message for legislators or talk to them in person, don't email them.</p> <p>Brittany stated that before she meets with a legislator, she researches to see what they do/did for employment. The more you know about them, the easier it is to build a</p>

SILC QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

	<p>relationship with them.</p> <p>IL & ITA Training –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• January 20 – SILC Connection training on Council Member terms and Recruitment• February 17th - Mel will be doing a training on the statewide assessment. <p>Mel has been nominated to serve a second term as Vice Chair for NASILC. The Council is fine with her serving a second term.</p> <p>Every Friday (starting on January 23rd) at 12:30 there will be a policy debriefing with CID regarding continuing and revolving things related to the legislature during the session.</p>
<p>Executive/Finance Committee Report</p>	<p>Megan gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the update on the SILC budget.</p> <p>Brittany gave a brief update on the Executive Committee meeting in December. The Executive Committee passed a motion to send the newly elected Chair and Vice Chair to SILC Congress.</p> <p>The IL & ITA SILC 101 will be offered sometime this spring. Mel will send a Doodle Poll to those who absolutely need to attend. Once a date is set, the entire Council will be notified and encouraged to attend.</p> <p>Justyne Collins moved and Anhora Snodgrass seconded to approve that Mel Leviton and</p>

SILC QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

	<p>Jami Davis monitor and testify as needed to educate policy makers on the impact of legislation on the community. Motion carries.</p>
SILC Chair and Vice-Chair Elections	<p>Tara Rowe was elected as the new Chair for the SILC.</p> <p>Justyne Collins was elected as the new Vice Chair for the SILC.</p>
Membership/Outreach Committee Report	<p>Brittany gave a review of the Membership and Outreach Committee meeting. The SILC is looking for members in Region 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 as well as at-large members.</p> <p>Postcards for recruiting potential new Council members were sent to Committee members. Contact Janey if you would like to have copies of the postcard sent to you.</p>
Policy Committee Report	<p>Tara stated that the Policy Committee is working on an Accommodations policy and an update updating a policy to include AI notetakers.</p>
Planning Committee Report	<p>Erik provided a review of the December meeting and asked if anyone had any questions on the first Quarter SPIL reports.</p> <p>The CILs did determine when and where the Community meetings will be held. LINC – end of June in Boise at LINC; LIFE – end of July in Idaho Falls and DAC – late August. There will also be two virtual meetings.</p>

SILC QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

	Flyers for the Community Survey have been mailed to all of the libraries in Idaho.
Other Business	Idaho has an ABLE program now. The website was launched yesterday. Idahoable.com The age limit is now 46. There is no annual fee for the Idaho program. Tara will make committee chair appointments in the near future.
Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m.