



Tara Rowe, SILC Chair
Mel Leviton, SILC Executive Director

Minutes
State Independent Living Council (SILC)
Quarterly Business Meeting
April 16 & 17, 2026 -- 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. MDT
ASL Provided

Attendance: Tara Rowe, Justyne Collins, Anhora Snodgrass, Sherri Boelter, Brittany Shipley, Ian Bott, Kylie Reed, Jeremy Maxand, Joseph Vincent, Alan Aamodt, Steve Achabal, Erin Olsen, Russell Salyards

Excused: Erik Kimes, Julie Anthony

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

April 16 Minutes

Call to Order and Introductions	Tara Rowe called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 9:05 a.m. Introductions were made.
Approval of Minutes and Perfection of Agenda	There were no changes to the agenda. Brittany Shipley moved and Joseph Vincent seconded to approve the January 2026 Council minutes. Motion carries.
January Meeting Evaluations	There were three suggestions for training – Training on ABLE accounts, Violence Prevention and Basic CPR.
Program Updates	ABLE & Financial Literacy The Idaho ABLE program opened January 1, 2026. To date, we have 42 new ABLE accounts.

	The ABLE Advisory Council will meet quarterly. The first meeting is April 30th at 11 a.m. Mountain time via Zoom. Anyone can listen in. The meetings are handled through the Treasurer's office. If you need accommodations, you need to contact the Treasurer's office. Jami said that she did two ABLE presentations, one at Tools for Life and one to the Friday Friends Group at RM Soaps in the Mall. Emergency preparedness Jami stated that she did 2 presentations on Emergency Prep. Gratitude Exercise Jami provided a short PowerPoint on Gratitude. She explained that throughout the meeting, we need to find positive things we are grateful for about each person. Write it on an index card and then put it in that person's Gratitude envelope.
Executive/Finance Committee Report	Megan provided a PowerPoint presentation and detailed information about the SILC budget. Tara and Mel presented a request to the Council to approve assigning \$3,000 from Statewide Development to fund the Emergency Prep program for FY2027 and if necessary, the option of requesting an additional \$2,900 at a later date. Using these funds shows good stewardship. Jeremy Maxand moved and Joseph Vincent seconded to assign \$3,000 from Statewide Development for the Emergency Prep program starting on July 1, 2026. Motion carries.

	Tara reviewed the minutes from the March Executive Committee meeting. Options for the SILC in the future were discussed.
Training Plans for April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027	Tara reviewed the Annual Training Plan. She requested that everyone complete it and return it to Janey before they leave Friday afternoon. If you have suggestions on improvements for the form, please share them with Tara and staff. Tara stated the IL T&TA has lots of good trainings available online.
Executive Director Report	Mel complimented LINC on the reception they held in February. She stated that Brittany Shipley received the Fred Riggers Award. The Guardianship statute was finally re-written. There are so many ways to contribute to advocacy and it is appreciated. Emailing or writing people helps too. Jeremy & LINC worked hard on the Medicaid for workers age limit. It is really important for more people to show up at hearings if you have any interest in what they are doing. Be visible. If you testify, be sure to provide a written copy of your verbal testimony. Showing up in numbers counts. Tara stated that if you are watching a legislative hearing on-line and the feed is failing or crashing, it does affect the legislators. Even if you can't be there in person, sometimes just turning on the feed matters too. Managed care is still holding public input sessions. Rural health transformation – Mel will watch it closely. The Region X IL Conference will be at the Coeur d'Alene

	Casino in Worley, Idaho, August 25, 26, & 27, 2026. Region X includes Alaska, Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. There is no registration fee. This is for Center staff and board members as well as SILC staff and council members. Mel stated that the SILC now has an "Employee of the Quarter". Janey is the first quarter Employee of the Quarter.												
SILC Congress Reports	Attendees of SILC Congress agreed that the workshops were very good. Networking is very important. SILC congress really is and always has been peer support and networking. Mel has received two invitations to present her self-advocacy piece. She will be going to Nevada this summer (they are covering costs). Porto Rico has invited her to present next year but she is not sure.												
Agency and Member Updates	Agency and Council members provided updates.												
Public Comment Opportunity	There were no public comments.												
Motion for Executive Session	Consider personnel matters [Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(a) & (b)] • Vote by roll call • SILC staff, ex-officio members and the public are excused Brittany Shipley, SILC Past Chair, moves and Sherri Boelter, Council member, seconds, that the Council, pursuant to Idaho Code Idaho Code § 74-206 convene in Executive Session to consider personnel matters [Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(a) & (b)] and the vote to do so by roll call vote: <table><tr><td></td><td>Yes</td><td>No</td><td>Abstain</td></tr><tr><td>Anhora Snodgrass</td><td>X</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Brittany Shipley</td><td>X</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>		Yes	No	Abstain	Anhora Snodgrass	X			Brittany Shipley	X		
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	Executive Session was convened at 3:30 p.m. Staff and Ex-Officio members were excused.	
Executive Session	Purpose: Consider personnel matters [Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(a) & (b)] Facilitator: Tara Rowe, SILC Chair	
Adjourn Executive Session	Joseph Vincent, Council Member, moves and Sherri Boelter, Council Member, seconds to adjourn the Executive Session at 4:29 p.m. Motion carries.	
Adjourn	The Council meeting was adjourned for the day at 4:45 p.m.	

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April 17, 2026 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. MDT
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Excused: Erik Kimes, Julie Anthony

Guests: Mark, Heather and Ryan with Ada County Paramedics

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

April 17 Minutes

Call to Order and Introductions	Tara called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 9 a.m. Introductions were made. Brittany Shipley moved and Ian Bott seconded to amend the agenda to discuss the Executive Session recommendation immediately after lunch. Motion carries.
Training – “Stop the Bleed”	Training for Council members and staff by Ada County Paramedics Mark, Heather and Ryan.
Membership/Outreach Committee Report	Sherri Boelter moved and Joseph Vincent seconded to approve the application from Drelyn Roker and send it to the Governor’s office for appointment to the SILC. Motion carries. Outreach opportunities and discussion Sherri stated that we have several open positions

	which include Regions 2, 3, 4, and 6, at-large positions for a blind adult from anywhere in the state, youth, underserved, and all disabilities. Discussion ensued. The next Membership Committee meeting will be Wednesday, June 24, 2026, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Mountain time (10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Pacific time) via Zoom.																																																
Executive Session Report	Brittany Shipley moves and Joseph Vincent seconds to accept the recommendation of the Council from the Executive Session to give the Executive Director an Appraisal of a Solid Sustain. Motion carries. <table><thead><tr><th></th><th>Yes</th><th>No</th><th>Abstain</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Anhora Snodgrass</td><td>X</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Brittany Shipley</td><td>X</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Erik Kimes</td><td></td><td></td><td>Excused</td></tr><tr><td>Ian Bott</td><td>X</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Jeremy Maxand</td><td>X</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Joseph Vincent</td><td>X</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Justyne Collins</td><td>X</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Julie Anthony</td><td></td><td></td><td>Excused</td></tr><tr><td>Kylie Reed</td><td>X</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Sherri Boelter</td><td>X</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Tara Rowe</td><td>X</td><td></td><td></td></tr></tbody></table>		Yes	No	Abstain	Anhora Snodgrass	X			Brittany Shipley	X			Erik Kimes			Excused	Ian Bott	X			Jeremy Maxand	X			Joseph Vincent	X			Justyne Collins	X			Julie Anthony			Excused	Kylie Reed	X			Sherri Boelter	X			Tara Rowe	X		
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Planning Committee Report	Mel provided the Planning Committee report. She reviewed the highlights of the Second Quarter SPIL Survey report. Discussion ensued regarding clarification of questions. Mel stated that we are on track with the assessment timeline. She provided a draft agenda for the Listening Session at the end of April.																																																

	Joseph Vincent moved and Sherri Boelter seconded to approve the amendment to the SPIL. Motion carries. The next Planning & Assessment Committee meeting will be Wednesday, April 29, 2026, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Mountain time (11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Pacific time) via Zoom.
Policy Committee Report	Tara gave a brief overview and history of the Accommodations Policy. Justyne Collins moved and Anhora Snodgrass seconded to approve the SILC Accommodations Policy. Motion carries. Justyne stated that the we are the SILC policy committee but we can also work on bylaws and other policies (example is ABLE legislation). Mel asked the Council members to read the bylaws and provide a review. There is a process that has to be followed if changes are made to the bylaws.
Gratitude wrap-up	Jami stated that hopefully you will take this forward. Take your envelopes with you and when you are having a bad day, pull out the cards and read them. Joseph stated that this is a huge way to simplify things that are important. Tara stated that it does matter to someone in this room each time you show up.
Public Comment Opportunity	No public comments were made.

Other Business	Mel stated that the Westchester Center for Human Development is hosting a 9-month training for young people. They accepted 100 out of 300 applications. Anhora was one of the 100 accepted! Primary elections are May 19th.
Adjourn Meeting	Justyne Collins moved and Anhora Snodgrass seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m. Motion carries.