

Maine Statewide Independent Living Council

Minutes

March 4, 2025, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Location: Zoom

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE					
Member Name	Attendance	Voting Member?	Member Name	Attendance	Voting Member?
Samantha Fenderson	P	No	Jessica Cyr	P	Yes
Diane Frigon	P	No	John Shattuck	P	Yes
Tom Newman	P	Yes	Molly Thompson	A	Yes
Andrew Smith	E	Yes	Lynn Feely	P	Yes
Brendan Williams	P	Yes	Rebeca Ball-Curry	P	Yes
Mary Le Blanc	P	Yes	Joshua Weideman	P	Yes
Mel Clarrage	P	Yes			

Attendance Key: P = Present, E = Excused, A = Absent without excuse.

Public Attendees: Julie Hovey, Lindsay Harford

Minutes Recorder: Jessica Cyr

Approved

Welcome & Introductions

Discussion: Meeting was called to order at 10:00. Introductions made.

Acceptance of Minutes-

Oct 29, 2025 minutes accepted with a majority vote, Mary voted Not to accept, Joshua, Lynn Abstained
Dec 3, 2025 minutes accepted with a majority vote, Mary voted Not to accept, Joshua, Lynn Abstained
Feb 18, 2026 Special Meeting minutes-tabled the vote on acceptance of minutes
Lynn expressed that she would like assistance in accessing the meeting minutes. Brendan said that he and Jessica will work with her outside of the meeting.

Financial Expenditure Report- Jessica shared the "Pending" Budget spreadsheet on the screen. Brendan discussed that he still needs to finalize the contract for Part B funding with the DSE. He will work with Samantha to correct the discrepancy with the SILC address and get this task completed. The Part B funds for 10/1/2025 are available currently. All voted Yes to allow the reinstatement of paying the \$50 honorarium stipend for attending past SILC meetings. Jessica will send out the new, more accessible reimbursement form to the eligible members for them to submit if interested.

State Plan for Independent Living- Jessica shared the SPIL on the screen and read out loud. Discussed that some items have target dates which need action soon. One that needs attention is a consumer survey on knowledge of IL resources. No new ideas were brought up on how to complete the objectives. Jess mentioned posting a web survey as a possibility. Andrew, Brendan and Jess can run task forces for each of 3 SPIL goals if people want to meet outside of the meeting and then report back progress at the next meeting. Jess will email info on task forces focusing on 3 SPIL goals. In addition, we will need to start thinking about collecting statewide data through a needs assessment to build the next SPIL. Discussed possibly inviting Ketra or Ashley to present again about Alpha One funding and services. Jess will look for slides from last year's presentation.

Alpha One (CIL) Update- no updates

Committee Updates-

- **Membership Committee**-Reminded of who is on this committee -Diane, Jessica and Andrew. Mel and John are assisting with recruitment. No recent meetings to report. Waiting for communication from Governor's office on last batch of applications, which has been months. Next batch of apps is due to be sent to the Governor in April.
- **Executive Committee**-no new meetings to report after the 3 meeting minutes that were already shared in preparation for this meeting today, Jan and Feb meetings of EC.
- **MORE Committee** deferred, Diane left before this time
- **Moving Maine Network** didn't get to
- **Acquired Brain Injury Advisory Council**-Mary reports that there is a March 19 event at the Augusta Armory and SILC is being offered a discount ~\$100.00 for a table. SILC members voted to send Mary and possibly Lynn to set up a SILC table and talk to ABIAC consumers about SILC. Mary already has SILC pamphlets to share with the public. Mary will send the invoice and general event info to the council.
- **State Rehab Councils**-didn't get to

Empowerment Forum-didn't get to

Public Comment & Other Topics- didn't get to, but members of the public asked questions and provided comments during the earlier topics

Upcoming Meetings: 3/25/2026 10:00-12:00

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 12:03