

Maine Statewide Independent Living Council

Draft Minutes

May 27, 2026, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Location: Zoom

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

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

Public Attendees: Carrie Woodcock, Mary Green, Sean Rendall, Cheyenne Pollard, Eddie Greyfox Burgess, Jackie Mills, Katy Perry, Dylan Campbell

11 voting members-7 present, quorum is 51% of appointed members

Minutes Recorder: Jessica Cyr

Approved

Welcome & Introductions: Convened the meeting at 10:10 and welcomed SILC members, members of the public, 2 ASL captioners and a live CART captioner

Acceptance of Minutes: April 29 minutes approved by Rebeca, Mel, Julie, Jessica, Tom, Andrew-Brendan abstained

Financial Expenditure Report: Report of expenses was posted for all to see and items read out loud, Brendan asked for clarification on the miscellaneous line expenses and Jessica reminded that on the excel version of the budget, sent out to all the week before the meeting, there are descriptions and that one shows Preti Flaherty invoices from January and February 2026 totaling \$1,891.08. Preti Flaherty is the registered agent for SILC.

Conferences- Upcoming conference options

(NCIL July 20-23 Grand Hyatt Washington, D.C. and APRIL October 23-25 Niagara Falls, NY)

Mary LeBlanc texted Brendan stating that she's volunteering at the NCIL conference. Tom is sending some representatives from Alpha One gathering info for CILs. We have \$6,000 allocated in funding for conferences and due to increased costs, this will probably only allow 1 SILC member to go compared to last year when we sent both Mary and Brendan to DC NCIL Conference. Decided to table this idea and make a decision at the June meeting since NCIL Conference is in July.

SPIL Update- State Plan was presented on the screen.

Goal 1 IL knowledge, details were read out loud. Since the goal requires surveying IL knowledge yearly, once survey is ready, we can disperse the survey to orgs and the public. Andrew shared the draft on his screen and reviewed it out loud.

Goal 2 emergency preparedness, group has not met since the last SILC meeting. Jess asked if anyone attended the Independent Living Training and Technical Assistance, on Thursday, May 14th that included The Partnership for Inclusive Disaster Strategies and ACL focused on emergency preparedness. Rebecca

and Jessica both attended it. Explained that we can post our attendance on the Activity Table used to assist with our PPR report to ACL later.

Goal 3 transportation, Moving Maine Network Learning Community met on 5/20 to discuss legislative advocacy for transportation. Shared the Activity Table on the screen and how to access it on the Google file called SILC Meeting Files. Reviewed how to add your individual item to the chart. Members of the public can also add their work. Reach out to Brendan, Andrew or Jess to help fill out the table.

Committee Updates-

- **Executive Committee:** The Executive Committee had a meeting on 5/18 and 5/26 which was brief. We talked about the accessibility for today's meeting, and what the agenda would look like. All SILC meetings and agendas are posted on the website and open to the public, including Membership Committee, Executive Committee, SPIL working groups open to all interested in attending.
- **Membership Committee:** The Membership Committee has met with several really great candidates, might end up with too many candidates and not enough vacant seats to put them. Next meeting scheduled for June 4th to go over completed application packets, reviewing for disability, diversity, advocates or persons that work for organizations that provide services to people with disabilities. Will be sending recommendations to the governor for approval as instructed by Joseph Boucher as one quarterly application packet. The state requires three different pieces of paperwork, and a resume, in addition to the SILC application. There are currently 9 vacancies of 22 seats. One of those 9 is an ex officio, non voting seat.
- **MORE Committee:** No recent meetings or work done. Alpha One has sent out email blasts recently. 2 upcoming opportunities Special Surfers in York Beach, Equip for Living. Info to be emailed and posted on the SILC website.

Public Comment & Other Topics-

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by at 11:59

Upcoming Meetings: June 24, 2026 on Zoom 10:00-12:00