

PIBC Board Meeting Notes

January 30 2026

On January 30, 2026, the PIBC Board of Directors met in Victoria, BC.

It was acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the traditional territories of the Lekwungen speaking peoples of the Esquimalt and Songhees First Nations.

It was noted that the afternoon prior to the regular Board meeting, the Board held a working session with representatives from the Province of British Columbia, Ministry of Housing & Municipal Affairs. Updates were provided, and a number of issues of mutual interest and opportunities for potential collaboration were discussed.

The Board confirmed previous electronic resolution endorsing the PIBC submission to the Standing Committee of the BC Legislature regarding Private Members' Bill M216 (Professional Reliance Act).

Delegation

Deborah Jensen RPP, MCIP, RPP Regulation Sub-Committee Chair, and Bradley Chisholm and Katya Masnyk, of The Regulator's Practice presented an overview of the Strategic Assessment of Professional Governance report.

Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting held on November 28th, 2025.

President

Kenna Jonkman RPP, MCIP provided an update on various activities as President.

Administration & Finance

The Board reviewed the 2025 unaudited financial statements to November 30th, 2025, for information. It was noted that there are variances in expenditures and reduced revenues in certain key areas with a larger than anticipated deficit expected. It was noted that further year-end adjustments and expenses yet to be made to the unaudited financial statements.

Executive Director Dave Crossley reported on the ongoing and key projects, initiatives, and activities at the PIBC office.

The Board reviewed and discussed and update on the progress and development of long-term financial planning, budget & reserves policy work, noting that the Institute is also reviewing and identifying potential opportunities for revenue increases and expenditure reduction.

Board & Governance

The Board reviewed and discussed the update relating to internal tracking and monitoring of Board resolutions and actions and suggested revisions to the format future updates.

The Board reviewed, discussed, and approved an administrative policy regarding the readmission of senior practitioners to membership who were previously long-serving RPPs.

Member Programs & Services

The Board reviewed, discussed, and approved the establishment and funds for a new PIBC student scholarship for the undergraduate planning program at SFU.

National Affairs

The Board received and discussed an update bulletin from the national Professional Standards Board (PSB) for information.

Institute Representative Reports & Business

A brief update on the activities of the university planning programs at UNBC, UBC and SFU were provided by the student member representatives from these programs.

Committee Reports & Business

Policy & Public Affairs: The Board reviewed and discussed an update from the Housing Task Force on the Peer Learning Network (PLN) and endorsed proceeding with a partnership between PIBC and Small Housing BC relating to deliver regional engagement sessions regarding small-scale multi-unit housing delivery, and to subsequently report out on the findings, outcomes and lessons learned. The Board also approved the winding down the PLN online discussion forum on or before April 9, 2026.

The Board also received an update on the work of the RPP Regulation Subcommittee on professional governance, and an update on the status of private members bill M216, noting that it was still before the standing committee of the legislature.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Strategic Assessment of Professional Governance – consultant report as circulated and presented earlier. The RPP Regulation Subcommittee were directed to proceed with further outreach and engagement relating to the project including holding an online session, conducting a final engagement survey, and convening an information meeting with PIBC Committees.

Member Engagement: The Board received and discussed an update on State and Future of the Planning Profession study noting that a consultant has been engaged to support the study and that work relating to methodology and interviews is currently underway.

The Board received and discussed an update regarding a recent session with members and prospective members regarding the membership certification process – particularly the Prior Learning Assessment Recognition (PLAR) process and associated challenges and potential recommendations. The Board endorsed proceeding with providing feedback to the national Professional Standards Board (PSB) on the PLAR process based on the feedback.

Academic Liaison Subcommittee: The Board received a brief update on the work of the Subcommittee noting interest in the upcoming Board meeting in Prince George at UNBC.

Governance and Nominating Committee: The Board reviewed and approved revised terms of reference for the Professional Standards and Certification Committee.

The Board discussed the approved proceeding with a bylaw amendment process relating to the removal of the requirement for applicants for professional membership to be already employed in planning at the time of application, to streamline the application process and align with the recent national changes to requirements developed and approved by the national Professional Standards Board (PSB).

Professional Standards & Certification: The Board approved the admission of a number of new members including 5 Certified, 30 Candidate, 10 Pre-Candidate, 5 Students, and 7 Retired members. The Board also approved and or noted a number of membership transfers, resignations, and other changes.

Local Chapters

The Board received annual reports and approved the release of annual seed funding for the following local chapters: Fraser Valley; Kootenay – Rocky Mountain; Okanagan-Interior; South Coast; Sunshine Coast; Vancouver Island North; Vancouver Island South and the Yukon.

Next Meeting(s)

It was noted that the next regular meeting would take place on March 20, 2026, in Prince George, BC.