



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB) meeting held on Thursday 12 February 2026 at 9.15am

Present:

- Alison Johnstone MSP (chair)
- Claire Baker MSP
- Jackson Carlaw MSP
- Maggie Chapman MSP
- Christine Grahame MSP

Apologies:

- Michelle Hegarty, Deputy Chief Executive

In attendance:

- David McGill, Clerk/Chief Executive
- Heather MacLennan
- Kerry Twyman
- Lorna Hunter
- Allan Campbell
- Eric MacLeod
- Mark Brough
- Joanna Purves
- Lynn Russell, Head of Secretariat

Item 1: Meeting with the Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland

1. The SPCB held its inaugural meeting with the first Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland, who took up office on 1 September 2025 and welcomed Karen Titchener to the meeting.
2. During the meeting, several areas were discussed including the Commissioner's short and medium-term priorities; how the views of patients and other members of the public are being sought in relation to the safety of health care; the work of the Advisory Group and the timescales for the development of a statement of principles, a strategic plan and a charter.
3. The SPCB thanked the Commissioner for her attendance.

Item 2: Previous meeting

4. The SPCB agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2026.

Item 3: Matters arising

5. The following items were dealt with by correspondence since the meeting on 29 January 2026:
 - Paper 8: Use of Parliamentary Resources: The SPCB noted that a breach of the parliamentary resources policy had occurred. The SPCB agreed that the Head of Allowances should write to the Member to remind them of the requirements of the use of parliamentary resources policy and the MSP use of corporate identity policy. It also agreed that the Head of Allowances should advise the complainant of the outcome of the matter.
 - The SPCB noted a memo from the Head of Allowances on the outcome of a complaint regarding a Member's use of Parliamentary resources.
 - The SPCB noted correspondence from the Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans confirming the timescales for laying subordinate legislation to address issues relating to the interaction between dual mandates legislation and the Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Act 2009.

Item 4: Charities and fund-raising policy – Paper 9

6. In October 2024, the SPCB commissioned a review of all SPCB policies applicable to Members as part of the Code of Conduct for MSPs, in advance of Session 7.
7. The SPCB considered the current policy and following discussion, agreed that the substantive policy should remain unchanged, but that some minor revisions are made to clarify the purpose of the policy and who it applies to.

Item 5: Applications for reimbursement – Papers 10 & 11

8. The SPCB considered two applications for reimbursement under the Incidental and Ancillary Employment Costs provision of the Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme. Following discussion, the SPCB agreed to approve one application for reimbursement as set out in Paper 10. The SPCB did not to approve the application for reimbursement as detailed in Paper 11.

Date of next meeting

9. The next meeting of the SPCB was scheduled for 19 February 2026.

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