

**Minutes**  
**Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council (SIMPCO)**  
**Board of Directors Meeting (#557)**  
**Thursday, January 15, 2026, 12:00 p.m.**  
**SIMPCO, 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, Iowa**

**Members Present:**

Jon Winkel, <i>Chair</i>	P & Z Commissioner	Sergeant Bluff, IA
Kelly Kreber, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Mayor	Hinton, IA
Julie Burhoop, <i>Secretary</i>	Commissioner	North Sioux City, SD
Craig Anderson	Supervisor	Plymouth County, IA
Ken Beaulieu	Supervisor	Dakota Dunes CID, SD
Keith Bohle	City Council	Kingsley, IA
Pat Bunt	Mayor	Marcus, IA
Tom Kimmel	Commissioner	Union County, SD
Tony Puffett	Mayor	Cherokee, IA
Bob Scott	Mayor	Sioux City, IA
Devlun Whiteing	Supervisor	Ida County, IA

**Non-voting Members/Staff/Guests Present:**

Cherie Conley	County Clerk	Dakota County, NE
Lance Hedquist	City Administrator	South Sioux City, NE
Mark Monson	Advisory Director	Sergeant Bluff, IA
Joshua Wright, <i>Audit Mgr.</i>	King, Reinsch, Prosser (KRP)	Sioux City, Iowa
Michelle Bostinelos	Executive Director	SIMPCO
Joshua Bush	Finance Director	SIMPCO
Brian Pearson	Transit Dir./Facilities Mngr.	SIMPCO/SRTS
Sharon Burton	Executive Assistant	SIMPCO

Chair Jon Winkel called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

1. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Chair Winkel asked if there were any additions or corrections to the January 15, 2026 regular meeting agenda.

*Ken Beaulieu moved to approve the January 15, 2026 regular meeting agenda as presented, seconded by Julie Burhoop. Motion carried. [Unanimous]*

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**a. Board of Directors Regular Meeting #556, December 11, 2025:** Chair Winkel asked if there were any additions or corrections to the regular meeting minutes.

*Craig Anderson moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 11, 2025 as presented, seconded by Ken Beaulieu. Motion carried. [Unanimous]*

3. **FY 2025 INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL AUDIT:** Joshua Wright, CPA and Audit Manager at King, Reinsch, Prosser (KRP) presented the fiscal year 2025 independent financial audit.

Mr. Wright provided an overview of the financial statements, supplementary information and audit results. He reported unmodified opinions were issued on the financial statements and no material weaknesses in internal control over major federal award programs were disclosed. Discussion followed.

The Executive/Finance Committee has reviewed the FY 2025 independent financial audit and recommend approval as presented.

*Craig Anderson moved to accept the recommendation of the Executive/Finance Committee and approve the FY 2025 independent financial audit as presented, seconded by Pat Bunt. No further discussion. Motion carried. [Unanimous]*

4. **DIRECTOR REPORT:** Executive Director Michelle Bostinelos provided an overview of the report included in the meeting packet.

**a. 2026 Siouxland/Washington Conference:** Ms. Bostinelos reported the annual Siouxland Chamber trip to Washington D.C. is scheduled for April 22-23, 2026. The Executive/Finance Committee discussed SIMPCO's attendance and recommend Executive Director Michelle Bostinelos and Transit Director Brian Pearson represent SIMPCO/SRTS at the 2026 conference. Discussion followed.

*Bob Scott moved to approve the recommendation of the Executive/Finance Committee and approve Executive Director Michelle Bostinelos and Transit Director Brian Pearson as representatives of SIMPCO at the 2026 Siouxland Washington Conference, seconded by Pat Bunt. No further discussion. Motion carried. [Unanimous]*

5. **RESOLUTION 2026-1 APPOINTING FORMER DIRECTOR MARK MONSON AS ADVISORY DIRECTOR:** As approved with officer elections at the meeting of December 11, 2025, Ms. Bostinelos presented the resolution to appoint Mark Monson as Advisory Director. Discussion followed.

*Pat Bunt moved to approve Resolution 2026-1 appointing Former Director Mark Monson as an Advisory Director, seconded by Ken Beaulieu. A roll call vote was conducted with 11 ayes and 0 nays. No further discussion. Motion carried. [Unanimous]*

6. **FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

**a. December 31, 2025 Financial Reports:** Finance Director Joshua Bush provided an overview of the financial reports included in the meeting packet. Revenues for all SIMPCO Divisions total \$1,207,592 and expenditures \$1,025,598 for a balance of \$181,994 as of December 31, 2026. Discussion followed.

The Executive/Finance Committee has reviewed the December 31, 2025 financial reports and recommend approval as presented.

*Craig Anderson moved to accept the recommendation of the Executive/Finance Committee and approve the December 31, 2025 financial reports as presented, seconded by Kelly Kreber. No further discussion. Motion carried. [Unanimous]*

7. **ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT:**

**a. Dakota County Nebraska Housing Trust Fund (DCNHTF):** Ms. Bostinelos noted this agreement is to administer housing programs for the new 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation established in Dakota County. She provided an overview of the agreement included in the meeting packet, including a summary of the duties and roles for each organization. Discussion followed

The Executive/Finance Committee has reviewed the agreement and recommend approval as presented.

*Ken Beaulieu moved to accept the recommendation of the Executive/Finance Committee and approve agreement a. as presented, seconded by Tom Kimmel. No further discussion. Motion carried. [Unanimous]*

8. **SIMPCO 2026 CODE OF CONDUCT:** The policy presented for approval outlines professional standards the Executive/Finance Committee, Board of Directors and staff are expected to follow when administering federal contracts. Discussion followed.

*Craig Anderson moved to approve the 2026 Code of Conduct Policy and authorize the Board of Directors Chair to sign on behalf of the Board of Directors as presented, seconded by Pat Bunt. No further discussion. Motion carried. [Unanimous]*

Members discussed Iowa legislation requiring newly elected or appointed members to complete Open Meetings and Open Records training within 90 days of their term, with training required for all terms beginning on or after July 1, 2025. This requirement applies to both in-state and out-of-state members. Ms. Bostinelos provided an overview of training resources currently available.

9. **OTHER COMMENTS:** The next meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held on Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 12:00 p.m., in person at SIMPCO, 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, Iowa, with the Teams option.
10. **ADJOURNMENT:** *Ken Beaulieu moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Craig Anderson. Motion carried. [Unanimous]* Chair Winkel adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.m.