



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB) meeting held on Thursday 19 February 2026 at 9.00am

Present:

- Alison Johnstone MSP (chair)
- Claire Baker MSP (item 6 only)
- Jackson Carlaw MSP
- Maggie Chapman MSP
- Christine Grahame MSP

In attendance:

- David McGill, Clerk/Chief Executive
- Michelle Hegarty, Deputy Chief Executive
- Heather MacLennan
- Lynsey Hamill, Alan Durward
- Lorna Hunter
- Allan Campbell
- Eric MacLeod
- Mark Brough
- Joanna Purves
- Lisa Creamer
- Lynn Russell, Head of Secretariat

Item 1: Meeting with the Electoral Commission

1. The SPCB held its annual meeting with the Electoral Commission and welcomed Dame Sue Bruce, Commissioner with responsibility for Scotland, Vijay Rangarajan, Chief Executive, Jackie Killeen, Director of Electoral Administration and Regulation and Chris Pleass, Director of Corporate Services.
2. During the meeting, several areas were discussed with the Electoral Commission including its preparations for the forthcoming Scottish Parliament election, the work it is progressing to help embed trust in the electoral process and its project on deepfake detection tools. Other areas of discussion included the Electoral Commission's approach to indicative budgeting and the resilience of local authorities to deliver future elections.
3. The SPCB thanked the Electoral Commission representatives for their attendance.

Item 2: Previous meeting

4. The SPCB agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2026.

Item 3: Matters arising

5. The following items were dealt with by correspondence since the meeting on 12 February 2026:
 - Paper 14: Use of Parliamentary Resources: The SPCB discussed a Member's use of parliamentary resources and agreed the recommended action as outlined in the paper.
 - The SPCB noted correspondence from the Ethical Standards Commissioner and the Standards Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

Item 4: Review of Memorials policy and Flag flying policy – Paper 12

6. The SPCB considered proposed updates to the Memorials policy and Flag flying policy to be adopted for Session 7. Following discussion, the SPCB agreed to make a minor revision to the Memorials policy to provide further clarification of its policy position regarding memorials on the Parliamentary campus, and to respond to SPCB written question S6W-41150 on that basis.
7. The SPCB also agreed to update the flag flying policy to include its framework to aid decision making on flag flying at the Scottish Parliament and its approach to the exceptional flying of flags. It further agreed to retain flying the European Union and Ukraine flags and that the policy should be updated to clarify that any SPCB decision to fly a flag will expire at the end of a session of Parliament, with effect from Session 7 .

Item 5: Members' office accommodation policy – Paper 13

8. The SPCB considered a proposed new Members' office accommodation policy to provide a clear, transparent and consistent framework for how accommodation is allocated in Session 7. Following discussion, the SPCB approved the policy for adoption ahead of Session 7.

Item 6: Inclusive Parliament review

9. The SPCB discussed the progress and next steps regarding the current review of the Parliament's dignity at work arrangements. The SPCB noted that it will consider the review findings at a future meeting.

Date of next meeting

10. The next meeting of the SPCB was scheduled for 5 March 2026.

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