

SEStran Partnership Board Special Meeting Minute

10.00am, Friday, 17 July 2026

Online via Microsoft Teams

<u>Present</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Organisation Title</u>
	Cllr Sally Pattle (Chair)	West Lothian Council
	Cllr Scott Harrison	Clackmannanshire Council
	Cllr Neil Cuthbert	City of Edinburgh Council
	Cllr Jack Caldwell	City of Edinburgh Council
	Cllr Neil Gardiner	City of Edinburgh Council
	Cllr James Leslie	Fife Council
	Cllr Tony Boyle (substituting for Cllr Tom Conn)	West Lothian
	Linda Bamford	Non-Councillor Member
	Mailys Garden	Non-Councillor Member
	Callum Hay	Non-Councillor Member
	John Scott	Non-Councillor Member
	Clara Walker	Non-Councillor Member
	Paul White	Non-Councillor Member
	Sally Wyke	Non-Councillor Member
<u>In Attendance</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Organisation Title</u>
	Andrew Rose (Clerk)	City of Edinburgh Council
	Deborah Patton	City of Edinburgh Council
	Jamie Robertson	City of Edinburgh Council
	Ian King	East Lothian Council
	Gary McGregor	Falkirk Council
	Tim McKavanagh	Midlothian Council
	Andrew Macleod	Transport Scotland
	Brian Butler	SEStran
	Alistair Brown	SEStran
	Rebecca Duncan	SEStran
	Sarah Junik	SEStran
	Daniel Moran	SEStran
	Rachel Murphy	SEStran
	Ciara Roddy	SEStran
	Rebecca Smith	SEStran

**Apologies
for
Absence**

Name

Cllr Tom Conn

Organisation Title

West Lothian Council

1. Order of Business

The Chair welcomed everyone to the special meeting and indicated that the order of business would be as listed in the circulated agenda.

2. Apologies for Absence

The Board noted any apologies and substitutions which had been received, as detailed above.

3. Declarations of Interest

Paul White made a transparency statement by virtue as a Director of the Confederation of Passenger Transport (CPT) Scotland.

A1. Proposed SEStran Position on Governance and Regionalisation Discussion

The Board received a report by the Partnership Director seeking an agreed position on the role that SEStran should play to enable and drive delivery of the region's ambitious economic growth targets, and to explore how existing legislation can help to do this at pace. The report advised that agreement to the recommendations contained in it would enable officers to take that position into discussions with the Scottish Government, regional economic partnerships and growth deals, local authorities, and others, reporting back to the Board on a regular basis.

During his presentation, the Partnership Director verbally amended the recommendations contained in the report to now read:-

- 7.1 That the content of the report be noted.
- 7.2 That authority be delegated to the Partnership Director to discuss matters contained in the report with external partners on the basis set out in the report.
- 7.3 That the Partnership Director report back to the Board on the outcomes of those discussions.

Decision

- 1) That the content of the report be noted.
- 2) That authority be delegated to the Partnership Director to discuss matters contained in the report with external partners on the basis set out in the report.

- 3) That the Partnership Director report back to the Board on the outcomes of those discussions.

(Reference – report by the Partnership Director, submitted.)

A2. Bus Fare Cap

The Board received a report by the Strategy Manager setting out the current understanding of the Scottish Government's commitment to introduce a national £2 flat fare cap for single bus journeys. The report also sought approval for the wording of a letter to the Cabinet Secretary.

The Chair informed the Board that any comments Board members may have, if not raised at this meeting, could be sent to officers by no later than the close of business that day, following which an updated version of the letter would be circulated which, subject to agreement by Board members, would then be submitted.

Decision

- 1) That any comments Board members may have on the content of the proposed letter to the Cabinet Secretary should be sent to officers by no later than the close of business that day, following which an updated version of the letter would be circulated which, subject to agreement by Board members, would then be submitted.
- 2) That the SEStran Regional Bus Board develops on the recommendations made in SEStran's regional approach.

(Reference – report by the Strategy Manager, submitted.)