

SAGIC – Meeting Minutes

New: more accessible format!

Date Wednesday, May 6 2026
Location Teams
Time 9:00 am – 10:30 am
Facilitator SAGIC Chair – [Alex Krebs](#) (WEM)
Minutes Preparer SAGIC Secretary – [Nina Rihn](#) (DNR)

ACTION ITEMS in red

OFFICERS

Position	Name	Voting Member	Present
Chair	Alex Krebs - WEM	Y	N
Vice Chair	Bridget Lapham – DOT	N	N
Secretary	Nina Rihn - DNR	Y	Y

VOTING MEMBERS

Organization	Name	Present
BCPL	Chuck Failing	Y
DATCP	Eli Samuelson	N
DCF	vacant	NA
DHS	Andy Swartz	Y
DMA	vacant	NA
DNR	Nina Rihn	Y
DOA	Mike Friis	Y
DOJ	Ty Krugman	N
DOR	vacant	NA
DOT	Tony Van Der Wielen	N
DPI	Shelley Witte	Y
DSPS	vacant	NA
DWD	John Willis	Y
LTSB	Zach Robinson	Y
PSC	Colter Sikora	Y
SCO	Jim Lacy	Y
SFP	vacant	NA
UWSA	Paul Boehnlein	Y
WEC	Gregory Grube	Y
WEM	Alex Krebs	N
WHS	Felipe Avila	Y

Other attendees

Bohn, Andrea - WHS
Chase, Lily - DMA (External)
Clerkin, David W - DHS
Cook, Cody J - DATCP
David Vogel (External)
Halverson, Tyler M - DOT
Hayden Elza (External)
Kelm, Kevin D - DWD
Koeller, Christine A - DOT
MacFarlane, Theresa - DOT
McGuire, Andrew
Reis, Anne H - DNR
Sikora, Colter - PSC
Smith, Christopher J - DNR
Strand, Peter T – DNR
Veselenak, Davita – DOA

Introductions and Announcements (All)

Skipped this month or the sake of time

Minutes Approval

April minutes approved by unanimous consent

2026 GIS Symposium Update Planning (Paul Boehnlein – UWSA)

Agenda Notes

- Save the date sent out – SAGIC reps, pass to your organization
- Seeking content – message coming out soon from Alex.
- 15, 30, and 45 minute slots
- Working on setting up registration logistics
- Not really a theme, but name is Pushing Boundaries with GIS

Discussion Notes

ADA Compliance of PDF Maps (Christine Koeller - DOT)

Agenda Notes

- Christine gave an informal demo of how to look at a PDFed map and assess its accessibility settings using Adobe Acrobat Pro tools.
- Demo was recorded and available here:
[SAGIC Map PDF Accessibility Tools Informal Demo May2026](#)
- Note: this is not legal advice, just tips and tricks on how you can find the accessibility settings to fix, and how Christine goes about it.
- Main topics:
 - Fill in alt text description for map frame
 - Export settings – don't output as image
 - View tab – turn on Content pane and check accessibility
 - Tags – look for unmarked link
 - Set logical reading order manually using the tags (rename the tags for easier mgt)
 - Color checker – Christine likes WebAim. Helps check contrast and gives it a rating. Can use sliders to pick passing values.

Discussion Notes

- Christine would like to get DOA to SAGIC to talk about our accessibility requirements and techniques
- Christine: Do aeronautical charts have to be accessible?
- For docs created before 4/24/27, they don't have to be already accessible, but you have to provide an accessible version upon request.

State Agency Geographic Information Officer Position Descriptions (Colter Sikora - PSC)

Agenda Notes

- A subset of SAGIC met on 4/21/26 to discuss GIO position
- Colter sent to WLIC and DOA with our feedback.
- WLIC meeting at WLIA spring conf 5/18 and will discuss letters, including ours and LION's

Discussion Notes

State Agency Tribal Boundary Data Intake (Colter Sikora – PSC)

Agenda Notes

- Postponing focus on this for now to focus on GIO discussions.

Discussion Notes

- Zach R – according to Dawn Vick – DOA administrator for Div of Intergovernmental Relations – tribes generally look to the US Census
- Andy mentioned that mapping tribal lands could also tie into accessibility discussion.

Other Business (All)

Discussion Notes

- Chuck F – still working on special tax districts – getting data from the tax rolls from DOR and having some success tying to parcels.
- Chuck F – Assembly bill 909/Senate Bill 941 about State data consistency failed to pass. See Data Efficiency Study Steering Committee – Assembly Bill 909 from [Feb 2026 meeting minutes](#)
- Chuck F – BCPL submitted an AI use case for ArcGIS Pro AI Assistant, limited to test/development usage and file format data.

Next Meeting

June 3, 2026 via Teams

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent.