



# 08/27/2025 A.S. Board of Directors Meeting

## Minutes

Associated Students San Jose State University

8/27/2025 3:00 PMPDT

@ Student Union Meeting Room 1A, Zoom: <https://sjsu.zoom.us/j/85916216835>

### I. Call to Order

Chair Agustin calls the meeting to order at 3:07 PM.

### II. Land Acknowledgement

Chair Agustin reads the land acknowledgement.

 [Land Acknowledgement.pdf](#)

### III. Roll Call

The recording secretary completes roll call.

*Quorum met.*

### IV. Approval of the Agenda

#### **Motion:**

Chair Agustin recommends a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion moved by President Gambarin and motion seconded by Director De Oliveira.

Vote: 12-0-0, Motion Passed.

### V. Consent Agenda

Items can be pulled from the consent agenda at the request of a Board member without a motion or a second. Pulling an item will allow the Board to discuss and vote on the item at the end of New Business. All remaining items will be passed by unanimous consent.

#### A. Approval of the Minutes

 [07.23.2025 A.S. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

#### B. Action Item: Appoint Artur Gafurov as Student at Large to the Associated Students Finance Committee (Presenters: Rishika Joshi)

Artur is a highly qualified candidate to serve on the Finance Committee. He will be bringing his valuable experience from his prior service on the committee and his active involvement in AS. He has a strong understanding of committee operations and offers expertise in budgeting, as he helped develop the AS Budget during his previous service on the committee.

As a Corporate Accounting and Finance major, he also brings relevant academic knowledge to support his contributions.

In addition, Artur currently serves as the VP of Finance for CSSA, where he has gained and will continue to gain exposure to diverse financial practices and perspectives across campuses. This

experience will allow him to bring fresh insights and innovative approaches to our budget-making process, along with suggestions on what can be done to make the RSO Funding process easier to understand.

After interviewing him, his passion for finance and willingness to give back to the student community made me confident and assured that he will be an excellent fit for serving as a Student-At-Large on the Finance Committee, and I believe his skills and background will help support and advance my envisioned goals.

 [Student At Large Application - Artur Gafurov.pdf](#)

- C. Action Item: Vote to Designate Teairra Brown as the A.S. Representative for the Athletics Board of the Academic Senate (Presenters: Katelyn Gambarin)

The Athletics Board of the Academic Senate promotes a strong environment of rules compliance and provides a positive academic environment for all student-athletes. As Director of Student Resource Affairs, Teairra previously served on this committee and would like to serve on it again.

- D. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Katelyn Gambarin to the Campus Fee Advisory Committee (CFAC) (Presenters: Katelyn Gambarin)

CFAC plays an advisory role in reviewing proposals for campus fees and making recommendations to the University President.

- E. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Christopher Morales as Student at Large to the Associated Students Programming Board (Presenters: Smriti Jha)

I believe he'd be a strong fit for the committee. After a 45 minute interview, he resonates with the goals of Programming Board, is a strong communicator, and mentioned the meeting timing works for him. He's worked in group settings before, is organized through platforms like Notion, and is excited for the upcoming events the committee will be working on. He mentioned his passion for advocacy and promoting campus diversity.

 [Student At Large Application - Chris Morales.pdf](#)

- F. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Amishi Jha as Student at Large to the Associated Students Programming Board (Presenters: Smriti Jha)

She is also another strong applicant for the committee. Her previous leadership experiences, such as leading Taekwondo classes to hosting fundraisers, I believe she matches the goals of the Programming Board. Through her roles, she's learned skills in discipline, timing, and teamwork, all which would fit in well within the committee. During her interview, she was passionate about creating strong events that bring the community together at SJSU, and looked forward to contributing and working alongside a team.

 [Student At Large Application - Amishi Jha.pdf](#)

- G. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Hector Barahona as Student at Large to the Associated Students Programming Board (Presenters: Smriti Jha)

Another great applicant. During his interview, he mentioned not being as involved his first 2 years and wanting to change that this year. As a commuter student, he mentioned being motivated to making student involvement more accessible and inviting, especially for students like him who don't live near campus. Through his experience studying Mechanical Engineering, he's built skills such as communication, detail-oriented planning, and organization--which I

believe would well translate over into this committee. He is also passionate about wanting to bring people/community at SJSU together and enhancing the student experience.

 [Student At Large Application - Hector Barahona.pdf](#)

H. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Parth Sharma as Student at Large to the Associated Students Programming Board (Presenters: Smriti Jha)

Strong candidate with leadership skills through his role in Sigma Nu Fraternity, which has helped him gain event planning, team collaboration, and organizational skills. He's mentioned in his application and interview that he's an out-of-box thinker and creative, which will be great for Programming Board as we'd like to promote creative events and initiatives. He's able to juggle multiple tasks, plan ahead, and is detail-oriented. He's also a commuter and experienced some disconnect from campus community his first two years. Now, as a senior, he'd like contribute to creating an engaging and welcoming student experience.

 [Student At Large Application - Parth Sharma.pdf](#)

**Motion:**

Overall vote.

Vote: 12-0-0, Motion Passed.

VI. Public Forum

Public Forum is intended as an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Associated Students Board of Directors regarding any issues affecting SJSU students. Speakers are allowed 3 minutes each to speak. Please sign in on the clipboard if in person or if you are online, sign in using chat for minute recording purposes.

Guest Zyjay presented on BayPass, highlighting how students can save money through the program. He discussed the benefits of BayPass and shared data from his research.

VII. Executive Director's Informational Report (4 minutes)

Interim Executive Director Kingson Leung expressed his excitement for the board and supporting students. He provided a rundown of A.S. projects over the summer, including planning the kick-off, coordinating professional development across departments, and the successful distribution of textbook vouchers. He also gave updates on the new Marketing Director and Events Coordinator positions and noted that departments are beginning to launch their programs.

 [ED Report 08.27.2025.pdf](#)

VIII. University Administration's Informational Report (3 minutes)

University Representative Heather French expressed her excitement for the semester and outlined her goals, including increasing student awareness of her role and providing support. She also gave updates on changes in the Student Union, such as the appointment of the new Director for Student Involvement.

IX. Student Union's Informational Report (3 minutes)

Student Union Representative Jon Tucker provided campus updates, including Rec Fest at SRAC and upcoming guest speaker events in the Student Union. He discussed the space optimization plan, noting department relocations within the Student Union. He also reported that the SRAC pool heater has been fixed and that all meeting rooms will soon be upgraded. In addition, he highlighted opportunities for greater engagement with art and shared his vision and goals, emphasizing that he is available to the board for any concerns or questions.

## X. Action Items

### A. Unfinished Business

N/A

### B. New Business

1. Discussion Item: Child Development Center HVAC Lifecycle Capital Replacement Reserves Funding for A/C Units (Presenters: Kingson Leung, Guests: Jim Westbrook, Jane Zamora)

The current system within the CDC comprises 8 separate A/C units and has been in operation for over 25 years, significantly exceeding its expected service life. In 2017, FD&O conducted an overall assessment of the building, and recommended our AC system be replaced in 2025 as functionality and efficiency has deteriorated to a point of both safety and comfort concerns.

 [CDC AC Replacment Proposal to BOD 8.27.2025.pdf](#)

Director of Child Development Center, Jane Zamora, reported that the CDC A/C units have not been replaced in over 25 years and that one recently broke down. She noted that the current fan system is not sustainable and presented her proposal with cost estimates for replacement. She highlighted her top choice as the best option. To provide context, Kingson added that a section of reserves is designated for crises like this.

2. Discussion Item: University President Dr. Teniente-Matson share vision/priorities for the new academic year (Presenters: Katelyn Gambarin, Guests: Dr. Cynthia Teniente-Matson)

President's Priorities of Holistic Student Engagement, Academic Excellence, People Centered Practice, Financially Sustainable Budget Model, and AI Everywhere will be shared from the University President along with the overall Vision for the year.

President Dr. Cynthia Teniente-Matson shared her five institutional priorities, which include Academic Excellence, Student Engagement, and People-Centered Practices. She also discussed the role of AI, particularly in relation to staff use, and emphasized the importance of preparing for

the mid-year budget deduction while supporting students with fees, such as through BayPass.

Director De Oliveira expressed appreciation for President Teniente-Matson's leadership and raised concerns about how AI is encouraged for staff but penalized when used by students. President Teniente-Matson responded that the focus is on improving AI literacy and advocating for appropriate use of the tools. She also highlighted new faculty programs and ongoing efforts to embed student safety initiatives into institutional practices. Director Brown asked how the board can support these initiatives, and President Teniente-Matson noted that an AI agent project is in progress, though details are not yet finalized.

She encouraged the board to remain engaged by attending Academic Senate meetings, staying present for students, and listening to their concerns. President Gambarin asked about communication regarding tuition increases, and President Teniente-Matson explained that the process is still in the information-gathering stage, after which President Gambarin will help shape strategies to support students.

Director Akin asked about shared governance, and President Teniente-Matson outlined her potential process for implementing it. Director Mallari raised student concerns regarding environmental crisis studies, to which President Teniente-Matson clarified that the President's Office is not leading those efforts. Director Subramanyan raised concerns about parking for commuter students. President Teniente-Matson responded that Mari is leading a master housing plan, which may include demolishing and rebuilding certain campus buildings, and that the university is collecting data to improve transit between South Campus and main campus parking garages while working on additional parking solutions.

3. Action Item: Appoint one (1) Director at Large to the Associated Students Finance Committee (Presenters: Rishika Joshi)

The A.S. Finance Committee has 1 open Director at Large position. The A.S. Finance Committee is tasked with reviewing funding requests forms from Recognized Student Organizations, recommending the annual budget and reviewing and updating budget policies.

**Motion:**

Chair Agustin recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Controller Joshi and motion seconded by Director De Oliveira.

Controller Joshi announced the need for one more Director-at-Large on the Finance Committee. Director Akin nominated Director Tuidelaibatiki.

**Motion:**

Amended motion to appoint Director Tuidelaibatiki to the Finance Committee.

Motion moved by President Gambarin and motion seconded by Director Subramanyan. Vote: 12-0-0, Motion Passed.

**Motion:**

Vote: 12-0-0, Motion Passed.

4. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Four (4) Students to the Campus Fee Advisory Committee (CFAC) (Presenters: Katelyn Gambarin)

CFAC plays an advisory role in reviewing proposals for campus fees and making recommendations to the University President.

Meeting dates and times will be set based on members' availability.

**Motion:**

Chair Agustin recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director De Oliveira and motion seconded by Director Charles.

President Gambarin announced that she is seeking student representatives to serve on the Campus Fee Advisory Committee. Director Charles nominated herself, seconded by Director Subramanyan. Director De Oliveira nominated Director Tuidelaibatiki, seconded by Director Charles. Director Brown self-nominated, seconded by Director Tuidelaibatiki. Controller Joshi nominated Director Mallari, seconded by Director Akin. Director Subramanyan also self-nominated, seconded by Director De Oliveira.

Each nominee gave a one-minute speech. Director Charles stated that one of her goals is to interact with more students, and serving on this committee would help her better support them. Director Tuidelaibatiki expressed her desire to further advocate for students. Director Brown

emphasized her goal of advocating for more accessible funding and creating additional resources for students. Director Mallari highlighted BayPass as one of her initiatives and her interest in examining its impact on campus fees. Director Subramanyan shared that her past experiences would help her support students in understanding the role of campus fees.

Controller Joshi spoke in support of Director Mallari's appointment, noting that the committees she serves on would contribute to the work of this committee. Following the speeches, Director Charles rescinded her nomination. The final slate of nominees included Directors Tuidelaibatiki, Brown, Mallari, and Subramanyan.

**Motion:**

Chair Agustin amended the motion to appoint Directors Tuidelaibatiki, Brown, Mallari, and Subramanyan to the Campus Fee Advisory Committee.

Motion moved by Director Akin and motion seconded by Director Tuidelaibatiki. Vote: 12-0-0, Motion Passed.

**Motion:**

Vote: 12-0-0, Motion Passed.

5. Discussion Item: First Read of the A.S. Board Member Accountability System 2025-2026 (Presenters: Geoffrey Agustin)

Most of last year's Board agreed that the existing Accountability System was inefficient due to the lack of enforcement, leniency, and complexity in structure. This proposed system aims to improve in those areas. If this proposed system does not pass, the existing Accountability System will be used to monitor Board accountability for this academic year.



[A.S. Board Member Accountability System.pdf](#)



[Proposed A.S. Board Member Accountability System 2025-2026.pdf](#)

Chair Agustin passed the gavel to Director Charles.

Vice President Agustin presented the proposed A.S. Board Member Accountability System for 2025–2026.

Director De Oliveira noted that last year's accountability system was ineffective due to the point system. He described the new version as a strong first draft and recommended revisions: Section B ("valid reason") should use more professional wording, Section 3, Item G should include

the bylaw reference, and Section C (“extenuating circumstances”) should be more clearly defined. He also asked for clarification on the requirement to meet with directors during break. Vice President Agustin responded to these comments.

President Gambarin expressed her support, stating that this draft is more encompassing of the full term. Director Akin asked for clarification on how attending board meetings via Zoom would apply under this system. Director Brown also asked for clarification regarding explanations for unexcused absences. Director De Oliveira agreed and emphasized the need for clearer procedures around unexcused absences and the handling of documents. Vice President Agustin noted he would have preferred the system to go through Internal Affairs but emphasized the urgency of establishing accountability for the board. Director Paredes asked whether the system could be adjusted after implementation. Kingson clarified that this was only the first read, with a second read scheduled for the next board meeting.

Point of personal privilege was granted to Director Rosal at 4:29 PM.

President Gambarin clarified that first reads of documents can take place at the board meeting itself and do not necessarily require committee-level review. Director De Oliveira asked Vice President Agustin about his process and research in creating the new system. Vice President Agustin explained that he drew from last year’s system as well as board conversations and feedback.

Director Rosal was re-recognized at 4:34 PM.

Director Charles returned the gavel to Vice President Agustin.

6. Discussion Item: Fostering Safety and Support for Every Spartan Pamphlet (Presenters: Jhony De Oliveira)

This pamphlet serves as a resource for all students, highlighting available support services, educating students about their rights, and reinforcing our commitment to supporting every member of our campus community.

 [J.de Oliveira KYR Pamphlet .pdf](#)

Director De Oliveira presented the *Fostering Safety and Support for Every Spartan* pamphlet he has been working on over the summer and explained its contents in detail. Director Akin asked how the information was being reviewed, and Director De Oliveira clarified that he has been developing the document in collaboration with the UndocuSpartan Student Resource Center.



Point of Personal Privilege was granted to Director Jha at 4:43 PM. Director Brown recommended creating a digital version and noted that students would greatly appreciate it. Director De Oliveira responded that he has already been working with advisors on quotes and is planning to provide translations in multiple languages, with pamphlets distributed across different campus organizations and centers. President Gambarin asked how translation accuracy would be ensured, and Director De Oliveira explained that he plans to work with the community and available resources.

Director Jha was re-recognized at 4:46 PM.

Director Charles suggested offering paper copies in major languages, with QR codes linking to other language options. Director De Oliveira asked the board whether the document was too lengthy for students to read.

Director Akin responded that while it is a lot of information, it is necessary. Director Brown recommended having a shorter printed version alongside a longer digital version. Director Paredes suggested creating larger posters in multiple campus locations to save costs and increase visibility, while Director Akin added that small flyers would still be helpful for quick access. Director Brown also suggested displaying the information on campus TVs, such as in the Dining Commons.

Kingson noted that Student Involvement could be a resource for integrating the pamphlet into the Sammy App. Director Jha recommended asking Director Rosal to include the information in newsletters as well.

#### XI. Executive Officer Reports (4 minutes each)

##### A. President

President Gambarin shared her goals and initiatives for her term, provided an overview of the work she has done over the summer, and reported on the meetings she has attended as well as upcoming meetings with the University President and Mari.

 [K.Gambarin Board Report - 08 27 2025.docx.pdf](#)

Point of personal privilege was granted to Director Tuidelaibatiki at 4:56 PM.

Director Tuidelaibatiki was re-recognized at 5:02 PM.

##### B. Vice President

Vice President Agustin shared his goals, including optimizing internal A.S. procedures, and reminded the board to sign up for one-on-ones.

 [G.Agustin Board Report - 8.27.2025.pdf](#)

C. Controller

Controller Joshi provided an update on the A.S. scholarships, recognizing Abby and the supporting committee for their contributions. She also gave an update on the funding process and upcoming meeting times.

 [R.Joshi-08.27.25.docx.pdf](#)

XII. Directors' Reports (3 minutes each)

A. Director of Academic Affairs

Director Paredes outlined her goals and initiatives and shared her upcoming meetings.

B. Director of Business Affairs

Director Subramanyan shared her goals, including streamlining RSO funding, and expressed her eagerness to support students, especially with RSOs. She also noted her involvement in the hiring of new A.S. positions.

 [S.Subramanyan Board Report - 08.27.2025.docx \(1\).pdf](#)

C. Director of Co-Curricular Affairs

Director Jha shared that most of her summer was spent assisting with the hiring of new A.S. positions. She also noted that she will play a major role on the Homecoming Planning Committee and that she connected with Chris, the new Director of Student Involvement.

 [Smriti Jha 8 27 25 25-26 Board Report.docx.pdf](#)

D. Director of Communications

Director Rosal shared her goals, including website updates and social media initiatives.

 [Bella Rosal 8/27/2025 Board Report.pdf](#)

E. Director of Intercultural Affairs

Director Tuidelaibatiki shared that she worked closely with Diana on her goals and initiatives. During her office hours, she visited various campus centers to engage in conversations. She also spoke about her positive experience at CSUnity.

 [A.Tuidelaibatiki.08.27.2025 Board Report. .docx.pdf](#)

F. Director of Internal Affairs

Director Charles provided updates from her advisor and discussed her goals with her committee.

 [L.Charles Internal Affairs Board Report.docx.pdf](#)

G. Director of Legislative Affairs

Director Akin shared her goals, including civic engagement for CSSA. She gave updates on events she attended, such as CSSA Preliminary and CSUnity, and also reflected on her experience at the recent flag-raising event.

 [M.Akin August 27th Board Report .docx.pdf](#)

H. Director of Student Resource Affairs

Director Brown shared the goals she has been working on over the summer, including the new Spartan Squad. She also spoke about her experience at CSUnity and announced her plan to start Spartan Pride Thursdays. She noted that the first football game will take place this Friday.

 [T. Brown Board Report 08-27-2025.docx.pdf](#)

I. Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities

Director De Oliveira shared his message to new students and expressed his excitement about working with the board. He also outlined his goals, including creating a community care video.

 [J.de Oliveira Board Report 08-27-25.docx](#)

J. Director of Sustainability Affairs

Director Mallari shared her goals, including continuing work on the BayPass program. She also highlighted upcoming garden events and encouraged the board to attend.

 [K.Mallari Board Report 8.21.2025.docx.pdf](#)

XIII. Announcements

President Gambarin reminded the board to sign up for tabling opportunities. Director Akin invited the board to the BLOC welcome event. Kingson Leung noted that time during the in-service will be used to finalize board goals and thanked Directors Jha and Subramanyan for assisting with the hiring process for the Marketing and Events roles.

XIV. Adjournment

**Motion:**

Chair Agustin recommends a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:30pm.

Motion moved by Director Brown and motion seconded by Director Tuidelaibatiki. Vote: 12-0-0, Motion Passed.

**2025-2026**  
***Associated Students***  
***Board of Directors***

**Date: 8.27.2025**  
**ROLL CALL**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
President Gambarin	X
Vice President Agustin	X
Controller Joshi	X
Director Paredes	X
Director Subramanyan	X
Director Rosal	X
Director Jha	X
Director Tuidelaibatiki	X
Director Charles	X
Director Akin	X
Director Brown	X
Director De Oliveira	X
Director Mallari	X
<b>Non-voting Members</b>	
Interim Executive Director Kingson Leung	X
University Representative Dr. Heather French	X
Sam Brown - Recording Secretary	X

***Legends:***

**X** – Present

**A** – Absent

**Guests:** Jim Westbrook, Janely Pulido, Abby Escobar, Diana Victa, Diana Garcia Rodriguez, Mari Fuentes-Martin, Cynthia Teniente-Matson, Monica Aguilar, Jon Tucker, Jane Zamora