



08/26/2026 A.S. Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

Associated Students San Jose State University

8/26/2026 3:00 PMPDT

@ Student Union Meeting Room 1A, Zoom: <https://sjsu.zoom.us/j/84409347060>

I. Call to Order

Chair Lo calls the meeting to order at 3:00pm

II. Land Acknowledgement

Chair Lo reads the land acknowledgement.

 [Land Acknowledgement.pdf](#)

III. Roll Call

The recording secretary completes roll call.
Quorum met.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion:

Chair Lo recommends a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion moved by President Akin and motion seconded by Director Shaheen. Vote:10-0-0, Motion Passed.

V. Consent Agenda

If passed by unanimous consent of the Board of Directors, all items listed will be approved simultaneously. Items can be pulled for separate discussion at the request of a Board member without a motion or a second.

A. Approval of the Minutes 2026-2027

 [5.13.2026 BOD Minutes \(2026-2027\).pdf](#)

B. Approval of the Minutes 2025-2026

 [05.13.2026 A.S. Board of Directors Meeting Agenda Minutes \(1\).pdf](#)

C. Action Item: Vote to appoint Alex Luu to the IRA Advisory (Presenters: Ma'Kayla Akin)

 [Academic Senate & University Committee Application Form 2026-2027 - A. Luu Redacted.pdf](#)

- D. Action Item: Vote to appoint Amnol Singh to the IRA Advisory (Presenters: Ma'Kayla Akin)
 [Academic Senate & University Committee Application Form 2026-2027 - A. Singh Redacted.pdf](#)
- E. Action Item: Vote to appoint Anna Klimova to the IRA Advisory (Presenters: Ma'Kayla Akin)
 [Academic Senate & University Committee Application Form 2026-2027 - A. Klimova Redacted.pdf](#)
- F. Action Item: Vote to appoint Frigyes Erdosi Szucs to the IRA Advisory (Presenters: Ma'Kayla Akin)
 [Academic Senate & University Committee Application Form 2026-2027 - F. Erdosi Szucs Redacted.pdf](#)

Motion:

Motion moved by President Akin and motion seconded by Director Thakkar.
Vote: 10-0-0. 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 clip board if in person or if you are online sign in using chat for minute recording purposes.

VII. Executive Director's Informational Report (4 minutes) (Presenters: Kingson Leung)

Executive Director Leung

 [ED Report 8.26.2026.pdf](#)

Executive Director Leung welcomed everyone back and spoke about what the 10 departments of A.S. worked on over the summer, highlighting the importance of building belonging. Within A.S., Kingson highlighted the BayPass launch, which has hit 10,000 sign ups, celebrated new hires and the elevation of interim positions. This year celebrate 20th anniversary of Fire on the Fountain and many other outreach opportunities were highlighted.

VIII. University Administration's Informational Report (3 minutes) (Presenters: Heather French)

University Representative Heather French

Heather welcomed everyone back and shared updates from the summer. These updates include addressing campus concerns, scholarships, and the SJSU Trans Student Wellness Task Force and Interfaith Counsel. She also celebrated the BayPass launch and reminded everyone about the Spartan Safe app.

IX. Student Union's Informational Report (3 minutes) (Presenters: Jon Tucker)

Student Union Representative Jon Tucker

Jon gave updates including a feasibility study for a remodel expansion for tear down of the event center, they are upgrading ballroom AV and will be moving along further with E-sports and gaming planning. They completed their SU leadership training this past weekend. A highlight coming up is Eric Andre, comedian, coming to campus 11/2.

X. Chief Election's Officer Informational Report (2 minutes) (Presenters: Angela-Kate San Juan)

Chief Election's Officer Angela-Kate San Juan

Angela-Kate(AK) introduced herself as a liberal studies major and their pronouns are she/her. Her ultimate goal for student elections is to create more engaging events and make it known wider around campus. They also want to be able to clarify election things that were fuzzy previously. They want students to be able to believe in themselves to be the best leaders they can be.

XI. Action Items

A. Unfinished Business

N/A

B. New Business

1. Action Item: Vote to Add the following as signers on all A.S. Related BMO Bank Accounts (Presenters: Brindhhaa Krishnan)

- i. Adi Tuidelaibatiki (A.S. Controller)
- ii. Kingson Leung (Executive Director)
- iii. Brindhhaa Krishnan (A.S. Associate Director)
- iv. Stephanie Reitz (SJSU Senior Director – Accounting)
- v. Vivian Nguyen (A.S. Office Manager) for deposits only

Motion:

Chair Lo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Thakkar and motion seconded by Director Makwana.

Executive Director Leung introduced Associate Director Brindhaa. Associate Director Brindhaa spoke about needing to update BOD signers and update backup signers and those who can do deposits.

Motion:

Main Motion

Vote: 10-0-0, Motion Passed.

2. Action Item: Vote to Remove the following as signers from all A.S. Related BMO Accounts (Presenters: Brindhaa Krishnan)

- i. Rishika Joshi
- ii. Jim Westbrook
- iii. Any other individual on bank records not listed under action item 1

Motion:

Chair Lo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Thakkar and motion seconded by Director Hernandez.

Executive Director Leung presents that we need to remove last year's controller and former financial services employees as signers.

Motion:

Main Motion

Vote: 10-0-0 , Motion Passed.

3. Action Item: Vote to Approve the November A.S. Board of Directors Meeting date as November 20th, 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM and Remove A.S. Board of Directors Meeting dates on November 11th and November 25th. (Presenters: Shannon Lo)

The November A.S. Board of Directors Meetings include dates on 11/11/2026 and 11/25/2026.

- The 11/11/2026 date conflicts with **US Veterans Day**: Wednesday, Nov 11, 2026, and the SJSU campus is not open on that day.
- The 11/25/2026 date is the day before the **US Thanksgiving**: Thursday, November 26, 2026.

It is recommended to cancel the 11/11/2026 A.S. Board of Directors Meeting date and move the 11/25/2026 A.S. Board of Directors Meeting to 11/20/2026.

Motion:

Chair Lo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Makwanna and motion seconded by Director Thakkar.

Chair Lo explained that the first date 11/11 conflicts with a day campus is closed for Veterans' Day and the other date 11/25 lands right before Thanksgiving break. She recommends that 11/20 be the only meeting to replace those 2 meetings landing on dates that will not work. Executive Director Leung clarifies this 11/20 date was chosen since it is an in-service day already so the BOD should be able to attend the changed date since they were supposed to be available to attend the in-service date.

Motion:

Main Motion

Vote: 10-0-0 , Motion Passed.

4. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Delegate to the Accreditation Review Committee (ex-officio) of the Academic Senate (Presenters: Ma'Kayla Akin)

The committee may be delegated by the A.S. President to a Board member designee:

- Meets in person every second Tuesday from 9:00-10:00 AM. Contact Chair Priya Raman at priya.raman@sjsu.edu for more information.

Motion:

Chair Lo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Makwana and motion seconded by Director Thakkar.

Chair Lo asked who would want to serve on the Accreditation Review Committee. Director Makwana expressed interest saying that it would help them to serve their role in a more productive way. Director Gandhi expressed interest and said it is important that we have a student representative on this committee to make sure voices are heard and that this committee seat compares to her role in her current director of business affairs role. Chair Lo asked if the two who volunteered would be

interested in the other committees listed. Director Gandhi expressed they do not think they would be available for other meetings.

Motion:

President Akin motions to amend the Action Item to appoint Director Gandhi to the Accreditation Review Committee

Motion moved by President Akin and motion seconded by Director Thakkar. Vote: 10-0-0 Motion passed.

Motion:

Main Motion

Vote: 10-0-0, Motion Passed

5. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Delegate to the Athletics Board of the Academic Senate (Presenters: Ma'Kayla Akin)

The committee may be delegated by the A.S. President to a Board member designee:

- Meets on zoom the 2nd Friday of each month from 9-10:30 a.m. Chair TBD.

Motion:

Chair Lo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Thakkar and motion seconded by Director Gandhi.

Chair Lo asks for those interested in serving on the Athletics Board of the Academic Senate. Director Shaheen expressed interest saying it would be a great opportunity to advocate for student athletes so that they are getting the right academics and path at SJSU. Director Horoufi expressed interest saying it will help her learn more about student athletes and policies.

Motion:

Director Thakkar motions to amend the action Item to appoint Director Shaheen to the Athletics Board of the Academic Senate.

Motion moved by Director Thakkar and motion seconded by Director Hernandez. Vote: 10-0-0 motion passed

Motion:

Main Motion

Vote: 10-0-0, Motion Passed.

6. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Delegate to the Budget Advisory Committee of the Academic Senate (Presenters: Ma'Kayla Akin)

The committee may be delegated by the A.S. President to a Board member designee:

- Meets 8/28, 9/4, 9/18, 10/2, 10/16, 11/6, 11/20, 12/11 1:00 - 3:00 P.M. via zoom, contact co-chairs Kathy Kaoudis and Hiu Yung Wong at kathy.kaoudis@sjsu.edu and hiuyung.wong@sjsu.edu for more information.

Motion:

Chair Lo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by President Akin and motion seconded by Director Thakkar.

Chair Lo asked if anyone could serve on the Budget Advisory Committee of the Academic Senate. Chair Lo recommended a motion to table this item to next BOD meeting.

Motion:

Motion to table the item to the next Board of Directors Meeting.

Motion moved by President Akin and motion seconded by Director Shaheen. Vote:10-0-0, Motion Passed.

7. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Delegate to the Strategic Planning Steering Committee (ex-officio) of the Academic Senate (Presenters: Ma'Kayla Akin)

The committee may be delegated by the A.S. President to a Board member designee:

- Meets at 8 am, Contact the Co-Chairs Tabitha Hart and Vincent Del Casino at tabitha.hart@sjsu.edu and vincent.delcasino@sjsu.edu for more information.

Motion:

Chair Lo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Thakkar and motion seconded by President Akin.

Chair Lo recommended to table item until next BOD meeting. Director Makwana raised their hand in interest to serve on this committee in order for her to be aware of what is happening on campus and have a foresight into what is happening in the future.

Motion:

Director Thakkar motions to amend the Action Item to appoint Director Makwana to the Strategic Planning Steering Committee (ex-officio) of the Academic Senate.

Motion moved by Director Thakkar and motion seconded by Director Fairleigh. Vote: 10-0-0, motion passed

Motion:

Main Motion

Vote: 10-0-0 , Motion Passed.

8. Discussion Item: CSUnity Presentation (Presenters: Alec Lozano, Christina Shaheen, Tirth Thakkar, Melody Horoufi, Ma'Kayla Akin)

CSUnity is an annual conference organized by the Cal State Student Association (CSSA), held at one of the 22 universities within the California State University (CSU) system. This conference serves as a platform for CSU student leaders from all campuses to come together, fostering discussions and knowledge-sharing on leadership in higher education policy making.

<https://calstatestudents.org/involvement/csunity/>

Presentation

Slides: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1A9AOEbJDINBzuzNHDDNCXHzeORSLKsFJhgdCjZ6OniA/edit>

President Akin said it was an amazing CSUnity compared to last one they attended. She said our positionality in the CSU is significant and we should check in on our basic needs center and other student resources.

Director Shaheen shared that this was her first time attending and enjoyed the workshops where they learned about AI, budgeting, and other important applicable topics.

Director Lozano did not realize that every AS/ASI is different than ours and how we operate. He did learn that every CSU has similar issues to our campus.

Director Thakkar had a wonderful time and found the key note speaker to be very enjoyable. He was able to connect with other CSUs and find out their campus issues and gave them info on how our campus tries to help with those issues. He was also able to take insights from the other CSUs to help on our campus.

Director Horoufi took away great information from the workshops and from speaking with other CSU campus student leaders.

9. Discussion Item: University President Dr. Teniente-Matson share vision/priorities for the new academic year (Time Certain: 4:00 PM)
(Presenters: Ma'Kayla Akin, Guests: Dr. Cynthia Teniente-Matson)

The President's Priorities address a variety of areas, including Holistic Student Engagement, Academic Excellence, People-Centered Practice, a Financially Sustainable Budget Model, and AI Everywhere. These priorities intersect with the President's commitment to institutional excellence, global education, student basic needs and wellness.

President Teniente-Matson spoke about holding convocation. She shared highlights from this past year including FIFA world cup, hosting Paraguay for a month, visits from other countries interested in partnerships and Silicon Valley partnerships. She noted the press release of BayPass and that the early responses to the program are trending well. She said the campus have added more shuttles for south campus due to feedback of inconsistency of shuttles and shuttles not operating late enough. The campus also made parking half off payment for at south garage to assist in traffic around campus. She also stated that SJSU continues to be highly enrolled.

The President then presented their 5 institutional priorities that are:

1. Holistic Student Engagement
2. People Centered Excellence
3. Operational Excellence
4. Academic Innovation & Distinction
5. Human-Centered Responsible AI

She stated that the campus ensures we create and maintain campus safety and that it remains high priority to have support from UPD and community service officers in this effort.

Chair Lo asked will any students be able to join the AI advisory committee. President Teniente-Matson will do an open call to all students and will ask for feedback on the 2 or 3 they select.

XII. Executive Officer Reports (4 minutes each)

A. President (Presenters: Ma'Kayla Akin)

The President will present their board report.

 [M.Akin Board Report - 8.20.2026.pdf](#)

President Akin started by giving ways to connect to her. She spoke about walking in a parade this summer and connecting with the San Jose community. She was appointed to a position on the board for CSSA and she completed the Panetta institute at the beginning of the summer. She also spoke at 6 orientations this summer, engaged with students at different departments open houses to promote Associated Students resources, and had many meetings for collaborating with others on campus. She will start office hours in centers in September. She promoted the flag raising ceremony happening 9/1 at City Hall.

B. Vice President (Presenters: Shannon Lo)

The Vice President of Administration will present their board report.

 [S.Lo Board Report - 8.20.2026.pdf](#)

Chair Lo introduced herself. She noted that she completed training this summer and wants to hit ground running. Her highlights were speaking at orientations in summer and at convocation. She wants to ensure to reach more students with tabling on campus. She wants to show students what student affairs is about and that CSU governance information is accessible to everyone. She promoted the board of director office hours and community engagement hours to show accessibility to students.

C. Vice President of Finance (Presenters: Adi Tuidelaibatiki)

The Vice president of Finance will present their board report.

 [A.Tuidelaibatiki.08.20.26.pdf](#)

Not present.

XIII. Directors' Reports (3 minutes each)

A. Director of Academic Affairs (Presenters: Christina Shaheen)

The Director of Academic Affairs will present their board report.

 [C.Shaheen Board Report 8/26/2026.pdf](#)

Director Shaheen spoke of highlights such as attending CSUnity, attending boot camp and getting more familiar with their role, and attended an AI ambassador event. She is looking to recruit more student-at-larges. She has priorities but has not completed them yet, including responsible AI use and promotion of it.

B. Director of Business Affairs (Presenters: Ashna Gandhi)

The Director of Business Affairs will present their board report.

 [A.Gandhi Board Report - 8.26.2026.pdf](#)

Chair Lo excuses Director Shaheen for a point of personal privilege at 4:18pm
Director Gandhi spoke about attending BOD retreat and learning about fellow directors and learning about processes. They attended boot camp and acknowledged determining their priorities while working with their Advisor. Director Gandhi shared that she has been recruiting for student at larges during WoW tabling and in their classes. She believes students should participate early and often and highlighted the upcoming Operations Committee Meeting. One main priority she is working toward is increasing equal job opportunity across all job sectors.

C. Director of Co-Curricular Affairs (Presenters: Alec Lozano)

The Director of Co-Curricular Affairs will present their board report.

 [A.Lozano Board Report - 8.26.2026.pdf](#)

Director Lozano met with 3 liasons about support and work together, attended CSUnity where they learned a lot, and is recruiting for the Programming Board. He engaged with students during class and tabling events. Director Lozano shared they are supporting Homecoming and highlighted some events and programs happening as part of the week.

Director Shaheen recognized by Chair Lo at 4:23pm

D. Director of Communications (Presenters: Kimaya Ranka)

The Director of Communications will present their board report.

 [K.Ranka Board Report - 08.20.26-2.pdf](#)

Not present.

E. Director of Intercultural Affairs (Presenters: Jimena Prieto)

The Director of Intercultural Affairs will present their board report.

 [J.Prieto Board Report - 8.20.2026.pdf](#)

Director Prieto highlights the summer retreat, enjoyed getting to know everyone from the BOD and is looking forward to getting more engaged. She is looking

forward to building relationships with Multicultural centers and getting more student engagement.

F. Director of Internal Affairs (Presenters: Tirth Thakkar)

The Director of Internal Affairs will present their board report.

 [T.Thakkar Board Report - 08.26.26.docx](#)

Director Thakkar shares their main priorities as setting clear expectations around committee and documents. He attended CSUnity and was able to attend workshops and connect with fellow CSU student leaders and is looking forward to cross campus collaborations.

G. Director of Legislative Affairs (Presenters: Maxwell Fairleigh)

The Director of Legislative Affairs will present their board report.

 [M.Fairleigh Board Report - 08.26.26.pdf](#)

Director Fairleigh wants to lay a foundation with all organizations across campus. He highlighted meetings with SJSU Votes, Community and Government Relations, and the CAC. For Lobby Corps, he is looking to achieve something tangible this year and wants to build relationships and encourage connections for those they have not worked with before.

H. Director of Student Resource Affairs (Presenters: Leilany Hernandez)

Director of Student Resource Affairs will present their board report.

 [L.Hernandez Board Report - 08.26.26.pdf](#)

Director Hernandez shared that she is working on laying a foundation for her priorities and is learning about the opportunities within her role. She shares that she is an EOP mentor and will be highlighting resources with them. She is looking forward to supporting SJSU resources and hoping to plan events for the Fall.

I. Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities (Presenters: Melody Horoufi)

The Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities will present their board report.

 [M.Horoufi Board Report-8.26.2026.pdf](#)

Director Horoufi shared that they attended CSUnity and enjoyed networking with campus representatives. She has started to connect with liaisons and developing goals for the semester and year. She plans to connect with students and identify needs for support.

J. Director of Sustainability (Presenters: Krupali Makwana)

The Director of Sustainability will present their board report.

 [K.Makwana Board Report - 8.20.2026.pdf](#)

Director Makwana shared highlights of the summer including advisor and liaison meetings, summer retreat and leadership workshops. She highlighted the BayPass program and that she is working to ensure students are signing up. She highlighted committees as a great way to get involved in the campus community.

XIV. Announcements

Executive Director Leung congrats on getting close to finish of first BOD meeting.
President Akin reminded everyone to make sure to attend flag raising on 9/1/26.

XV. Adjournment

Motion:

Chair Lo recommends a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:38pm

Motion moved by Director Thakkar and motion seconded by Director Hernandez.

Vote:10-0-0, Motion Passed.



Shannon Lo
2026-09-03 21:32 UTC

2026-2027
Associated Students
Board of Directors

Date: 8.26.26
ROLL CALL

NAME	Attendance
President Akin	X
Vice President of Administration Lo	X
Vice President of Finance Tuidelaibatiki	A
Director Shaheen	X
Director Gandhi	X
Director Ranka	A
Director of Lozano	X
Director of Prieto	X
Director Thakkar	X
Director Fairleigh	X
Director Hernandez	X
Director Horoufi	X
Director Makwana	X
Non-voting Members	
Executive Director Kingson Leung	X
University Representative Heather French	X

Legends:
X – Present
A – Absent