



# 02/26/2025 A.S. Board of Directors Meeting

## Agenda Minutes

Associated Students San Jose State University  
2/26/2025 3:00 PMPST

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

### I. Call to Order

Chair Nwokolo calls the meeting to order at 3:05 PM.

### II. Land Acknowledgement

Chair Nwokolo reads the land acknowledgement.

 [Land Acknowledgement.pdf](#)

### III. Roll Call

The recording secretary completes roll call.

### IV. Approval of the Agenda

#### **Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion moved by Director R. Joshi and motion seconded by Director Gambarin. Vote: 10-0-0, Motion Passed.

### V. Approval of the Minutes

 [02.12.2025 A.S. Board of Directors Meeting Agenda Minutes.pdf](#)

#### **Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion moved by Controller Dhami and motion seconded by President Lacson. Vote: 9-0-1, 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 purpose.

Mayela from the Anthropology Club introduced herself and acknowledged concerns regarding the transphobic agenda. She shared her thoughts on the case and urged the board to use its power and knowledge to pass the resolution. Sharon expressed her solidarity with the Trans community and appreciation for resources like the Pride Center, which promotes acceptance and inclusivity. She also shared the struggles her trans daughter has faced and emphasized the importance of advocating for trans rights. Surleen, joining via Zoom, supported the resolution and urged the board to oppose policies that undermine trans rights. Another guest also expressed his support, highlighting the importance of inclusivity in the community.

President Lacson then presented three written statements. The first was from Ricky, an SJSU alumnus who urged the board to uphold human rights values. The second was from Jaime of the Anthropology Club, who emphasized the need to oppose harmful policies that threaten human rights. Lastly, a statement from the Student Homeless Alliance (SHA) stressed the importance of passing the resolution.

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

Executive Director Allen thanked Kingson for his support at the previous board meeting on the 12th. She informed the board that she would be leaving at 4:30 for an important CSU meeting. She also discussed the campaign from the Child Development Center and expressed her gratitude to the staff for their efforts in preparing the budget presentation. Additionally, she acknowledged the demanding schedules of the board members and appreciated their dedication to continuing their work.

 [EDs Reports 2.26.2025.docx.pdf](#)

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

Dr. Fuentes-Martin discussed the recently sent Dear Colleague letter, explaining its purpose and emphasizing the importance of remaining calm. She stated that, at this time, SJSU does not plan to change its current operations. She also outlined the ongoing efforts by the administration to ensure campus compliance. Additionally, she noted that SJSU will not be issuing a separate statement, as CSU aims to speak with one unified voice rather than 23 different voices. She reassured the board that information is being gathered to uphold the university's core values and reminded members that she is available for any questions or concerns.

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

President Lacson provided an update on the hiring process for a new Executive Director for the Student Union. She mentioned that the Student Union Board will be meeting tomorrow and that she will have more information following the meeting, which she plans to attend. Additionally, she noted that the Student Union is currently undergoing an audit.

#### X. Student Election Commission's Informational Report (3 minutes)

Chief Elections Officer Glerys Gonzalez provided an update on the committee's recent work, including the ethics meetings, with seven sessions completed and the final session scheduled for this Friday from 11 AM to 1 PM. She also reminded the board that the application deadline for elections is this Friday. Additionally, she discussed the first election event, the kickoff, which will be taking place soon.

## XI. Action Items

### A. Old Business

### B. New Business

1. Action Item: Vote to Approve A.S. Resolution in Support of Trans Rights & Trans Athletes Rights to Participate in Sports (Presenters: Ariana Lacson)

 [RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TRANS RIGHTS & TRANS ATHLETES RIGHTS TO PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS.pdf](#)

#### **Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by President Lacson and motion seconded by Director Gambarin.

President Lacson reviewed the procedures for voting on resolutions and began by reading the A.S. resolution in support of trans rights and trans athletes' right to participate in sports. She then addressed possible grammatical errors in the resolution and proposed a friendly amendment to add a parenthesis after one of the words. She opened the floor for questions and comments from the board.

Director R. Joshi thanked President Lacson for bringing the resolution forward and acknowledged the effort behind it. She referenced the case brought up by Brooke, the SJSU student named in the resolution, and discussed concerns that some students might have regarding the resolution. While she expressed understanding, she also mentioned that some cisgender athletes might feel at a disadvantage when competing against trans athletes.

President Lacson then provided background on the drafting process of the resolution, highlighting past controversies within the SJSU Women's Volleyball Team. She emphasized the importance of advocating for the entire LGBTQ+ community, not just selective parts of it. She also recognized the numerous clubs and athletes who supported the resolution and presented evidence that thousands of students had signed in favor of it. Additionally, she pointed out that no statistical data indicated the alleged student was outperforming her teammates. She addressed potential counterarguments and reiterated the board's responsibility to represent and support students who endorsed this resolution.

Director R. Joshi then asked about the potential impact of the resolution on the international level, particularly regarding laws that may prevent trans athletes from competing beyond college sports. President Lacson responded by clarifying the resolution's scope, emphasizing that its primary focus was on supporting SJSU students and prospective students considering enrollment. She reinforced the importance of collegiate-level advocacy in this context.

Chair Nwokolo passes the gavel to Vice Chair A. Joshi to make a statement. Vice Chair A. Joshi acknowledged Vice President Nwokolo, who thanked President Lacson for her words and advocacy. He highlighted the resolution's significance and potential impact on the community, noting that SJSU is a campus known for advocacy. He emphasized that passing this resolution would be a historic moment and underscored the importance of supporting students. Vice Chair A. Joshi passes the gavel back to Chair Nwokolo.

Director Gambarin thanked everyone who spoke and expressed her strong support for the resolution. She stressed the importance of ensuring that SJSU remains a safe and inclusive space where students can thrive. Director Agustin proposed a friendly amendment to add "a" in front of a word on page 3. He shared that his primary concern in passing the resolution was student safety and condemned the hate speech occurring on 7th Street. He emphasized the importance of ensuring that students have representatives who advocate for their well-being. President Lacson concluded by acknowledging that while some students may not support the resolution, she had actively provided a platform for dissenting voices. However, she noted that no students had come forward with negative feedback or opposition to the resolution.

Chair Nwokolo conducts a roll call vote.

President Lacson - Yea

Controller Dhami - Nay

Director Khehra - Abstain

Director Ramalingam - Yea

Director Agustin - Yea

Director Sinha - Abstain

Director A. Joshi - Abstain

Director Gambarin - Yea

Director Brown - Yea

Director R. Joshi - Nay  
Vote: 5-2-3, Motion Fails.

Point of Personal Privilege granted to Director Gambarin at 4:12 PM.  
Kingson Leung is recognized at 4:13 PM and Executive Director Allen's temporary designee.

2. Discussion Item: BayPass Continuation Survey (Maximum: 10 Minutes)  
(Presenters: Rishika Joshi, Guests: Adam Hall)

 [Potential Survey Questions with edits .pdf](#)

One of the board's goals is to advocate for the BayPass. Given the discussions and meetings with the university administration and TS from last semester and this semester, the first step is to gauge student interest in continuing the BayPass.

Point of personal privilege granted to President Lacson at 4:15 PM.  
We seek the Board of Directors' (BOD) feedback on the survey before sending it out. Guest Adam Hall is yielded time to share information about how Associated Students fees are applied to the Clipper Card program, as well as how the Associated Students fee structure would need to be adjusted in the event of a fee increase. He discusses the creation of the survey and acknowledges potential survey fatigue among students. Executive Director Designee Leung shares that the survey has been reviewed by a campus partner specializing in assessment, who provided feedback to Director R. Joshi and Adam Hall for further input.

Director Agustin is granted a point of personal privilege at 4:24 PM.

3. Action Item: Vote to Remove Tallon Hollestelle from the Internal Affairs Committee (Presenters: Anushka Joshi)

Tallon has informed Chair Joshi & Vice Chair Nwokolo that he will no longer be able to serve on the Internal Affairs Committee, therefore an action item is placed to remove him.

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Brown and motion seconded by Controller Dhami. Vote: 7-0-0, Motion Passed.

4. Action Item: Vote to Remove Frank Lim from Academic Affairs Committee (Presenters: Sehtej Khehra)

Frank is unable to participate in the Academic Affairs Committee due to a class conflict

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Khehra and motion seconded by Director Brown. Vote: 7-0-0, Motion Passed.

5. Action Item: Vote to Remove Sho Rodvold from the Academic Affairs Committee (Presenters: Sehtej Khehra)

Sho is unable to participate in the Academic Affairs Committee due to a class conflict

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Khera and motion seconded by Director Ramalingam. Vote: 7-0-0, Motion Passed.

President Lacson is recognized at 4:27 PM.

Point of Personal Privilege granted to Director Sinha 4:28 PM

6. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Hunter Spiegler to the Lobby Corps Committee (Presenters: Katelyn Gambarin)

 [APT\\_Hunter-Spiegler.pdf](#)

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Khehra and motion seconded by Controller Dhami. Vote: 7-0-0, Motion Passed. Vote reconsidered.

Director R. Joshi yielded time to Director Gambarin, who spoke about why Hunter would be a great fit for the role.

7. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Nicole Thai to the Lobby Corps Committee (Presenters: Katelyn Gambarin)

 [APT\\_Nicole-Thai.pdf](#)

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Controller Dhami and motion seconded by Director R. Joshi. Vote: 7-0-0, Motion Passed. Vote reconsidered.

Controller Dhami yielded time to Director Gambarin, who spoke about why Nicole would be a great fit for the role.

8. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Mariam Mortada as College of Social Sciences Representative (Presenters: Sehtej Khehra)

 [Mariam-Mortada.pdf](#)

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Khehra and motion seconded by Controller Dhami. Vote: 7-0-0, Motion Passed. Vote reconsidered.

Director Khehra shares that Mariam has been a member of Academic Affairs in prior years and provides valuable experience to the committee.

9. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Vineet Shah as a Student At Large for Programming Board (Presenters: Sahithya Swaminathan)

 [Vineet-Shah.pdf](#)

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director R. Joshi and motion seconded by Director Ramilingam.

Designee Leung advises the Board that they need 2/3 of the voting members in order to approve appointments. With that, all of the appointments in Action Items 6, 7, 8, and 9 would need to be reconsidered, due to not having 8 voting members present. He advises that the items be tabled for approval at the next board meeting or at a later time in the current meeting, if 8 voting members are present.

**Motion:**

Motion to postpone action item 9 until two-thirds of voting members are present.

Motion moved by Director Khehra and motion seconded by Controller Dhami. Vote: 7-0-0, Motion Passed.

**Motion:**

Motion to reconsider action items 6, 7, and 8.

Motion moved by Director Khehra and motion seconded by Controller Dhami. Vote: 7-0-0, Motion Passed.

**Motion:**

Motion to postpone action items 6, 7, and 8 until two-thirds of voting members are present.

Motion moved by Director Khehra and motion seconded by Controller Dhami. Vote: 7-0-0, Motion Passed.

With Director Agustin's recognition at 4:52pm, the Board moves back to Action Items 6, 7, 8, and 9 for reconsideration.

Director Agustin yielded time to Director Gambarin, asking for clarification on reopening the items. Kingson explained the reason they did not pass the first time. She then outlined why Hunter would be a great fit for the Lobby position.

**Motion:**

Motion to appoint Hunter Spiegler to the Lobby Corps Committee

Motion moved by Director Khehra and motion seconded by Controller Dhami. Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.

**Motion:**

Motion to appoint Nicole Thai to the Lobby Corps Committee

Motion moved by Director Khehra and motion seconded by Controller Dhami. Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.

**Motion:**

Motion to appoint Mariam Mortada as College of Social Sciences Representative



Motion moved by Director Khehra and motion seconded by Controller Dhami. Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.

**Motion:**

Motion to appoint Vineet Shah as a Student At Large for Programming Board

Motion moved by Director Agustin and motion seconded by Director R. Joshi. Vote: 7-0-1, Motion Fails. Rescinds motion. Revote. Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.

XII. Executive Officer Reports (4 minutes each)

A. President

President Lacson expressed her disappointment with the board following the decision on the resolution. She emphasized that serving on the board is a privilege and a responsibility, as members are entrusted with representing and amplifying students' voices. She stressed the importance of prioritizing the needs of students over personal opinions and reminded the board that leadership is about service. She urged members to reflect on their commitment, stating that those who are unwilling or unable to fulfill this responsibility should reconsider their role on the board.

She then provided updates on the Filipino Mural project and shared plans to attend the upcoming CSSA conference alongside Director Gambarin. Additionally, she mentioned that she would be introducing the resolution to the CSU Board. She also highlighted the upcoming Student Union Board meeting and other scheduled meetings. Lastly, she encouraged board members to participate in upcoming events and remain engaged with the student community.

 [A.Lacson Board Report-02.26.25.docx.pdf](#)

B. Vice President

Chair Nwokolo provided an update on the meetings he attended and discussed the one-on-one meetings he had with board members.

 [02-26-25 Vice President C. Nwokolo Board Report .pdf](#)

Director Agustin is recognized at 4:52 PM.

**Motion:**

Director Khehra moved to table all board reports.

Motion moved by Director Khehra. No second.

**Motion:**

Director R. Joshi amended the motion to table all reports except for her sustainability report.

Motion moved by Director R. Joshi and motion seconded by Director Khehra.  
Vote: 5-3-0, Motion Passed.

**Motion:**

Main Motion

Vote: 6-2-0, Motion Passed.

C. Controller

Controller Dhami provided an update on the committee meeting and reviewed the funding approvals. She also discussed her one-on-one meeting with Jim and shared information about the Spartan Showcase.

 [Feb 26, 2025 - Controller Board Report.docx.pdf](#)

XIII. Directors' Reports (3 minutes each)

A. Director of Academic Affairs

 [SKhehra-2 26 25-Board Report.docx.pdf](#)

B. Director of Business Affairs

 [02 20 2025 - Director of Business Affairs Board Report.docx.pdf](#)

C. Director of Co-Curricular Affairs

 [02 26 25 Board Report .docx.pdf](#)

D. Director of Communications

 [G. Agustin Board Report - 2.26.25.pdf](#)

E. Director of Intercultural Affairs

 [02 26 25 S. Sinha Board Report.docx.pdf](#)

F. Director of Internal Affairs

 [Nush Joshi board report Feb 26,2025.docx.pdf](#)

G. Director of Legislative Affairs

 [K.Gambarin Board Report - 02 26.docx.pdf](#)

H. Director of Student Resource Affairs

 [T. Brown Board Report 2.26.25.docx.pdf](#)

I. Director of Student Rights & Responsibilities

Vacant.

J. Director of Sustainability Affairs

Director R. Joshi provided an update on the meetings she attended. She also shared an update on the BayPass Survey and mentioned that Earth Day is approaching, noting her efforts in developing a resolution.

 [Director of Sustainability Affairs Board Report\(02 26 2025\).docx.pdf](#)

XIV. Ad Hoc Committees

No Ad Hoc Committees.

XV. Closed Session

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the closed session.

Motion moved by Director Khehra and motion seconded by Controller Dhami.

Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.

A. Discussion Item: Preliminary Performance Review of Executive Director Allen (Presenters: Ariana Lacson, Chima Nwokolo)

The Board will conduct a preliminary discussion on the performance of Executive Director Allen, reviewing key accomplishments, leadership effectiveness, and areas for growth. This is an opportunity for Board members to share observations, assess alignment with organizational goals, and outline next steps in the evaluation process. No final decisions will be made at this stage and only the A.S. Board of Directors will be present during this closed session.

*Note: This aligns with the Ralph M. Brown Act criteria for closed session items as this is directly tied to personnel matters.*

During Discussion in closed session the board had a preliminary performance review of ED Vicki Allen discussion experiences and observations that were had collectively and on an individual level as well.

XVI. Announcements

Director A. Joshi – Reflected on President Lacson’s remarks, expressing alignment with the sentiments shared. She emphasized the careful consideration of multiple factors in her decision-making process. While deeply valuing equity and inclusion, she also acknowledged the importance of fulfilling commitments without jeopardizing her academic and professional journey. Her approach has always been to support meaningful causes that align with her principles, and she reiterated that her commitment to equity extends beyond a single decision. She remains dedicated to finding ways to stand for justice.

Director Brown – Acknowledged February as Black History Month and gave a shoutout to all the student organizations that participated in events throughout the month. She also noted that March is International Women’s Month. Despite feeling disheartened by the resolution not passing, she encouraged board members to attend events, engage with students, and continue advocating for important causes. She emphasized the importance of showing up and making their voices heard.

XVII. Adjournment

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 PM.

Motion moved by Controller Dhami and motion seconded by Director Khehra. Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.



Chima Nwokolo  
2025-03-05 15:42 UTC

**2024-2025**  
**Associated Students**  
**Board of Directors**

**Date: 02.26.2025**  
**ROLL CALL**

NAME	Attendance
President Lacson	X
Vice President Nwokolo	X
Controller Dhami	X
Director Khehra	X
Director Ramalingam	X
Director Agustin	X
Director Swaminathan	A
Director Sinha	X
Director Gambarin	X
Director of Student Rights & Responsibility	<b>Vacant</b>
Director R. Joshi	X
Director A. Joshi	X
Director Brown	X
<b>Non-voting Members</b>	
Executive Director Vicki Allen (Kingson)	X
Mari Fuentes-Martin	X
Sam Brown - Recording Secretary	X

**Legends:**

**X** – Present

**A** – Absent

**Guests:** Janely Pulido, Kingson Leung, Abby Escobar, Jim Westbrook, Adam Hall, Alina Ta, Diana Victa, Thomas Arnold, Mayela Sanchez, Sharon Klass