

House of Representatives General Assembly Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 12, 2026 | 6:00–8:34 p.m.

Presiding: House Speaker Jayden Alonzo-Estrada | Minutes: Caleb Bishop, Chief of Staff

I. Call to Order

House Speaker Jayden Alonzo-Estrada called the Associated Student Government House of Representatives meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

The opening roll call was recorded as follows:

<i>Representative</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Excused</i>	<i>Unexcused</i>
Bragg, Jamal - Minority Students			X
Clark-Scott, Jess - At Large	X		
Garcia, Zaira - At Large	X		
Livengood, Cory - Students with Disabilities	X		
Martinez, Andre - Student Safety and Mental Health	X		
McWilliams, Nathan - Transfer and International Students			X
Meyer, Devin - Student Ideologies			X
Rogers, Triston - Student Athletes	X		
Ruehmann, James - At Large	X		
Alonzo-Estrada, Jayden - House Speaker	X		

Seven of the ten representatives were present at the opening roll call, constituting quorum. On Representative Ruehmann's motion, Representatives Bragg and McWilliams were added to the roll at 6:05 p.m. without objection. Representative Meyer remained absent and unexcused throughout the meeting.

Representative Garcia was temporarily excused from the roll for thirty minutes at 6:58 p.m. and returned at 7:17 p.m. Nine representatives were present for each final funding vote and both roll-call votes during House discussion.

III. Approval of the Agenda

Action: The October 12, 2026, agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

Action: The previous meeting's minutes were approved without objection.

V. Public Input

Following officer reports, a point of order noted that public input had been skipped. House Speaker Alonzo-Estrada opened the public input period before beginning Expenditure Bill 27-11. No public input was offered.

VI. Officer and Advisor Reports

Chief Financial Officer Guerin Smith: Smith reported that Mesa Thespian and Tech Society was not ready to present and requested postponement. He also distributed the budget sheet for the three remaining expenditure bills. The sheet reported pre-vote balances of \$28,094.30 in SCRF, \$12,124.10 in Transportation, and \$6,904.00 in RNCF.

Action: Representative Clark-Scott moved to postpone Expenditure Bill 27-10 to the next House meeting, October 19, 2026. The motion was adopted.

Senate Leader Logan Wilson: Wilson planned to resume regular House attendance and encouraged committee participation. He reported that the Senate had passed the prior week's bills with modifications and that a conference committee had met. He supported club travel and offered assistance with questions and the biennial process.

Chief of Staff Caleb Bishop: Bishop encouraged students to review biennial presentations on the ASG website, generally updated midweek alongside meeting minutes.

President Elijah Jaden Lorica: Lorica encouraged participation in Homecoming and the next day's biennial hearing. After reviewing the previous minutes and recording, he expressed concern about limited discussion of the Percussion Society bill and clubs' complaints about meeting conduct. He urged respectful conduct and responses to conference committee appointment requests. He said the recent committee had used House members other than the Speaker's appointees and would seek Student Supreme Court review of the signed bill so the committee could reconvene with the appointed members.

House Speaker Jayden Alonzo-Estrada: Alonzo-Estrada echoed concerns about respect and attentiveness. He announced that representatives must return the floor to the chair before another representative could be recognized. He cited Article IV, Section D of the Constitution, Article II, Section E of the House Standing Rules, and Robert's Rules provisions concerning recognition and the nontransferability of rights in debate.

VII. New Business

a. Expenditure Bill 27-10 — Mesa Thespian and Tech Society

The bill was postponed to October 19 during the Chief Financial Officer's report. The organization did not present, and no funding vote was taken.

b. Expenditure Bill 27-11 — Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers

Request: House Speaker Alonzo-Estrada read the bill, which requested \$5,000: \$3,000 from SCRF and \$2,000 from Transportation for thirteen students traveling to Indianapolis, Indiana, October 27–November 1, 2026.

Presentation: SHPE representatives described the national convention’s career fair, networking, graduate school, and employment opportunities, including internships and job offers obtained by CMU alumni. The club planned to contribute \$4,500 and initially charge each traveler \$100, with meals paid separately.

Questions and responses: Presenters said thirteen of fifteen recurring members chose to attend; the trip was offered to all members. Grand Junction flights were preferred after comparing Montrose and Denver costs, travel time, parking, and additional lodging. Airport parking was a contingency expense; the club hoped to arrange rides for the early flight. Presenters described a Chipotle fundraiser, MavRides participation, volunteer work at campus and community events, sponsorship requests, and a planned engineering fundraiser. Members had to participate in at least two fundraising events to travel. Two conference registrations had been awarded for volunteering. Additional sponsorship funding had not yet been received. Presenters said reduced ASG support would require further fundraising and could create a temporary shortfall.

Smith reviewed updated travel costs with the presenters. Questions about the request’s timing prompted discussion of the funding form’s transition to MavLife, the CFO’s meeting process, and presentation preparation time. Smith explained that the new form had been available on the ASG website before being added to MavLife and agreed that time-sensitive requests could be expedited.

Discussion: Wilson provided prior funding history. Representatives discussed conserving limited funds, preserving the Transportation balance for later requests, and increasing student contributions while maintaining access to the convention. Justice Glassman reminded the House to keep discussion relevant to the bill. Representative Ruehmann requested that the minutes reflect concerns about the request and hearing process and the need to review its timing.

Action: Representative Clark-Scott’s motion for fifteen minutes of cross-talk with executives was seconded and adopted; cross-talk began at 6:36 p.m. Representative Ruehmann’s motion to extend it by five minutes was adopted. His motion to exit cross-talk was seconded and adopted at 6:53 p.m.

After cross-talk, Representative Clark-Scott moved to increase student contributions by \$100 per traveler and reduce the ASG allocation to \$3,700. The chair set the motion aside for further discussion of the fund split. A nonbinding straw poll favored \$2,700 from SCRF and \$1,000 from Transportation.

Action: Representative Ruehmann moved to amend the bill to the revised figures, including the \$3,700 allocation split between \$2,700 from SCRF and \$1,000 from Transportation. The motion was seconded and adopted without objection.

Roll-call vote on Expenditure Bill 27-11, as amended:

<i>Voting Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
Representative Jamal Bragg	X		

<i>Voting Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
Representative Jess Clark-Scott	X		
Representative Zaira Garcia	X		
Representative Cory Livengood	X		
Representative Andre Martinez	X		
Representative Nathan McWilliams	X		
Representative Triston Rogers	X		
Representative James Ruehmann	X		
House Speaker Jayden Alonzo-Estrada			X

Action: Expenditure Bill 27-11, as amended, passed: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.

c. Expenditure Bill 27-12 — CMU Accounting Club

Request: House Speaker Alonzo-Estrada read the bill, which requested \$1,000: \$700 from SCRF and \$300 from Transportation for twenty-one students traveling to Denver, Colorado, October 21–23, 2026.

Presentation: Accounting Club representatives described visits to firms and government offices for career exploration, professional communication, and connections with employers and CMU alumni. Visits were scheduled one to two months ahead for twenty-one students and two faculty members. Previous participants had obtained internships or employment through these contacts.

Questions and responses: In response to questions, presenters explained that the club would pay faculty expenses and that faculty drivers were needed for the rental vehicles. Student Life was assisting with rental and insurance arrangements. Each student had paid \$75; \$25 per student was reserved for a group dinner, leaving \$1,050 in student contributions toward the listed trip expenses. Some meals would be provided by the hotel or host firms, and students would cover other meals.

The prior semester's donut fundraiser raised approximately \$1,200, and current sales were ongoing. Presenters preferred fundraising to cover a reduction because student fees had already been collected and earlier increases had caused participants to withdraw.

Action: Representative Clark-Scott's motion to enter cross-talk with executives indefinitely was seconded and adopted at 7:15 p.m. Representative Garcia returned at 7:17 p.m.

Discussion: Representatives considered the educational benefit, affordability, consistency with the SHPE decision, and preserving funds for future clubs. A nonbinding straw poll considered providing only \$300 from Transportation. Later discussion considered an \$800

allocation, consisting of \$500 from SCRF and \$300 from Transportation. The House also discussed how Senate changes and conference committees affected House funding decisions. Wilson explained that the Senate's concerns about the prior Percussion Society bill included the extent of the reduction and the limited House discussion.

Concerns about attentiveness and phone use arose during cross-talk; representatives explained that they were using calculators. Representative Martinez moved to limit discussion to the pending expenditure bill. The motion was seconded and adopted without objection.

Action: Representative Clark-Scott's motion to exit cross-talk was seconded and adopted at 7:36 p.m. Representative Martinez then moved to amend Expenditure Bill 27-12 to reflect the revised figures displayed on the screen. The motion was seconded and adopted without objection.

Roll-call vote on Expenditure Bill 27-12, as amended:

<i>Voting Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
Representative Jamal Bragg	X		
Representative Jess Clark-Scott			X
Representative Zaira Garcia			X
Representative Cory Livengood			X
Representative Andre Martinez			X
Representative Nathan McWilliams	X		
Representative Triston Rogers			X
Representative James Ruehmann		X	
House Speaker Jayden Alonzo-Estrada	X		

Action: Expenditure Bill 27-12, as amended, passed: 3 yes, 1 no, 5 abstentions.

(\$500 from SCRF and \$300 from Transportation)

Action: Representative Martinez's motion for a five-minute recess was seconded and adopted. The House reconvened at 7:43 p.m.

d. Expenditure Bill 27-14 — CNAfME

Request: House Speaker Alonzo-Estrada read the bill, which requested \$2,164: \$1,632 from SCRF and \$532 from Transportation for forty-five students attending the Colorado Music Educators Association conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado, January 27–30, 2027.

Presentation: CNAfME representatives described professional development, performances, exhibitions, networking, and recruiting prospective CMU students. Club fundraising included raffles, coin contests, bake sales, and other events, with MavRides participation planned.

Questions and responses: Smith confirmed that registration had increased from \$100 to \$105 per student and said he would update the cost schedule. Presenters explained that students would pay registration and meals, while club funds and ASG support would help cover travel and lodging. Carpooling was the least expensive option compared with rental vehicles or a bus and driver. Lodging was planned at a less expensive hotel near the Broadmoor, where the conference would take place.

Presenters said the conference would help students complete 200 required observation hours, prepare for teaching careers, and make professional contacts. CMU ensembles had previously performed by invitation, but none had been invited this year. Presenters also said performance opportunities were not a practical revenue source and off-site parking was not feasible.

Discussion: House Speaker Alonzo-Estrada commended the club's cost control and identified no comfortable reduction. Asked about Student Life coordination, presenters said similar lodging arrangements had previously been approved and current communication was pending. Clark-Scott supported the request unchanged. Wilson cited the most recent \$1,896 allocation and sought the prior participant count.

Action: Representative Ruehmann's motion for a three-minute recess was seconded and adopted at 8:01 p.m. The House reconvened at 8:04 p.m.

Wilson reported that forty-two students had attended the prior trip. Representatives noted the similar participation and restrained funding increase. Ruehmann recommended approval.

Roll-call vote on Expenditure Bill 27-14:

<i>Voting Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
Representative Jamal Bragg	X		
Representative Jess Clark-Scott	X		
Representative Zaira Garcia	X		
Representative Cory Livengood	X		
Representative Andre Martinez	X		
Representative Nathan McWilliams	X		
Representative Triston Rogers	X		
Representative James Ruehmann	X		

<i>Voting Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
House Speaker Jayden Alonzo-Estrada	X		

Action: Expenditure Bill 27-14 passed: 9 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions, allocating \$1,632 from SCRF and \$532 from Transportation.

VIII. House Discussion

a. Final Biennial Budget Decision

House Speaker Alonzo-Estrada reviewed the planned November 3 final budget decision and organizational appeals under House Resolution 27-01.

Representative Ruehmann moved to enter cross-talk without executives indefinitely. The motion was seconded. House Speaker Alonzo-Estrada objected and requested continued formal public discussion. A roll-call vote followed the objection.

Initial roll call following the objection to cross-talk without executives:

<i>Voting Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
Representative Jamal Bragg		X	
Representative Jess Clark-Scott	X		
Representative Zaira Garcia		X	
Representative Cory Livengood		X	
Representative Andre Martinez			X
Representative Nathan McWilliams	X		
Representative Triston Rogers			X
Representative James Ruehmann		X	
House Speaker Jayden Alonzo-Estrada		X	

The vote was 2 yes, 5 no, and 2 abstentions. The chair announced that cross-talk would not begin. Members sought clarification of the voting instructions, and Rogers requested another vote. Ruehmann withdrew his original motion; House Speaker Alonzo-Estrada withdrew his objection.

Representative Clark-Scott's motion to enter cross-talk with executives indefinitely was seconded. The House clarified that yes favored cross-talk and no opposed it.

Roll-call vote to enter cross-talk with executives indefinitely:

<i>Voting Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
Representative Jamal Bragg	X		
Representative Jess Clark-Scott	X		
Representative Zaira Garcia		X	
Representative Cory Livengood	X		
Representative Andre Martinez			X
Representative Nathan McWilliams	X		
Representative Triston Rogers	X		
Representative James Ruehmann	X		
House Speaker Jayden Alonzo-Estrada		X	

Action: The motion passed: 6 yes, 2 no, 1 abstention. Cross-talk with executives began at 8:13 p.m.

A straw poll identified five members present who could not attend on November 3; Representative Meyer was also reported unavailable. Members discussed moving the final decision to Monday, November 2, the effect on the regular House meeting, and the requirements governing the first week of November and organizational appeals. No change to the final decision date was adopted.

Follow-up: President Lorica said he would contact the Chief Justice on October 13 for guidance on the governing documents and report back at the next House meeting. Representative Ruehmann agreed to prepare an amending resolution and updated supporting evaluation materials. Smith suggested avoiding club presentations on the proposed Monday if permitted.

Action: Representative Rogers's motion to exit cross-talk was seconded and adopted at 8:26 p.m.

b. Conference Committee Procedure

Clark-Scott requested clarification of the recent conference committee's scheduling and membership. House Speaker Alonzo-Estrada confirmed that he had appointed Representatives Clark-Scott and Garcia, while the committee had met with Representatives Clark-Scott and Ruehmann and Senators Himes and Washington. Members reviewed the availability messages and the timing of appointment confirmation. Ruehmann said he had

replied with his availability, and the Speaker acknowledged the missed reply and delayed confirmation while maintaining his appointments.

Wilson intended to retain Senators Himes and Washington as conferees, subject to availability. Lorica confirmed signing the conference bill and would recommend a Student Supreme Court veto because the appointed House delegation had not been used. He said the decision would rest with the court. Discussion anticipated a new committee with the properly appointed members.

Follow-up: Smith recommended that appointments and scheduling remain in a single email thread that included the Speaker and all conferees. House Speaker Alonzo-Estrada supported that approach. Clark-Scott acknowledged that the Speaker had not been included in the earlier scheduling messages.

IX. Announcements

The next biennial hearing was announced for Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in UC 222. House Speaker Alonzo-Estrada encouraged representatives to remain engaged and respectful during the hearing.

X. Adjournment

House Speaker Alonzo-Estrada adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

