

House of Representatives General Assembly Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 19, 2026 | 6:00–8:35 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. in UC 222.

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		

All ten representatives were present, establishing quorum.

III. Approval of the Agenda

Action: The October 19, 2026, agenda was approved without objection.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

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

V. Public Input

No public input was offered.

VI. Officer and Advisor Reports

Senate Leader Logan Wilson: Wilson reported that the Historical Documents Committee had begun its work the previous week and would distribute reports by email. He offered to connect interested members with the chair and thanked participants in the Homecoming events.

Chief of Staff Caleb Bishop: Bishop reminded members that biennial presentations were available with the minutes on the ASG website and encouraged them to share that information.

President Elijah Jaden Lorica: Lorica thanked those who assisted with Homecoming. He reported that Conference Resolution 27-04 concerning Accounting Club provided \$650 from SCRF and \$250 from Transportation and referred members to the related email. He also reported that a judicial veto had addressed the procedural concerns involving the Percussion Society conference committee. Cabinet had met that morning and had concerns about House Resolution 27-03 to discuss when the resolution was considered.

House Speaker Jayden Alonzo-Estrada: Alonzo-Estrada reminded representatives to wear business attire and maintain professional conduct, particularly at the following day's biennial hearing. He reported that organization leaders supported public access to representatives' biennial feedback and asked Bishop to add the feedback to the ASG website. He also advised that UC 222 would need to be reset at 8:00 p.m., requiring relocation if the meeting continued.

Chief Financial Officer Guerin Smith: Following Wilson's point of order that the CFO's report had been omitted, Smith stated that he had no additional report.

VII. Unfinished Business

a. Expenditure Bill 27-08 — Chemistry Club

Request: House Speaker Alonzo-Estrada read the bill, which requested \$5,500: \$3,100 from SCRF and \$2,400 from Transportation for thirteen students attending the American Chemical Society national convention in New Orleans during spring break in March 2027.

Presentation: Chemistry Club returned with a revised \$4,420 request. Presenters reported \$8,624 in fundraising and student contributions, including \$160 per student, with food, local transportation, and personal expenses paid separately. Participants would present research, explore graduate and professional schools, and attend career and networking events. Eligibility included research experience, Student Showcase presentation practice, and participation in four to five fundraisers.

Presenters compared flying with a twenty-two-hour drive without stops. Driving would require overnight travel through the mountains after classes, create safety concerns, and reduce study time. Professor David Weinberg described the conference's value for research training, professional connections, and admission to graduate and professional schools. Presenters said at least half of the thirteen travelers were graduating that year.

Questions and responses: In response to Smith and Wilson, presenters confirmed that updated airfare and fundraising figures had reduced the request from the amount printed in the bill to \$4,420. Livengood asked about eligibility and the earlier participation of a

freshman; presenters explained that the previous invitation involved one research group, while this trip would include multiple groups. Ruehmann confirmed that participation had increased from approximately five students on the previous trip to thirteen. Wilson asked about earlier ASG support and agreed to review the historical record.

Discussion: House Speaker Alonzo-Estrada and Representatives Clark-Scott, Rogers, and Ruehmann supported the educational benefit and fundraising effort. Clark-Scott and Wilson cautioned against requiring the lengthy drive. Ruehmann favored rounding the allocation to \$4,500; a nonbinding straw poll supported that amount.

Action: Representative Rogers moved to amend the bill to the revised \$4,420 request and the fund split displayed by the CFO. The motion was seconded and adopted without objection.

Action: Representative Ruehmann moved to increase the fiscal impact to \$4,500, placing the additional \$80 in Transportation. The motion was seconded and adopted without objection.

Roll-call vote on Expenditure Bill 27-08, as amended:

<i>Representative</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 Devin Meyer	X		
Representative Triston Rogers	X		
Representative James Ruehmann	X		
House Speaker Jayden Alonzo-Estrada	X		

Action: Expenditure Bill 27-08, as amended, passed: 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions, with a fiscal impact of \$4,500.

VIII. New Business

a. House Resolution 27-03

Presentation: Representative Ruehmann read the resolution and its amended evaluation criteria and weights report, Exhibit A. The resolution amended House Resolution 27-01's biennial process, including the final budget schedule and appeals, and added a severability provision. Ruehmann explained that severability would preserve the remaining provisions if one portion were invalidated.

Action: Wording changes correcting "criterion" to "criteria," specifying subsequent House resolutions, and adding "amended" before references to the ASG Biennial Funding Rubric were seconded and adopted without objection. After the chair clarified that the rubric and Exhibit A were separate documents, Ruehmann withdrew his rubric-renaming proposal and moved to remove "amended" before the rubric references. The corrective motion was seconded and adopted without objection.

Discussion: Ruehmann explained that anticipated absences would prevent quorum on November 3. Martinez and Wilson supported selecting a definite replacement date promptly so organizations could prepare. President Lorica relayed Cabinet's concerns about changing an announced schedule, conflicts with work and clinical obligations, and adequate notice. House Speaker Alonzo-Estrada emphasized fairness to organizations and representatives. Members considered alternative dates, the regular House meeting, potential effects on Senate business, and remote participation.

Action: Representative Ruehmann's motion for fifteen minutes of cross-talk with executives was seconded and adopted; cross-talk began at 6:45 p.m. A seconded motion to extend cross-talk by five minutes was adopted at 6:57 p.m. Ruehmann's motion to exit cross-talk was seconded and adopted at 7:01 p.m.

Action: Representative Ruehmann moved to replace Exhibit A's open scheduling window with November 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. for the final budget hearing, discussion, and vote. The motion was seconded and adopted without objection.

Martinez asked whether the budget delivery and appeal deadlines should also change. Members discussed completing regular House business before the biennial deliberations and allowing organizations time to appeal.

Action: Representative Ruehmann's motion for five minutes of cross-talk with executives was seconded and adopted at 7:03 p.m. A motion to exit cross-talk was seconded and adopted at 7:07 p.m.

Action: Representative Ruehmann moved to amend Exhibit A to set final budget deliberations for November 2 at 6:30 p.m., move budget delivery from November 5 to November 2, and move the appeal deadline from November 7 to November 6. The motion was seconded and adopted without objection. Budget delivery and appeals retained their 11:59 p.m. deadlines.

Roll-call vote on House Resolution 27-03, as amended:

<i>Representative</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 Devin Meyer	X		
Representative Triston Rogers	X		
Representative James Ruehmann	X		
House Speaker Jayden Alonzo-Estrada			X

Action: House Resolution 27-03, as amended, passed: 9 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.

b. Expenditure Bill 27-10 — Mesa Thespian & Tech Society

Action: Representative Martinez's motion for a five-minute recess was seconded and adopted at 7:08 p.m. The chair announced the end of recess at 7:14 p.m. A seconded motion for three additional minutes was adopted at 7:15 p.m.; business resumed at 7:18 p.m.

Request: House Speaker Alonzo-Estrada read the bill, which requested \$5,000: \$3,000 from SCRF and \$2,000 from Transportation for ten students attending a technical theatre conference in Baltimore, Maryland, March 17–20, 2027.

Presentation: Mesa Thespian & Tech Society described technical workshops, professional headshots and résumé support, and access to graduate programs and employment opportunities. Ten participants had been selected. The club reported approximately fifty registered members and twenty regularly attending meetings and emphasized that membership was open to students outside theatre majors.

Presenters described bake sales, a haunted house, show concessions and merchandise, restaurant fundraisers, and anticipated Bravo Club support. Approximately \$2,000 was on hand, with further fundraising and sponsorships planned. Students expected to pay approximately \$150 for meals and incidentals, with a goal of keeping personal costs below \$200. Hotels within walking distance would limit local transportation costs.

Questions and responses: Clark-Scott asked about the increase from the prior \$1,500 ASG allocation and the expected student contribution. Presenters described increased and estimated costs; conference registration prices would not be available until late November. Ruehmann confirmed that the March 17–20 dates included travel. Wilson asked about memberships, registration discounts, and housing; presenters said a volunteer registration option would reduce time available for workshops and professional contacts, and students were not expected to purchase individual memberships.

Livengood asked whether the trip would exhaust club funds and limit future activities. Presenters expected further sponsorships and continued fundraising and wanted to leave resources for future officers. House Speaker Alonzo-Estrada asked about broader fundraising contacts and plans if ASG funding were reduced or denied. Representative Garcia offered to connect the club with a Delta company's merchandise fundraiser.

Smith confirmed revised expenses of \$3,800 for registration, \$2,100 for lodging, and \$5,190 for airfare, totaling \$11,090. The updated schedule proposed \$5,000 from ASG, \$4,890 from the club, and \$1,200 in scholarships or sponsorships. Students' meal and incidental expenses were outside that schedule.

Discussion: House Speaker Alonzo-Estrada commended the fundraising effort, encouraged a broader support network, and suggested considering a \$1,000 reduction. Ruehmann raised concern about the remaining Transportation balance; Smith advised considering the overall funding picture and explained that SCRF could also cover travel. Livengood emphasized the conference's professional and personal benefits while expressing concern about exhausting club resources.

Action: Representative Ruehmann moved for a five-minute recess to relocate the meeting. The motion was seconded and adopted at 7:53 p.m. The House reconvened in UC 221 at 7:58 p.m.

Martinez and Smith suggested postponing the bill to obtain firmer fundraising figures. The presenter identified November 16 as a useful return date after planned fundraisers. Rogers and Livengood cautioned against delaying too long because airfare could increase.

Action: Representative Livengood moved to postpone consideration of Expenditure Bill 27-10 until November 16, 2026. The motion was seconded and adopted without objection. No final funding vote was taken.

IX. House Discussion

a. Senate and House Discussion

Action: Representative Ruehmann's motion to enter cross-talk with executives indefinitely was seconded and adopted at 8:05 p.m. His separate motion to include senators in cross-talk was also seconded and adopted.

House Speaker Alonzo-Estrada invited the visiting senators to introduce themselves, followed by the representatives. Members discussed their constituencies and reasons for serving. Senator Ben Himes encouraged direct communication between the chambers and respect for the reasoning behind House funding decisions. Ruehmann offered to discuss votes by email

or text, and Rogers encouraged members to attend the other chamber's meetings and explain their decisions.

Members welcomed the Historical Documents Committee's funding reports and discussed additional data that would help compare requests. Senator Kelbee Ammirati invited suggestions. Wilson reported locating an omitted prior Chemistry Club request and planned to update the historical report. Smith suggested incorporating historical funding information into the budget report.

b. Governing Documents Access

House Speaker Alonzo-Estrada demonstrated access through Mavzone's My Files, the R drive, and the ASG 26–27 folder. Several representatives reported that they could not access the ASG folder. The Speaker said access would require IT assistance and committed to arranging access and resending the governing documents and Teams link.

c. Committees

Wilson reviewed the active Internal, External, and Historical Documents committees and noted that some other committees were inactive or lacked chairs. He described External's campus events and Maverick Awards work under Director of External Affairs Sophia Tassinari, Internal's governing document work under Vice President Jessalyn Gallegos, and Historical Documents' funding reports and archival work under Ammirati.

Wilson invited representatives to join the Historical Documents Committee or request its email reports. He said House committee participation was optional that semester and expected to be required the following semester. Members requested committee updates, and the Speaker pointed to email updates and Internal Committee reports.

Action: A motion to exit cross-talk was seconded and adopted at 8:34 p.m.

X. Announcements

The next biennial hearing was announced for Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in UC 222. Representative Ruehmann requested an excusal or late arrival for that hearing because of travel and hoped to arrive around 6:30 p.m. Representative Rogers reminded the House that he was already excused from that hearing.

XI. Adjournment

House Speaker Alonzo-Estrada adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.