

House of Representatives General Assembly Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 31, 2026 | 6:00-6:54 p.m.

University Center, Meeting Room 222 | Presiding: Speaker Jayden Alonzo-Estrada | Minutes: Caleb Bishop, Chief of Staff

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

<i>Representative</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Excused</i>	<i>Unexcused</i>
Alonzo-Estrada, Jayden - Speaker	X		
Clark-Scott, Jess - At Large	X		
Holt, Juli - At Large	X		
Cornelison, Izzy - Disabled Students		X	
Ruehmann, James - At Large	X		

Quorum was established with four voting members present. Representative Cornelison was excused.

III. Approval of the Agenda

The Speaker asked for objections to the agenda. No objections were raised.

Action: The agenda was approved as presented by unanimous consent.

IV. Approval of the Minutes - August 24, 2026

The Speaker asked for objections to the August 24, 2026, meeting minutes. No objections were raised.

Action: The August 24, 2026, minutes were approved as presented by unanimous consent.

V. Public Input

No public input was offered.

VI. Officer and Advisor Reports

Speaker of the House Jayden Alonzo-Estrada

- Reported that the executive team is exploring non-stipend benefits to encourage ASG participation. Possibilities included meal swipes and Arcadia points; the topic would return during House discussion.

Chief Financial Officer Guerin Smith

- Reviewed available funding: \$63,121 in the ASG operational budget, \$1,019 in the Mesa Fund, \$8,729 in the Regional and National Competition Fund, \$41,463 in the Student-Controlled Reserve Fund, and \$15,822 in the transportation budget.

- Explained that the Regional and National Competition Fund is intended for invitational competitions, the Student-Controlled Reserve Fund generally supports events, and the transportation budget supports travel costs. The CFO will propose funding splits based on the nature of each expense; representatives may move to amend those allocations.

President Elijah Lorica

- Asked representatives to review the expenditure bill with their constituents in mind.
- Reported that Press Secretary Brooklyn Lee was unable to attend and had emailed ASG members regarding website introductions and headshots.
- Announced Pop and Pups for Tuesday, September 15, and stated that Cabinet questions concerning House Resolution 27-01 would be raised during House discussion.

Chief of Staff Caleb Bishop

- Reported that meeting minutes were being prepared for easier public access on the ASG website and MavLife.
- Reminded representatives about the emailed ASG merchandise form.

Senate Leader Logan Wilson

No report was given.

VII. New Business

A. Joint Resolution 27-01 - Setting Guidelines on Clubs and Organizations Requesting Funds

***Action:** A motion to suspend the rules and read only the title of Joint Resolution 27-01 was seconded and adopted without objection.*

Senate Leader Logan Wilson explained that the resolution, modeled on a prior-year measure, establishes funding-request and presentation guidelines for clubs and organizations.

- Requests may not exceed 50% of total anticipated costs and may not include food or non-academic personal expenses. Either legislative chamber may suspend those limits by majority vote when an exception is justified.
- Requestors are advised to present for five to ten minutes and address dates, locations, lodging, equipment, total costs, contributions, sponsorships, academic value, and networking opportunities. The chair may use a straw poll when relevance is questioned.
- Funding requests must be submitted through the ASG Funding Request Form at least four weeks before the event or trip so professional staff have adequate processing time.
- The measure applies through the 2026-2027 administration, directs distribution to prospective requestors, and refers interpretation questions to the Student Supreme Court.

The floor was opened for House questions. No questions were raised.

<i>Voting Member</i>	<i>Vote</i>
Representative Jess Clark-Scott	Yes
Representative Juli Holt	Yes
Representative Izzy Cornelison	Excused
Representative James Ruehmann	Yes

<i>Voting Member</i>	<i>Vote</i>
Speaker Jayden Alonzo-Estrada	Yes

Action: Joint Resolution 27-01 passed 4-0 by roll call; Representative Cornelison was excused.

B. Expenditure Bill 27-01 - Designers at Mesa

Representative Juli Holt, the sponsor, read Expenditure Bill 27-01, requesting \$6,540 from the Student-Controlled Reserve Fund for Designers at Mesa: \$875 for five officer conference tickets and \$5,665 for four nights of lodging, including taxes and fees. The bill identified 24 students as affected.

Designers at Mesa officers proposed attending the Brand New graphic-design conference in Nashville, Tennessee, from September 16-20, 2026. The conference was scheduled for September 17-18, followed by an educational day on September 19. They cited networking, career exposure, seminars, and design-focused activities as the trip's primary benefits.

- Twenty-four students planned to attend. The requested \$6,540 would cover lodging for the full group and conference tickets for five officers, an investment of approximately \$272 per attending student.
- Students would self-fund airfare, local transportation, most conference tickets, and food. The club reported approximately \$2,300 raised during the calendar year through Day of Giving, Arttoberfest, art markets, and gallery work.
- The officers reported inheriting a negative \$3,900 club balance in January 2026, restoring the account to a positive balance, and reserving \$2,000 for a spring 2027 Denver Art Museum trip.

Action: A motion to enter cross-talk with executive officers was seconded and approved.

During cross-talk, the CFO identified that the lodging amount had been counted within the airfare figure on the supporting cost sheet. Designers at Mesa confirmed corrected figures of \$12,720 for plane tickets, \$12,720 in student contributions, and \$19,115 in total project costs. The requested ASG allocation remained \$6,540.

The request represented approximately 16% of the \$41,463 Student-Controlled Reserve Fund. Senate Leader Wilson noted that the club had generally requested about \$2,000 in prior years, including \$1,500 the previous year, and had consistently used awards for the conference. The presenters reported approximately 50 club members, with 24 participating in this trip.

Action: A motion to exit cross-talk was seconded and approved.

Action: Representative Ruehmann moved, and Representative Holt seconded, to amend the plane-ticket amount to \$12,720 and the total project cost to \$19,115. The amendment was adopted without objection.

Action: Representative Ruehmann moved, and Representative Holt seconded, to amend the student-contribution amount to \$12,720. The amendment was adopted without objection.

<i>Voting Member</i>	<i>Vote</i>
Representative Jess Clark-Scott	Yes

<i>Voting Member</i>	<i>Vote</i>
Representative Juli Holt	Yes
Representative Izzy Cornelison	Excused
Representative James Ruehmann	Yes
Speaker Jayden Alonzo-Estrada	Yes

Action: *Expenditure Bill 27-01, as amended, passed 4-0 by roll call, allocating \$6,540 to Designers at Mesa; Representative Cornelison was excused.*

VIII. House Discussion

A. Possible Representative Benefits

The Speaker opened the floor for ideas on possible representative benefits and stated that the discussion would continue throughout the semester and academic year.

Representative Ruehmann asked how meal swipes would differ from stipends because both have monetary value. President Lorica explained that the executive team was considering practical benefits, such as access to campus dining before meetings or during office hours through an ASG-controlled account or card. No stipend proposal or formal action was presented.

B. Cabinet Follow-up on House Resolution 27-01

President Lorica relayed questions raised when Cabinet reviewed the biennial rubric, presentation template, and related requirements adopted by the House on August 24.

Action: *A motion to enter cross-talk with executive officers was seconded and approved.*

- Organization-leadership compensation: Cabinet asked whether the historical \$10-per-hour baseline for required leadership office hours would continue. Members discussed which constitutionally defined positions qualify, whether increases should require justification, limited risk-based exceptions, and the effect of compensation increases on student fees. The informal direction was to retain \$10 as a defensible baseline while requiring justification for any increase and for the positions receiving compensation.
- Financial modeling: The CFO reported that each \$0.10 increase in the ASG per-credit-hour fee would generate approximately \$19,157 in biennial revenue and cost a full-time student taking twelve credits an additional \$1.20. The CFO was asked to prepare a calculator showing office hours, hourly rates, annual compensation, and organization-level totals.
- Presentation-template standardization: Cabinet reported that a majority of represented organizations, identified as 13 of 21, preferred presentations to retain the same visual format to reduce perceived bias. After discussion, the representatives present reached informal consensus to prohibit cosmetic 'glam' customization while preserving the required information and appropriate ways of displaying data. Formal supplemental language would still be required.
- Scope of the funding guidelines: Members agreed to seek a Student Supreme Court interpretation on whether Joint Resolution 27-01 applies to the biennial process, particularly its 50% funding cap and presentation-time provisions.

Representative Ruehmann offered to sponsor the organization-compensation measure once the figures and language were prepared. The Speaker offered assistance with drafting.

Action: Representative Ruehmann moved to exit cross-talk, Representative Holt seconded, and the motion was approved.

IX. Announcements

No announcements were offered.

X. Adjournment

Speaker Alonzo-Estrada adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Caleb Bishop, Chief of Staff

