

House of Representatives General Assembly Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 21, 2026 | 6:00-6:48 p.m.

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

I. Call to Order

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

<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		
Martinez, Andre - Student Safety and Mental Health	X		
Ruehmann, James - At Large	X		

All five representatives eligible to vote at the opening roll call were present, and quorum was established. The Speaker explained that representatives confirmed the previous week would be added to roll call and obtain voting privileges after taking the oath later in this meeting.

III. Approval of the Agenda

Action: Representative Andre Martinez moved to remove Expenditure Bill 27-07, concerning the Speech & Debate Club, from the agenda. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Action: A motion to add Devin Meyer's confirmation for Representative for Student Ideologies was made, seconded, and adopted. The agenda, as amended, was approved without objection.

IV. Approval of the Minutes - September 14, 2026

The Speaker asked whether there were objections to the September 14 minutes. None were raised.

Action: The September 14, 2026, minutes were approved as presented without objection.

V. Public Input

No public input was offered during the designated period.

VI. Officer and Advisor Reports

President Elijah Jaden Lorica

- Reported that Executive Order 27-02 addressed an Olive Garden dinner for ASG executives paid from the Presidential Discretionary Fund. He described his intended use of that fund for meals with executives or ASG members.

- Urged representatives to research the organizations presenting during the biennial process, ask how their student fees are spent, and prepare questions about their requests. The first presentation meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 29. He planned to email representatives his expectations and later relay concerns raised at the morning Cabinet meeting about House Resolution 27-02.

Chief Financial Officer Guerin Smith

- Advised representatives to study the budget worksheets and prepare questions in advance, noting that some requests would need careful examination. He asked members who could not access the shared budget sheet to notify him and emphasized that the funding decisions belong to the House.

Chief of Staff Caleb Bishop

- Reported that current agendas and minutes were posted on the ASG website and that records were being organized in the R drive.

Speaker of the House Jayden Alonzo-Estrada

- Encouraged members to prepare for a demanding biennial review through November. He announced that the next regular Monday House meeting would be in UC 213, while the Tuesday biennial meetings would be held in UC 222, and said he would send a reminder.

VII. Confirmation of Appointed Representatives

A. Nathan McWilliams - Representative for Transfer and International Students

Nathan McWilliams introduced himself as a CMU junior who had changed his major to wildland fire management. He described the value of student clubs during his first two years and his interest in supporting clubs through ASG.

B. Devin Meyer - Representative for Student Ideologies

Devin Meyer said he wanted students with different beliefs to feel represented without pressing a single political agenda.

House Discussion and Roll-Call Votes

The candidates were offered an opportunity for questions; none were asked, and both left the room for deliberation. The Speaker said Nathan had expressed stronger interest in representing transfer and international students during their earlier meeting but had been less persuasive in his presentation that evening. He regarded Devin as a strong candidate. Representative Martinez asked about Nathan's absence from the prior meeting; the Speaker said Nathan had been called into work. Representative Clark-Scott supported giving candidates an opportunity to perform the role, while Representative Ruehmann noted the vacancies. Representative Rogers asked what had impressed the Speaker in his earlier interview with Nathan.

Nathan McWilliams - Roll-Call Vote

<i>Voting Member</i>	<i>Vote</i>
Representative Jess Clark-Scott	Yes
Representative Juli Holt	Yes
Representative Andre Martinez	No
Representative James Ruehmann	Yes
Speaker Jayden Alonzo-Estrada	Abstain

Action: Nathan McWilliams was confirmed 3-1, with one abstention, as Representative for Transfer and International Students.

Devin Meyer - Roll-Call Vote

<i>Voting Member</i>	<i>Vote</i>
Representative Jess Clark-Scott	Yes
Representative Juli Holt	Yes
Representative Andre Martinez	Yes
Representative James Ruehmann	Yes
Speaker Jayden Alonzo-Estrada	Yes

Action: Devin Meyer was confirmed 5-0 as Representative for Student Ideologies.

VIII. Oath of Office for Newly Confirmed Representatives

Chief Justice Ady Bautista administered the oath of office to newly confirmed Devin Meyer and Nathan McWilliams and to Jamal Bragg, Zaira Garcia, and Triston Rogers, whose confirmations had been recorded at the prior meeting.

Action: A motion to add the five sworn representatives to the roll call and quorum was made and adopted. A supplemental roll call then recorded all ten members present: Representatives Jamal Bragg, Jess Clark-Scott, Zaira Garcia, Juli Holt, Andre Martinez, Nathan McWilliams, Devin Meyer, Triston Rogers, James Ruehmann, and Speaker Jayden Alonzo-Estrada.

IX. New Business

Expenditure Bill 27-07, concerning a \$4,220 request for the Speech & Debate Club, had been removed during agenda approval. The House did not hear, debate, or vote on the bill at this meeting. No other new business was taken up.

X. House Discussion

A. Biennial Budget Preparation and Sample Worksheets

The Speaker walked representatives through sample worksheets for ASG operations, the Mesa Fund, Transportation Fund, Regional and National Competition Fund (RNCF), and Student Controlled Reserve Fund (SCRF). He explained the difference between a fee charged per student credit hour and total fund revenue and why a dollar increase can represent very different percentages in small and large budgets. An error in the displayed fee figures was noticed during the walkthrough; CFO Smith said it would be corrected. The House did not approve any of the sample figures or fee changes.

Representative Rogers asked about the proposed SCRF fee change. President Lorica and CFO Smith explained that previous collections were reduced by bad-debt and administrative-service charges; the proposed presentation of the numbers was intended to clarify what the fund actually receives. The Speaker then displayed a broader comparison of student-fee-supported entities and urged representatives to examine the size and justification of requests rather than percentage changes alone.

B. Media Budgets, Reserves, and Student Fees

CFO Smith explained that the master sheet retained the older labels CMU TV and KMSA while those activities were being brought together as Mav Media; The Criterion remains a separate organization. In response to Representative Meyer and Representative Clark-Scott, he said prior KMSA allocations could be reviewed in the historical worksheets. Representative Ruehmann asked how approximately \$58,000 associated with a prior allocation would be handled and said the effect on student fees would matter to his decisions. Smith explained the distinction between a spending authorization and cash held in university accounts and said Mav Media was requesting support for expanded operations in the next biennial.

President Lorica urged representatives to examine organizations' cash balances, stipends, and proposals to use reserves. He explained that requests to spend reserves generally involve Senate authorization and gave a hypothetical example of documenting recurring stipend support in a governing document. No use of reserves was requested or approved during this discussion. The Speaker said his preliminary calculation showed that passing every request as submitted would increase student fees by approximately \$3.23 per credit hour; he stressed that the House still needed to review the requests.

C. Presentation Schedule, Evaluations, and Appeals

The Speaker said final organization budget worksheets and compensation information were due September 25, when representatives would receive updated materials. The September 29 presentation schedule included Mav Media, ASG, Outdoor Program, and CMU Bands. Each organization would have no more than ten minutes to present, followed by unrestricted representative questions and discussion. Representative Martinez asked about the meeting format. Representatives would complete a separate evaluation for each organization and submit the first four evaluations by the following Friday; digital submissions were preferred, though handwritten copies would be accepted. The rubric provides room for comments, and completed evaluations will be shared with the presenters.

The Speaker said presentations would conclude October 27, followed by a November 3 House meeting to ratify a final budget for the Senate. Organizations that disagreed with the result could request a supplemental meeting through an appeal form, with November 10 and 17 reserved for that purpose. Regular House meetings would continue on Mondays alongside the Tuesday biennial meetings.

D. Cabinet Questions About House Resolution 27-02

President Lorica relayed questions raised that morning by Cabinet members about the resolution's treatment of compensation, especially work done outside office hours and how organizational governing documents would describe it. Representative Ruehmann asked for the main concern, and Representative Rogers asked the Speaker to restate the baseline. The Speaker explained that the resolution counts office and duty hours together as compensated hours and presumes up to \$10 per hour for no more than ten compensated hours per week reasonable if its other requirements are met. Requests above either threshold require justification; the resolution does not set a pay cap. Representatives were encouraged to question organizations about the duties, hours, and effect of proposed stipends on their budgets.

XI. Announcements

The next regular House meeting was announced for Monday, September 28 in UC 213. Tuesday biennial meetings would take place in UC 222 at 6:00 p.m. ASG officers invited representatives to contact them with budget and process questions.

XII. Adjournment

Speaker Alonzo-Estrada adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Caleb Bishop, Chief of Staff

