

House of Representatives General Assembly Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 28, 2026 | 6:00-7:22 p.m.

University Center, Meeting Room 213 | 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>
Bragg, Jamal - Minority Students	X		
Clark-Scott, Jess - At Large	X		
Garcia, Zaira - At Large	X		
Holt, Juli - At Large		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 - Speaker	X		

Eight of the ten seated representatives were present at the opening roll call. Representatives Juli Holt and Nathan McWilliams were absent, and quorum was established.

III. Approval of the Agenda

The Speaker asked whether there were objections to the September 28 agenda. None were raised.

Action: The September 28, 2026, agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. Approval of the Minutes - September 21, 2026

The Speaker asked whether there were objections to the September 21 minutes. None were raised.

Action: The September 21, 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

- Announced that the first biennial hearing would begin the following evening and said representatives had received his expectations and an email from Dr. Roberto Montoya emphasizing the importance of the process.
- Reported that the conference committee on Expenditure Bill 27-04 had reconciled the House's \$2,000 Mock Trial allocation with the Senate's \$1,825 version. The committee agreed to allocate \$1,825 from the Regional and National Competition Fund (RNCF).
- Distributed Wave cards allowing representatives to receive a complimentary medium drink from 5:00-6:00 p.m. before biennial meetings, reminded members to maintain professional attire, and requested executive-team help at the October 1 Meet ASG Grill Night and the October 3 breast-cancer-awareness tailgate.

Chief Financial Officer Guerin Smith

- Explained ASG's customary goal of using approximately 40 percent of available funding in the fall and 40 percent in the spring. About \$13,000 remained within the fall target, while requests expected during the next two weeks totaled approximately \$20,000. He emphasized that the split was a planning practice rather than a mandatory rule.
- Reported that adopting every biennial request as submitted would increase annual allocations by approximately \$721,000, an amount comparable to funding about nine additional organizations at the current average. He urged representatives to evaluate whether each request was sufficiently justified and valuable relative to its cost.

Chief of Staff Caleb Bishop

- No report was given.

Speaker of the House Jayden Alonzo-Estrada

- Reported that compensation descriptions for organization positions had been due the previous Friday, but most organizations had not submitted them. He was following up and preparing a detailed spreadsheet showing each organization, its paid positions, requested compensation, and justification for distribution to the House by the end of the day.

VII. Confirmation of Appointed Representative

Cory Livengood - Representative for Disabled Students

Cory Livengood introduced himself as a sophomore business management major, a disabled veteran, and a person with military, protective-services, emergency-medicine, and wildland-fire experience. He described a longstanding commitment to public service and said his own experience navigating education and society as a disabled veteran motivated him to help disabled students be seen, heard, and represented.

No questions were asked of the candidate. During deliberation, Representative Martinez supported the appointment because of Livengood's experience, and Representative Garcia agreed that he brought substantial background and knowledge. Representative Rogers asked about the Speaker's prior interview; the Speaker described Livengood as experienced, responsible, and a good fit for the seat.

Cory Livengood - Roll-Call Vote

<i>Voting Member</i>	<i>Vote</i>
Representative Jamal Bragg	Yes
Representative Jess Clark-Scott	Yes
Representative Zaira Garcia	Yes
Representative Andre Martinez	Yes
Representative Devin Meyer	Yes
Representative Triston Rogers	Yes
Representative James Ruehmann	Yes
Speaker Jayden Alonzo-Estrada	Yes

Action: Cory Livengood was confirmed 8-0 as Representative for Disabled Students.

VIII. Oath of Office for Newly Confirmed Representative

Chief Justice Ady Bautista administered the oath of office to newly confirmed Representative Cory Livengood.

Action: Representative Andre Martinez moved to add Representative Livengood to the roll call and quorum. The motion was seconded and adopted without objection, increasing the voting membership present to nine.

IX. New Business

Expenditure Bill 27-05 - Radiology Club

A. Filed Request and Club Presentation

Representative Andre Martinez read the filed bill, which requested \$2,000 from the Student Controlled Reserve Fund (SCRF) for 19 Radiology Club students to attend the February 3-5, 2027, Association of Collegiate Educators in Radiologic Technology conference in Las Vegas. The filed breakdown listed \$5,877.50 in total costs for registration, hotel rooms and fees, Real Bodies exhibit tickets, and shirts.

Club presenters described a three-day educational conference featuring professional lectures, registry preparation, networking, career opportunities, and a Student Bowl competition. They reported a 98-percent examination pass rate and 100-percent program completion and job placement for the CMU program. Ten registrations would be waived in exchange for student volunteer work, leaving nine registrations at \$175 each.

The presenters said updated information placed anticipated conference expenses at approximately \$6,539. They planned to transport students in seven student-owned vehicles, place approximately four people in each hotel room, and reimburse drivers when possible. Students would contribute about \$200 each toward meals and personal expenses and would pay for the Real Bodies exhibit themselves. The club's balance was approximately \$4,500, but

members wanted to avoid exhausting the account and leaving the following class without registration funds.

Fundraising included approximately \$1,350 from the Desert Rats trail race, Candle Kitchen sales, Wave drink-card sales producing \$12 per card, approximately \$200 from Beer Fest, a \$500 Community Hospital contribution tied to shirt sponsorship, and about \$100 through MavFunder. Presenters hoped to raise roughly \$5,000 in total and said the \$2,000 ASG request would primarily support registration and lodging.

B. Questions to Presenters

Representatives asked about the invitation, the difference between the filed and presentation totals, the ten waived registrations, the club's remaining balance, continuing-education credit, career and scholarship opportunities, and plans to replace lost Country Jam fundraising. The presenters explained that CMU's program is expected to attend because of its reputation and its program director's prior leadership in the association, but the current year's written invitation had not yet arrived. They said the higher estimate would be covered through fundraising rather than a larger ASG request and that networking at previous conferences had led students to employment opportunities, including placements at Mayo Clinic.

CFO Smith confirmed that ASRT membership was not required to attend and that students would personally cover the Real Bodies exhibit. He estimated the club's fundraising at approximately \$5,000 after reviewing the amounts provided. No further presenter questions were raised.

C. Cross-Talk and Funding-Source Discussion

***Action:** Representative James Ruehmann moved to enter cross-talk indefinitely with executive officers. The motion was seconded and adopted, and cross-talk began at 6:37 p.m.*

Members discussed whether the bill should use SCRF or RNCF. RNCF appeared attractive because the conference included a competition and the club had attended by invitation in prior years. However, the House's rules were described as requiring an exclusive invitation tied to qualifying competitive participation. The presenters had not yet received the current year's invitation, expected it around November, and characterized the recurring invitation as a professional courtesy rather than a condition of attendance. Executive officers cautioned that the request might not satisfy the RNCF requirements and could be returned after judicial review.

During cross-talk, CFO Smith circulated a revised bill showing total costs of approximately \$7,118 after transportation and other updates were added. That version kept the \$2,000 fiscal impact but divided the request between \$1,560 from SCRF and \$440 from the Transportation Fund. Members also discussed postponing the bill until the invitation arrived, but several preferred to complete the House's review and address any later procedural objection without requiring another full presentation.

***Action:** A motion to exit cross-talk was made, seconded, and adopted. Cross-talk ended at 6:48 p.m.*

D. Amendments, Recess, and Final Action

***Action:** Representative Ruehmann moved to reduce the fiscal impact to \$1,800, consisting of \$1,360 from SCRF and \$440 from the Transportation Fund. The motion was seconded and adopted without objection.*

The proposed reduction prompted further discussion over whether students were already paying for the shirts and which expenses ASG funds would actually support. Representative

Martinez noted that the funding definitions appeared in the House Standing Rules rather than the Constitution. The House agreed to wait for judicial guidance before taking final action.

Action: A motion to recess for ten minutes was adopted. The House recessed at 6:59 p.m. and reconvened at 7:06 p.m.

After the recess, President Lorica reported that Chief Justice Ady Bautista and two other justices had reviewed the procedural question. If the House amended the bill to use RNCF and the justices later found that funding source impermissible, the bill would return to the House for correction and the legislative process would restart.

In a nonbinding straw poll, all nine voting members present favored a \$2,000 RNCF version over the \$1,800 SCRF and Transportation Fund version. President Lorica cautioned that, based on the information available, he did not expect the RNCF version to survive judicial review.

Action: Representative Ruehmann withdrew his earlier \$1,800 amendment. The withdrawal was seconded and accepted, restoring the bill's fiscal impact to \$2,000.

A motion to suspend the House Standing Rules was raised and seconded. Members questioned whether the Standing Rules authorized their own suspension; no vote was taken on that motion.

Action: Representative Ruehmann moved to amend Expenditure Bill 27-05 so the \$2,000 allocation would come from RNCF. The motion was seconded and adopted without objection.

Expenditure Bill 27-05 - Final Roll-Call Vote

<i>Voting Member</i>	<i>Vote</i>
Representative Jamal Bragg	Yes
Representative Jess Clark-Scott	Yes
Representative Zaira Garcia	Yes
Representative Cory Livengood	Yes
Representative Andre Martinez	Yes
Representative Devin Meyer	Yes
Representative Triston Rogers	Yes
Representative James Ruehmann	Yes
Speaker Jayden Alonzo-Estrada	No

Action: Expenditure Bill 27-05 passed 8-1 by roll call, as amended, allocating \$2,000 from RNCF to the Radiology Club.

X. House Discussion

A. Biennial Materials and Evaluation Process

The Speaker reported that Mav Media, the Outdoor Program, and CMU Bands had not submitted the requested compensation information by the deadline, while ASG had submitted its information. He said the requirements and possible consequences had been communicated repeatedly through draft meetings, House Resolution 27-02, and follow-up emails. CFO Smith noted that CMU Bands compensates some positions through director-determined scholarships and said he had spoken with the director about how to report those positions.

Representative Clark-Scott asked whether assigning an organization zero points for missing materials would end its opportunity for consideration. The Speaker explained that the House would vote on final budget amounts November 3 and could evaluate each organization's preparation and presentation using the available evidence. CFO Smith reviewed the appeal process: organizations could submit appeals by the Friday following the November 3 vote, with supplemental meetings available November 10 and 17.

Representative Garcia asked about organizations without stipended positions; the Speaker said the compensation-document requirement did not apply where no stipends existed.

Representative Rogers asked why Mav Media did not appear under that name in the worksheet, and members noted that some records still used the earlier CMU TV label.

B. Possible RNCF Rule Review

Representative Ruehmann suggested that the Internal Committee consider a provision addressing organizations that receive recurring or customary invitations, especially when the written invitation arrives late in the budget cycle. The Speaker invited him to bring the proposal to the committee.

President Lorica explained that RNCF's narrower requirements preserve more substantial funding for organizations that qualify and cautioned that a broader standard could redirect many educational-travel requests from SCRF to RNCF. CFO Smith described RNCF as serving activities in which student performance represents CMU through competition, distinguishing that purpose from general conference travel. No rule amendment was proposed or adopted during this meeting.

XI. Announcements

The first biennial hearing was announced for Tuesday, September 29, at 6:00 p.m. in UC 213. The Speaker said representatives would receive the agenda and biennial spreadsheet that evening.

XII. Adjournment

Speaker Alonzo-Estrada adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Caleb Bishop, Chief of Staff