



# 11/13/2024 A.S. Board of Directors Meeting

## Agenda Minutes

Associated Students San Jose State University  
11/13/2024 3:00 PMPST

@ Student Union Meeting Room 1A: <https://sjsu.zoom.us/j/85916216835>

### I. Call to Order

Chair Nwokolo called the meeting to order at 3:07 PM.

### II. Land Acknowledgement

Chair Nwokolo reads the land acknowledgement.

 [Land Acknowledgement.pdf](#)

### III. Roll Call

The recording secretary completes roll call.  
*Quorum met.*

### IV. Approval of the Agenda

#### **Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion moved by Director Agustin and motion seconded by Director R. Joshi.

#### **Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to table Item 12 to the December 11th Board Meeting.

Motion moved by Controller Sadawarti and motion seconded by Director Dhami. Vote: 12-0-0, amendment passes.

#### **Motion:**

Director Plazola recommended a motion to extend the time limit for Action Item 2 from 20 minutes to 30 minutes.

Motion moved by Director Plazola and motion seconded by Director A. Joshi. . Vote: 12-0-0, amendment passes.

#### **Motion:**

Vote: 12-0-0, amendment passes.

V. Approval of the Minutes

 [10.23.2024 A.S. Board of Directors Meeting Agenda Minutes.pdf](#)

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by Director A. Joshi. Vote: 12-0-0. Motion passes.

VI. Public Forum

Public Forum is intended as an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Associated Students Board of Directors regarding any issues affecting SJSU students. Speakers are allowed 3 minutes each to speak. Please sign in on the clip board if in person or if you are online sign in using chat for minute recording purpose

Executive Director Allen introduced Beverly Corriere to the board and gave her the floor. Beverly introduced herself, discussed her campus involvement, and announced that she will be serving as the Manager of A.S. Human Resources.

Glerys Gonzalez introduced herself as the new CEO of the Student Election Committee and expressed her excitement for the role.

VII. Executive Director's Informational Report (4 minutes)

 [EDs Reports 11.13.2024.docx.pdf](#)

Executive Director Allen discussed diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts on campus. She provided updates on what she has learned from each A.S. department. She also reported on her meeting with the Chancellor's Office, alongside Jim, where they discussed cost allocations.

VIII. University Administration's Informational Report (3 minutes)

No report.

IX. Student Union's Informational Report (3 minutes)

No report.

X. Action Items

A. Old Business

B. New Business

1. Action Item: Vote to Cancel the 11/27/2024 A.S. Board of Directors Meeting (Presenters: Chima Nwokolo)

This BOD meeting occurs during the week of the Thanksgiving break. The Student Union will have limited hours. Historically, this meeting has been cancelled or postponed due to board members and/or staff being away from campus due to the holiday.

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by President Lacson.

Discussion: Chair Nwokolo mentioned that this board meeting coincides with Thanksgiving Break and noted that attendance would likely be low if the meeting were to proceed.

**Motion:**

Vote: 12-0-0. Motion passes.

2. Action Item: Vote to Approve the 2024-2025 Election Regulations Manual (20 Minutes Maximum) (Presenters: Leo Plazola)

Director Plazola will conduct the second reading of the Election Regulations Manual, and the Board will discuss approving the ERM for use in the 2025 A.S. Elections. The proposed changes will be read for 7 minutes, and the discussion and voting will take 13 minutes.

 [ERM24-25 \[CLEAN COPY\].pdf](#)

 [ERM 24-25 FINAL DRAFT Marked.pdf](#)

 [\[DRAFT\] ERM 24-25 - From the 1st Reading October 23rd..pdf](#)

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Plazola and motion seconded by Director Brown.

Discussion: Director Plazola reviewed the 2024-2025 Election Regulations Manual and explained the changes that had been made.

President Lacson inquired about the reasoning behind the board endorsing candidates and requested further clarification on allowing

other candidates or board members to appear on campaign materials. He also asked about candidates being allowed to use the SJSU logo to distinguish their campaigns from those of other campuses.

Director Agustin and Executive Director Allen discussed the challenges associated with the use of the SJSU logo.

Director Plazola addressed the liabilities involved with non-running board members participating in the election process.

President Lacson emphasized the importance of accountability.

**Motion:**

Director Brown recommended a motion to strike Article 4, Section C, Subsection 4.

Motion moved by Director Brown and motion seconded by Director Agustin. Vote: 12-0-0. Motion passes.

**Motion:**

Director Brown recommended a motion to amend Article 5, Section 2, Part B, to reinstate the elections timeline from 48 hours up to one week.

Motion moved by Director Brown and motion seconded by Director Swaminathan. Vote: 12-0-0. Motion passes.

**Motion:**

Director Gambarin proposed an amendment to change the definition of 'slates' from 3 to 2.

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by Director Agustin. Vote: 12-0-0. Motion passes.

**Motion:**

Director Khehra recommended a motion to strike the language that would allow the SEC to recommend office removal for current Board Members, in Article 6, Section 1.

Motion moved by Director Khehra and motion seconded by Director A. Joshi. Vote: 2-9-1. Motion fails.

**Motion:**

Main motion to approve the Elections Regulation Manual.

Vote: 12-0-0. Motion passess.

3. Action Item: Vote to Support Stevens Creek Coalition Letter (Time Certain: 3:45pm) (Presenters: Katelyn Gambarin, Rishika Joshi, Guests: Harry Neil)

Stevens Creek Blvd is one of Santa Clara County's most important corridors for travel. However, proposed measures for the vision of this travel corridor would not ensure safe passage with all modes of transportation.

 [Stevens Creek Vision Coalition Letter.pdf](#)

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by Director R. Joshi.

Discussion: Director R. Joshi introduced Harry Neil to the board and gave him the floor. Harry Neil, a member of the VTA committee, introduced himself and shared his role in leading a mobilization project. He discussed the plan to implement a bus-only lane on Stevens Creek Blvd, explaining the bus ride experience and the project's vision.

President Lacson inquired about the fiscal impact, and Harry provided a response.

Director Khehra asked about how the plan would affect the timeline for regular and rapid buses. Harry discussed the traffic issues involved.

Director Swaminathan asked whether the plan involved adding a new lane or changing existing lanes. Harry explained that the proposal is to convert existing lanes.

Director Plazola raised concerns about the implementation due to its potential impact on commuters who drive. Harry responded by discussing efforts to make bus commuting a more realistic option for students.

**Motion:**

Vote: 12-0-0. Motion passess.

4. Action Item: Vote to Remove Leonardo Plazola from the Internal Affairs Committee for Spring 2025 Semester (Presenters: Leo Plazola)

There is a class conflict for AE 266 (Hypersonics) that will interfere with Board meetings and Internal Affairs committee. This class is required in order to graduate by the end of the semester and there is no other workaround. The IA committee will have to appoint a new Vice Chair and Director-at-Large for the Spring semester.

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Plazola and motion seconded by President Lacson.

Discussion: Director Plazola mentioned that he will need to drop the Internal Affairs Committee next semester due to a scheduling conflict with a class.

**Motion:**

Vote: 11-0-1. Motion passes.

5. Action Item: Vote to Appoint a Director-at-Large to the Internal Affairs Committee for the Spring 2025 Semester (Presenters: Leo Plazola)

The Board of Directors will appoint a director-at-large to the Internal Affairs Committee in the absence of Director Plazola in the following semester.

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by Director Brown.

Discussion: Since Director Plazola has been removed from the Internal Affairs Committee, he recommended that available board members self-nominate. Director Khehra mentioned that he will be missing his Wednesday classes, which overlap with BOD meetings. Controller Sadawarti self-nominated himself.

**Motion:**

Director Plazola recommends to table the action item.

Motion moved by Director Plazola and motion seconded by Director Swaminathan. Vote: 12-0-0. Motion passes.

6. Action Item: Vote to Remove Katelyn Gambarin from the Faculty Diversity Committee for the Spring 2025 Semester (Presenters: Katelyn Gambarin)

I will be unable to continue to fulfill this responsibility as it would conflict with my Senior Seminar (POLS 190), which is scheduled from 9:30-12:15 on Fridays. Additionally, I was temporarily filling this role for Dir. Sinha, who was unable to serve on this committee the past semester. Director Sinha will be resuming her seat in this committee for the Spring 2025 semester.

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by Director Plazola.

Discussion: Director Gambarin shares that her seminar class will overlap the Faculty Diversity Committee. Director Gambarin took up this seat this semester and the responsibility of the seat will go back to Director Sinha.

**Motion:**

Vote: 12-0-0. Motion passes.

7. Action Item: Vote to Appoint President Lacson to the Exceptional Assigned Time Committee (EATC) (Presenters: Ariana Lacson)

This committee is charged with reviewing 40-50 applications and ranking proposals on what Assigned Time for Exceptional Levels of Service cases should be prioritized for funding from the University. It requires one student appointment from Associated Students to be made in terms of membership. The committee will only be convening for a 2-hour meeting sometime in December to discuss rankings after reviews are completed.

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by President Lacson and motion seconded by Director Agustin.

Discussion: President Lacson provided an overview of the Exceptional Assigned Time Committee's purpose and responsibilities. She announced her decision to appoint herself as a member of this committee.

**Motion:**

Vote: 11-0-1. Motion passes.

8. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Director Plazola to the Academic Freedom Committee of the Academic Senate (Presenters: Leo Plazola)

The Academic Senate of SJSU has appointed Director Plazola to the Academic Freedom Committee and A.S. will vote to approve the appointment.

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Plazola and motion seconded by Director Gambarin.

Discussion: Director Plazola explained that he was previously appointed by the Senate to serve on the committee and requested formal approval from the Board. He provided an overview of the committee's role and outlined his expected responsibilities.

Point of Personal Privilege granted to Director Khehra at 4:28 PM.

**Motion:**

Vote: 11-0-0. Motion passes.

9. Action Item: Vote to Approve Letter of Support for the BASIC Act (Presenters: Katelyn Gambarin)

Final Reading of the Letter of Support for the BASIC Act.

 [AS SJSU Letter of Support of the BASIC Act \(2\).pdf](#)

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by Director R. Joshi.

Discussion: Director Gambarin conducted the final reading of the Letter of Support for the BASIC Act, noting that the main change was the addition of statistics on the homeless population.

Director Khehra was re-recognized at 4:33pm

Director R. Joshi was excused at 4:35 pm.

Director Agustin proposed a friendly amendment to replace "with" with "are."

**Motion:**

Director Gambarin proposed an amendment to include "Norma Torres and Alex Padilla" as sponsors.

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by Director Agustin. Vote: 11-0-0. Motion passes.

**Motion:**

Main motion.



Vote: 11-0-0. Motion passes.

10. Discussion Item: First Reading of Resolution in support of SB 995  
(Presenters: Sehtej Khehra, Katelyn Gambarin)

Director Khehra and Director Gambarin will do the first reading of the resolution in support of SB 995 and will take the the board's feedback for improvement.

 [AS SJSU RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SB 995.pdf](#)

Discussion: Director Khehra provided an overview of SB 995 and presented the first reading of the resolution in support of it.

Point of Personal Privilege granted to Director Sinha at 4:46 PM. Re-recognized at 4:50 PM.

President Lacson expressed appreciation to Director Khehra and Director Gambarin for their work on the resolution and recommended removing Omar Torres from the list.

Director Plazola shared feedback from the Academic Senate Committees.

11. Information Item: Associated Students - Transportation Solutions  
Department Presentation (Time Certain - 4:30pm) - 5 minutes  
(Presenters: Adam Hall )

Executive Director Allen, in collaboration with the AS Leadership Team, is dedicated to ensuring the Board of Directors gains a thorough understanding of the various AS Departments. To support this effort, one or two AS Departments will deliver time-certain presentations during each Board meeting this fall semester, offering detailed insights into their respective areas of focus. Each presentation will be limited to 5 minutes, ensuring the sessions are concise yet informative.

 [BoD-TS-Department-Presentation.pptx.pdf](#)

Discussion: The floor was given to Adam Hall, interim supervisor at A.S. Transportation Solutions, who introduced himself and presented the Transportation Solutions Department Presentation.

12. Information Item: Introduce CGR to Associated Students (Time Certain: 4:00pm) - 5 minutes (Presenters: Chima Nwokolo, Guests: Nina Chuang)

Assistant Director of Community and Government Relations and former AS President Nina Chuang will be introducing the role of Community & Government Relations to the Board.

Item Tabled.

**Motion:**

Director Plazola recommended a motion to reduce the length of all executive and director reports by half.

Motion moved by Director Plazola and motion seconded by Director Dhami. Vote: 11-0-0. Motion passes.

XI. Executive Officer Reports (4 minutes each)

A. President

 [A.Lacson Board Report-11.13.24.docx \(1\).pdf](#)

President Lacson shared that she has been meeting with VPSA Mari Fuentes-Martin and provided updates on recently passed and failed legislation. She attended the GI 2025 Summit, where she discussed equity gaps in graduation rates. She encouraged the Board to read her report for further updates.

B. Vice President

 [11-13-24 Vice President C. Nwokolo Board Report .pdf](#)

Vice President Nwokolo discussed the accountability system and provided suggestions for its improvement. He also mentioned upcoming committee meetings and scheduled one-on-one meetings with board directors.

C. Controller

 [24-25 Controller's Board Report.docx \(1\).pdf](#)

Controller Sidawarti provided an update on the funding allocations, with a total of \$57.7K funded so far. He also discussed the departments that have presented funding requests to him.

XII. Directors' Reports (3 minutes each)

A. Director of Academic Affairs

 [SKhehra-11\\_13\\_24-Board Report.docx.pdf](#)

Director Khehra provided an update on the work of the Academic Affairs Committee and thanked Director Agustin for the Instagram post. He also shared that the De-stress Tabling Event was a success and discussed the Academic Senate Committee meetings he attended.

B. Director of Business Affairs

 [Nov 13, 2024 - Director of Business Affairs Board Report.docx.pdf](#)

Director Dhami provided an update on the progress of her Operations Committee and shared what they have been working on.

C. Director of Co-Curricular Affairs

 [11 13 24 Board Report .docx.pdf](#)

Director Swaminathan shared that today's Programming Board's "Boba with the Board" event was a success. She also discussed the collaboration with the Academic Affairs Committee for the AI Summit in the Spring.

D. Director of Communications

 [G. Agustin Board Report - 11.13.24.pdf](#)

Director Agustin mentioned a couple of upcoming Instagram posts and provided an update on the A.S. website.

E. Director of Intercultural Affairs

 [11 13 24 S. Sinha Board Report.docx.pdf](#)

Director Sinha provided an update on the committee meeting she had earlier today, prior to the board meeting. She shared what she has been working on and reiterated the events for Native American Indigenous Month.

F. Director of Internal Affairs

 [Director of internal affairs Nov 13 board report \(1\).pdf](#)

Director A. Joshi provided an update on her work with the Internal Affairs Committee and shared key points discussed at the Academic Senate Committee meetings.

G. Director of Legislative Affairs

 [K.Gambarin Board Report - 11 13.docx.pdf](#)

Director Gambarin provided an update on the letters and resolutions she has been working on. She also shared how the Town Hall went and discussed upcoming events.

H. Director of Student Resource Affairs

 [T. Brown Board Report 11.13.24.docx.pdf](#)

Director Brown provided an update on the work of her Campus Life Affairs Committee, including work with the Student Homeless Alliance, Spartan Squad, and Resource Map. She also mentioned meeting with her Co-Leads to review board goals.

I. Director of Student Rights & Responsibilities

 [Director SRR 11.13 Board Report.pdf](#)

Director Plazola provided updates on TPM and the AI Summit. He shared feedback he received from departments regarding AI usage. He also discussed his collaboration with President Lacson on a resolution and mentioned that he will focus more on external matters, as he will no longer be involved in Internal Affairs.

J. Director of Sustainability Affairs

 [Director of Sustainability Affairs Board Report\(11 13 2024\).docx.pdf](#)

No report.

XIII. Ad Hoc Committees

No Ad Hoc Committees.

XIV. Closed Sessions

No Closed Session.

XV. Announcements

Controller Sadawarti discussed upcoming events.

Executive Director Allen mentioned the opportunity meeting on 11/19.

In-Service is this Friday, and work from directors is expected to be completed.

President Lacson emphasized the importance of meeting with teams to review board goals.

She also announced that the next Town Hall will be held next Tuesday.

President Lacson reminded the Board of the Native American & Indigenous Month events.

Director Agustin reminded everyone about the "Boba with the Board" event next week.

XVI. Adjournment

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 PM.

Motion moved by Director Plazola and motion seconded by Director Gambarin. Vote: 11-0-0, meeting adjourned.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Chima Nwokolo', written in a cursive style.

Chima Nwokolo  
2024-12-02 20:45 UTC

**2024-2025**  
**Associated Students**  
**Board of Directors**

**Date: 11.13.2024**  
**ROLL CALL**

| NAME                               | Attendance |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| President Lacson                   | X          |
| Vice President Nwokolo             | X          |
| Controller Sadawarti               | X          |
| Director Khehra                    | X          |
| Director Dhami                     | X          |
| Director Agustin                   | X          |
| Director Swaminathan               | X          |
| Director Sinha                     | X          |
| Director Gambarin                  | X          |
| Director Plazola                   | X          |
| Director R. Joshi                  | X          |
| Director A. Joshi                  | X          |
| Director Brown                     | X          |
|                                    |            |
| <b>Non-voting Members</b>          |            |
| Executive Director Vicki Allen     | X          |
| Mari Fuentes-Martin                | A          |
|                                    |            |
| Sam Brown - Recording Secretary    |            |
| Abby Escobar - Recording Secretary |            |
|                                    |            |
| <b>Guests</b>                      |            |
| Janely Pulido                      |            |
| Kingson Leung                      |            |
| Beverly Corriere                   |            |
| Anai Avalos                        |            |
| Glerys Gonzalez                    |            |
| Diana Victa                        |            |
| Edilbert Signey                    |            |
| Dane Paul Andres                   |            |
| Estevan Guzman                     |            |
| Harry Neil                         |            |

**Legends:**

**X – Present**

**A – Absent**