



ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 | 3-5:30PM

Location: SU Meeting Room 1A

Zoom Link (Optional): <https://sjsu.zoom.us/j/85916216835>

MINUTES

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Lacson calls the meeting to order at 3:02 PM.

**II. Land Acknowledgement**

Chair Lacson reads the land acknowledgement.

**III. Roll Call**

The recording secretary completes roll call.

*Quorum met.*

**IV. Approval of the Agenda**

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to approve the agenda.*

M) Director Guzman

S) Director Gambarin

Vote: 9-0-0

*Agenda approved.*

**V. Approval of the Minutes**

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to approve the minutes from the April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Board Meeting*

M) Director Guzman

S) Director Gambarin

Vote: 9-0-0

*Minutes approved.*

**VI. Public Forum**

Student Aiden speaks in favor of the Boycott resolution and highlights a specific portion of the resolution that they believe is especially important to support.





Student Nikki speaks in support of the Boycott resolution and speaks about her own Jewish heritage and how that still allows her to speak against genocide and support the freedom of oppressed people.

Student Ethan speaks in support of the Boycott resolution and states that boycotting these companies is not connected to antisemitism.

Student Sophia speaks about not wanting their tuition and money going towards the suffering of people around the world.

Student Lara speaks in support of the Boycott resolution and urges the Board to vote to approve it to support and represent the student body and divest from genocide.

*Director Tikawala is recognized at 3:14PM.*

*Controller Varshney is recognized at 3:14PM.*

*Director Oishi is recognized at 3:14PM.*

Student Nicole feels that the University has not been supportive of students trying to speak out during this time and asks the board to support the resolution.

Student Gael says that the land acknowledgement is performative if it does not apply to other colonized people and lands such as Palestine, and supports the boycott resolution. They speak about the connection between oppressed people all around the world.

Student Cole supports the Boycott resolution and speaks about the similarities in the struggles of oppressed people globally.

Student Tarentz speaks in anticipation of a unanimous vote, but asks for support of the Board and awareness of ongoing global struggles as they continue their leadership and careers.

Student Alyce speaks regarding the values that the University holds in high regard, especially with social justice monuments throughout campus, and asks that the University be held accountable to follow through on those values.

Student Fatima supports the Boycott resolution and asks for support in striving for an equal and just world.

*Chair Lacson closes the speakers' list.*

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

Executive Director Allen shares awards received by the Print Shop at a recent event, as well as the upcoming Teachers' Appreciation Week, and a CDC celebration for students





completing their time there. She thanks members of the public for attending and addressing the board today.

*Controller Varshney returns to the meeting at 3:35PM.*

**VIII. University Administration’s Informational Report (3 minutes)**

Dr. Daniels shares the success of Admitted Spartan’s Day, the launching of a new giving portal for families, the Leadership Gala happening soon, a National Foster Care event on May 7<sup>th</sup>, and ongoing events for Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

**IX. Student Union Informational Report (3 minutes)**

Executive Director Allen shares about the postponement of the Plushie Event, the Moana Movie Screening on April 28<sup>th</sup> and a Sensory event on April 29<sup>th</sup>. They are also working on filling vacant positions to prep for the next school year.

**X. Chief Elections Officer Informational Report (3 minutes)**

CEO Plazola shares his final report from the SEC. He shares that preliminary results are posted on the website and encourages the Board to support a more diverse, inclusive, and transparent elections process and Board of Directors.

**XI. Action Items**

**A. Old Business**

**B. New Business**

1. Action Item: Vote to Approve A.S. Resolution in Support of Boycott from Companies that have been Involved in the Human Rights Violations of Palestine  
(Director Shah)

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to open Action Item*

M) Director Guzman

S) Director Gambarin

Discussion: Director Shah shares a statement regarding the resolution and the attention and criticism it has received, as well as why it is important to pass such a resolution at this time. Director Shah conducts a final reading of the resolution.

*Director Shah moves to amend the resolution to add a statement to the 9<sup>th</sup> Whereas statement which starts with “Israel retains full security and administrative control of*





*approximately 60 percent of the West Bank.” The amended statement reads, “For example, Israel does not release numbers of detainees in its military system, and it is the only country in the world that automatically and systemically prosecutes children in military courts.”*

S) Director Guzman

Discussion: Director Guzman suggests making the added statement a separate Whereas statement.

*Director Shah amends the amendment to make it a separate Whereas statement.*

S) Director Guzman

Vote: 12-0-0

*Amendment to the amendment is approved.*

Vote: 12-0-0

*Amendment approved to add a separate Whereas statement after the Whereas statement that starts with “Israel retains full security and administrative control of approximately 60 percent of the West Bank” regarding Israeli military systems and court procedures.*

*President Multani moves to amend the Whereas statement that begins with “In 2020, Associated Students passed a resolution condemning police brutality and violent policing against Black Americans and people of color” to take out the phrase: “such as those used by American law enforcement agencies against peaceful protestors throughout the #BlackLivesMatter movement of 2020, thus illustrating the international interconnectivity of police forces and of police violence/brutality as a social problem”*

S) Director Guzman

Discussion: President Multani explains that the source cited states that there is no confirmed connection between Israeli tactics and the police tactics used in 2020 and he suggests taking that part of the statement out to avoid calling the validity of the rest of the resolution into question if it isn't a confirmed fact.

Director Gambarin yields time to Student Alyce who speaks in favor of keeping the statement in the resolution to show that the struggles of marginalized people in the US are connected to Israeli tactics.





Director Guzman yields time to Student Tarentz who agrees with President Multani and feels that this statement can be removed if it will help to maintain the strength and validity of the rest of the resolution.

Director Shah also supports removing this part of the statement as well in order to move forward with passing the resolution.

Vote: 12-0-0

*Amendment approved.*

*Director Shah moves to amend the resolution to move the Whereas statement that starts with “In 2020, Associated Students passed a resolution condemning police brutality and violent policing against Black Americans and people of color” to take out the phrase: “such as those used by American law enforcement agencies against peaceful protestors throughout the #BlackLivesMatter movement of 2020, thus illustrating the international interconnectivity of police forces and of police violence/brutality as a social problem” to a later part of the resolution to connect with other statements regarding Israeli police and HP.*

S) Director Guzman

Vote: 12-0-0

*Amendment approved.*

*Director Shah moves to amend the resolution to include an additional statement that reads “The Hewlett-Packard company has also provided various technology services to Israel National Police, at least since 2004 until 2016, including endpoint stations and other software, networking, and hardware products. The Israeli Police is in charge of enforcing the law within the occupied West Bank and providing security for Israeli settlement, thus illustrating the international interconnectivity of police forces and of police violence/brutality as a social problem” to the previous Whereas statement that was voted on.*

S) Director Guzman

Vote: 12-0-0

*Amendment approved*

Director Gambarin suggests a friendly amendment to fix the transition between the whereas and resolved statements.





President Multani acknowledges the bravery and power of the students and the Board, especially in the face of opposition to the resolutions, and thanks everyone who has been involved in helping this move forward.

Roll Call Vote:

President Multani - Yay  
Vice President Lacson -  
Controller Varshney - Yay  
Director Doshi - Yay  
Director Tikawala - Yay  
Director Swaminathan - Yay  
Director Chevis-Rose - Yay  
Director Shah - Yay  
Director Guzman - Yay  
Director Brown - Yay  
Director Khehra - Yay  
Director Oishi - Yay  
Director Gambarin – Yay

Vote: 12-0-0

*Action Item approved to approve A.S. Resolution in Support of Boycott from Companies that have been Involved in the Human Rights Violations of Palestine*

2. Action Item: Vote to Approve Letter of Support for SB 1431  
(Director Guzman)

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to open Action Item*  
M) Director Guzman                      S) Director Gambarin

Discussion: Director Guzman conducts a reading of the letter of support. Director Guzman and President Multani share the background behind this letter of support in order to help the Housing on the Paseo move forward in time for the fall semester. Director Gambarin also expresses her support and offers other information about the struggles of students in the past with housing on and near campus.





*Director Guzman moves to amend the signature on the Letter of Support which currently reads “Sincerely, The A.S. Board of Directors” to “Sincerely, The Associated Students Board of Directors at San Jose State University”*

S) President Multani

Vote: 12-0-0

*Amendment approved.*

Director Gambarin points out some friendly amendments in grammar and punctuation.

Vote: 12-0-0

*Action Item approved to approve Letter of Support for SB 1431.*

3. Action Item: Vote to Approve A.S. Bylaws for 2025-2026

(Director Gambarin)

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to open Action Item*

M) Director Shah

S) Director Swaminathan

*Director Khehra is excused for a point of personal privilege at 4:21PM.*

Discussion: Director Gambarin goes over the edits to the original draft of the Bylaws.

*Director Khehra is re-recognized at 4:24PM.*

*Director Doshi is excused for a point of personal privilege at 4:31PM.*

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to open Closed Session*

M) Director Shah

S) Director Gambarin

Discussion: Controller Varshney excuses himself from closed session due to a possible conflict of interest.





*Director Gambarin moves to amend the initial motion to open Closed Session to invite Executive Director Allen, Associate Director Westbrook, and Associate Director Leung into closed session.*

S) Director Shah

Vote: 10-0-0

*Amendment approved.*

*Director Doshi is re-recognized at 4:35PM.*

Vote: 11-0-0

*Closed Session begins at 4:35PM.*

*Action Item is paused and Closed Session begins at 4:35PM.*

*Closed Session ends and Action Item resumes at 5:07PM*

Director Gambarin highlights the specific issue of candidates who are running unopposed not putting effort into campaigning to prove that they still deserve to hold that position. President Multani asks about aligning the Elections Regulation Manual with these changes and Director Gambarin says that the incoming Director of Internal Affairs will have to confirm that those changes are made across all documents. The Board discusses how to encourage everyone to run a dedicated campaign without penalizing anyone for circumstances not in their control. They discuss details such as the option to vote to abstain, changing it to a vote of no confidence, and how endorsements show who has run an active and engaging campaign and who hasn't.

*Controller Varshney is excused for a point of personal privilege at 5:16PM.*

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to extend the meeting to 5:45PM.*

M) Director Khehra                      S) Director Shah

Vote: 11-0-0

*Meeting extended to 5:45PM.*

*President Multani moves to table this Action Item for a Special Meeting.*

S) Director Shah







Vote: 11-0-0

*Action Item tabled for a special meeting.*

4. Action Item: Vote to Approve the A.S. Annual Budget for FY 24/25  
(Executive Director Allen)

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to open Action Item*

M) President Multani                      S) Director Shah

Discussion: Associate Director Westbrook highlights major points from the annual budget for the next fiscal year. President Multani expresses concern over the expenses for the Print Shop compared to its revenue. Directors ask clarifying questions regarding balancing other aspects of the budget or allocating more funds for items such as scholarships.

*Controller Varshney is re-recognized at 5:35PM.*

Vote: 12-0-0

*Action Item approved*

5. Action Item: Vote to Approve the A.S. Budget Policies for FY 24/25  
(Executive Director Allen)

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to open Action Item*

M) President Multani                      S) Director Gambarin

Discussion: Associate Director Westbrook runs through major changes in the budget policies for the next fiscal year.

*Director Shah moves to amend the budget policies to ensure that AS does not purchase any items listed on the Boycott list specified in the resolution just passed today.*

S) Director Gambarin

Vote: 12-0-0

*Amendment approved.*





*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to extend the meeting 5 more minutes until 5:50PM*

M) Director Tikawala      S) Director Gambarin

Vote: 12-0-0

*Meeting extended to 5:50PM.*

Vote: 12-0-0

*Action Item approved to approve A.S. Budget Policies for FY 24/25.*

6. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Ricky Garcia as a Student at Large for Operations Committee

(Director Tikawala)

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to open Action Item*

M) Director Tikawala      S) Director Shah

Vote: 12-0-0

*Action Item approved to appoint Ricky Garcia as a Student-at-Large for Operations Committee.*

7. Discussion Item: First Reading of the A.S. Board Member Accountability System

(Director Gambarin)

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to table Discussion Item 7 to a special meeting*

M) Director Guzman      S) Director Shah

Discussion: Executive Director Allen shares that staff will work on finding a time for the special meeting that allows for the next Board meeting agenda to be shared 72 hours in advance, which means a likely Tuesday meeting.

Vote: 12-0-0

*Discussion Item 7 tabled to a special meeting.*





8. Discussion Item: First Reading of the A.S. Bylaws for 2024-2025  
(Director Gambarin)

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to table Discussion Item 8 to a special meeting*  
M) Director Shah S) Director Gambarin

Vote: 12-0-0  
*Discussion Item 8 tabled to a special meeting.*

Chair Lacson states that there is no time for Board Reports and asks everyone to read them on their own time.

**XII. Executive Officer Reports (4 minutes each)**

**A. President**

**a. Personnel Committee**

**B. Vice President**

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**C. Controller**

**a. Finance Committee**

**XIII. Directors' Reports (3 minutes each)**

**A. Director of Academic Affairs**

**a. Academic Affairs Committee**

**B. Director of Business Affairs**

**a. Operations Committee**

**C. Director of Co-Curricular Affairs**

**a. Programming Board**

**D. Director of Communications**

**E. Director of Intercultural Affairs**

**a. Multicultural Affairs Committee**





~~F. Director of Internal Affairs~~

~~a. Internal Affairs Committee~~

~~G. Director of Legislative Affairs~~

~~a. Lobby Corps~~

~~H. Director of Student Resource Affairs~~

~~a. Campus Life Affairs Committee~~

~~I. Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities~~

~~J. Director of Sustainability~~

**XIV. Ad Hoc Committees**

*No Ad Hoc Committees.*

**XV. Closed Session**

9. Discussion Item: Legal Consultation on Stipends (Time Certain: 4:30PM)  
Move to invite Vicki Allen - Executive Director, Jim Westbrook - Associated Director for Finance and Business Services, Kingson Leung - Associate Director of Programs and Marketing be invited into closed session.

(Executive Director Allen)

*Action Item 3 pauses and Closed Session begins at 4:35PM.*

Vote: 11-0-0

*Open Session is reopened.*

*Chair Lacson calls a 5 minute recess.*

*Chair Lacson concludes recess.*

*Upon realizing that a proper vote was not conducted, Chair Lacson recommends a motion to go into a 5 minute recess*

M) Director Guzman

S) Director Khehra





Vote: 8-0-0  
*Recess approved.*

Chair Lacson briefly explains meeting with legal counsel during closed session.

*Controller Varshney is re-recognized at 5:07PM.  
President Multani is re-recognized at 5:07PM.  
Director Chevis-Rose is re-recognized at 5:07PM.  
Director Tikawala is re-recognized at 5:07PM.*

*Action Item 3 resumes at 5:07PM.*

**XVI. Announcements**

Director Gambarin asks everyone to look over all the documents for her Action Items.  
President Multani asks for interest in signing on to a Sense of the Senate resolution regarding enforcing positive learning environments and encouraging intergroup dialog.

**XVII. Adjournment**

*Chair Lacson recommends a motion to adjourn the meeting*  
M) Director Gambarin                      S) Director Guzman

Discussion: *No discussion.*

Vote: 12-0-0  
*Meeting adjourns at 5:50PM.*

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Ariana Lacson, Vice President  
Associated Students, SJSU

4/30/2024  
Date



**2023-2024**  
**Associated Students**  
**Board of Directors**

**Date: April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**ROLL CALL**

NAME	Attendance
President Multani	X
Vice President Lacson	X
Controller Varshney	X @ 3:14PM
Director Doshi	X
Director Tikawala	X @ 3:14PM
Director Swaminathan	X
Director Chevis-Rose	X
Director Shah	X
Director Guzman	X
Director Brown	X
Director Khehra	X
Director Oishi	X @ 3:14PM
Director Gambarin	X
<b>Non-voting Members</b>	
Executive Director Allen	X
Dr. Daniels	X
<b>Public Forum</b>	
Aiden Ravh	SDS
Nikki	SJP
Ethan	SDS
Sofia	Mecha

Lara	SJP
Nicole	SJP
Gael	SJP
Cole Mitchell	SDS
Tarentz	SDS
Fatema Balleh	
<b>Guests</b>	
Amanda Ramos	
Kenne Jackson	AS Events
Maryam Ayadi	MSA
Risha Khandelwot	
Dyon Capote	MA Student
Simone Atendido	SDS
Artur Gafurov	AS
Mayra Lopez	
Jonathan Conor	Spartan Daily
Madison Wilber	Update News
Ronaldo Lora	SDS
Ethan Marquez	SDS
Ethan Maryama	SDS
Sofia Calderon	Meela
Mazdalc Moghadam	SDS
Sousen Saddik	SDS
Dana Mora	SDS
Sara Rafie	SDS
Iman Noor	SDS
Laila Nhary	
Zina Kheires	
Diego Coonzalos	SDS
Natalie Chiem	

Rachel Abeyta	SDS
Myenn Rahnome	
Stephanie Garcia	SDS
Daisy Sandoval	SDS
Ariana Leung	
Sham S	
Re M	
Hay H	YDSA
Mum Revelo	
Sasha Kim	
Diana Garcia Rodriguez	A.S. CCCAC
Abby Escobar	AS Government
Janely Pulido	AS Government
Kingson Leung	AS
Jim Westbrook	AS
Asma Almasarna	MSA
Shama Aleindeni	MSA
Matvar Mohamed	MSA
Hala Ramani	MSA
Clarissa Mae Calimbas	
Kaya Henkes-Power	
Quynh Luong	
Cris	
Adel	
Tomas Alvarez	
Teairra Brown	
Michelle Smith McDonald	
Abdullah Waheed	
Jorge R. Lopez	
Shannon Boyce	



Eliana Olivas	
Kristin Dukes	
Zaman	
Tasneem	
Hector Hernandez	
Alyce Thornhill	
Maryam A.	
Anai Avalos	
Samual Aranovich	
Grey Crisanto	
Abid el-Miaari	
Nada Attar	
Brooke Glace	
Karla Berbera	
Edilbert	
Tina	
Louis Adamsel	
IC	
Lena Serio	
Olin Carter	
Megan S.	
Bella	
Hiba Ahmed	
Amber Dominguez Penaloza	
Dawn Lee	
Esperanza Godinez Garcia	
Alex Froehlich Hankinson	
Kareema Kilani	
Gianna Brassil	
Nicole Morris	

Legend:

X – Present

A - Absent