



# 12/11/2024 A.S. Board of Directors Meeting

## Agenda Minutes

Associated Students San Jose State University  
12/11/2024 3:00 PMPST

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

### I. Call to Order

Chair Nwokolo calls the meeting to order at 3:03 PM.

### II. Land Acknowledgement

Chair Nwokolo reads the land acknowledgement.

 [Land Acknowledgement.pdf](#)

### III. Roll Call

The recording secretary completes roll call.

### IV. Approval of the Agenda

#### **Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by Controller Sadawarti.

Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.

### V. Approval of the Minutes

 [11.13.2024 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 Controller Sadawarti.

Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.

### 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 congratulated Controller Sadawarti on his undergraduate graduation and presented him with his sash.

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

Executive Director Allen acknowledged the finals season and encouraged everyone to prioritize self-care. She highlighted impactful events from the semester, including the visit by Tommy Smith and John Carlos, and celebrated achievements at the Child Development Center. Additionally, she provided updates on CSU developments and reminded everyone about the Board of Directors celebration on the 20th.

 [EDs Reports 12.11.2024.docx.pdf](#)

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

Vice President Mari Fuentes-Martin congratulated everyone on completing the semester and expressed her appreciation for working with the Board. She outlined her plans for the next semester, including conducting interviews for open positions in university administration. She encouraged everyone to be mindful of self-care and wished them luck on their finals.

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

Vice President Nwokolo provided an update on the recent activities of the Student Union Board, including the approval of calendars and policies. He also highlighted the success of events held in the past weeks.

X. Action Items

A. Old Business

1. 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.

 [Wednesday Committees List -Spring 2025.pdf](#)

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

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

Discussion: Director Plazola announced that he would not be able to serve on the committee next semester. Controller Sadawarti expressed interest and self-nominated for the position.

**Motion:**

Move to approve Controller Sadawarti onto the Internal Affairs Committee.

Vote: 7-0-1, Motion Passed.

B. New Business

1. Action Item: 2025 Student Elections Commission Events and Important Dates Timeline Approval (Presenters: Janely Pulido, Glerys Gonzalez)

Leadership and Government Coordinator and SEC Advisor: Janely Pulido and Chief Elections Officer: Rys Gonzalez are presenting the Student Election Commission's Events and Important Dates Timeline to be approved the Board of Directors for the Spring 2025 Elections.

 [SEC Events and Important Dates 2025.pdf](#)

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Controller Sadawarti and motion seconded by Director Agustin.

Discussion: Advisor Janely went over the events and important dates for the elections next semester. She also went over important rule details.

**Motion:**

Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.

2. Action Item: Request to Approve the A.S. Budget Timeline for 2025-2026 (Presenters: Sidhant Sadawarti)

The AS budget timeline has been made with the efforts and discussion w/ Controller Sadawarti, Associate Director Finance Jim Westbrook, Executive Director Vicki Allen, President Lacson and Director Dhami. The AS Budget timeline for 2025-2026 has already been approved in Finance committee on 12/4/2024

 [2025 2026 Budget Timeline.docx.pdf](#)

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

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

Discussion: Controller Sadawarti went over the A.S. Budget Timeline for 2025-2026 and wanted to request the approval for it.

**Motion:**

Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.

3. Action Item: Vote to Remove Chima Nwokolo from the Student Union Board of Directors for Spring 2025 Semester (Presenters: Chima Nwokolo)

Vice President Nwokolo has a class conflict with the Student Union Board meetings that will take place next semester on the third Thursdays of each month from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm. Per the A.S. Bylaws, the A.S. President serves on the Student Union Board as an ex-officio member. Since President Lacson will be able to attend meetings next semester, she will resume her seat.

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Controller Sadawarti and motion seconded by Director Swaminathan.

Discussion: Vice President Nwokolo explained that President Lacson is now able to serve on the board. As a result, Vice President Nwokolo will be stepping down from his board position.

**Motion:**

Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.

4. Action Item: Vote to Remove Srishti Sinha as a Director at Large from Lobby Corps (Presenters: Katelyn Gambarin)

Dir. Sinha has been serving in Dir. R. Joshi's place for this past semester. Dir. R. Joshi was unable to sit on Lobby Corps this past semester but she will resume her position on the committee during the Spring semester.

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

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

Discussion: Director Gambarin explained that since Director R. Joshi is now able to serve on the committee, Director Sinha will be stepping down from her position on the committee.

**Motion:**

Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.

5. Action Item: Vote to Remove Geoffrey Agustin from Lobby Corps for Spring 2025 Semester (Presenters: Geoffrey Agustin)

Director Agustin has a class conflict that will interfere with Board meetings and Lobby Corps meetings. This class is required to be on track for graduation and there is only one section available. The Lobby Corps 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 Gambarin and motion seconded by President Lacson.

Discussion: Director Agustin explained that he will no longer be able to serve on the committee due to a scheduling conflict with his class.

**Motion:**

Vote: 7-0-1, Motion Passed.

6. Vote to Appoint a Director-at-Large to Lobby Corps for the Spring 2025 Semester (Presenters: Geoffrey Agustin)

The Board of Directors will appoint a Director-at-Large to the Lobby Corps committee in the absence of Director Agustin for the Spring 2025 semester. The Lobby Corps committee meets from 4:30 - 6:00pm on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

 [Wednesday Committees List -Spring 2025.pdf](#)

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

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

Discussion: Director Agustin requested for any self nominations for serving on the committee.

**Motion:**

Director Agustin moved to table the action item to the next meeting.

Motion moved by Director Agustin and motion seconded by President Lacson. Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.

7. Action Item: Vote to Remove Ariana Lacson from Finance Committee for the Spring 2025 Semester (Presenters: Ariana Lacson)

President Lacson has a class conflict that will interfere with BOD meetings and Finance Committee from 3-4:15 PM for her BME 117 class which has only one section offered. As she is graduating next semester, this class is mandatory to fulfill all graduation requirements. If the class is not taken, she will not be able to graduate next semester.

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Controller Sadawarti and motion seconded by Director Gambarin.

Discussion: President Lacson went over how she will not be able to serve on the committee due to class conflict.

**Motion:**

Vote: 7-0-1, Motion Passed.

8. Action Item: Vote to Appoint a Director at Large to Finance Committee for the Spring 2025 Semester (Presenters: Ariana Lacson)

The Board of Directors will appoint a Director-at-Large to the Finance Committee in the absence of President Lacson for the Spring 2025 semester. Finance meets on the Wednesdays that BOD does not from 3-4:30 PM.

 [Wednesday Committees List -Spring 2025.pdf](#)

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

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

Discussion:

Directors Gambarin and R. Joshi both expressed interest in serving on the committee.

Director Gambarin stated her desire to join the committee to gain a deeper understanding of its functions and responsibilities. Director R. Joshi, citing her experience as treasurer for multiple RSOs and her future role on the committee, believed she could contribute valuable insights and support her successor.

Director Plazola raised concerns about Director Gambarin's potential workload, given her current responsibilities. Director Gambarin addressed these concerns, explaining her situation.

Director Agustin asked both nominees to elaborate on how they would specifically contribute to the committee. Director Gambarin emphasized her commitment and understanding of the committee's importance.

Point of Personal Privilege for President Lacson granted at 3:49 PM.  
President Lacson was re-recognized at 3:52 PM.

**Motion:**

Director Swaminathan called for the question, initiating a vote on the matter under discussion.

Motion moved by Director Swaminathan and motion seconded by Director Plazola. Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.

Director Gambarin rescinded her self-nomination for the position.

**Motion:**

Director Swaminathan moved to nominate Director R. Joshi for a vote.

Motion moved by Director Swaminathan and motion seconded by Director Gambarin. Vote: 7-0-1, Motion Passed.

9. Action Item: Vote to Remove Sidhant Sadawarti From Academic Senate for the Spring 2025 Semester (Presenters: Sidhant Sadawarti)

Director Sadawarti took over Academic Senate Fall 2024 since Director Brown had a class conflict. Per the A.S. Bylaws, the Director of Student Resource Affairs serves on Academic Senate. Since Director Brown will be able to attend meetings next semester, she will resume her seat.

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

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

Discussion: Controller Sadawarti confirmed that Director Brown can serve on the Academic Senate next semester, so he withdrew from the current committee.

**Motion:**

Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.

10. Action Item: Vote to Remove Sidhant Sadawarti from ISA Committee for the Spring 2025 Semester (Presenters: Sidhant Sadawarti)

Director Sadawarti took over ISA Committee Fall 2024 since Director Brown had a class conflict. Per the A.S. Bylaws, the Director of Student Resource Affairs serves on ISA Committee. Since Director Brown will be able to attend meetings next semester, she will resume her seat.

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by Controller Sadawarti.

Discussion: Controller Sadawarti confirmed that Director Brown can serve on the committee next semester, so he withdrew from the current committee.

**Motion:**

Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.

11. Action Item: Vote to Approve Resolution in Support of SB 995 (Presenters: Katelyn Gambarin, Sehtej Khehra)

This is the final reading for the A.S. resolution in support of SB 995, which would work to create a pathway from the California Community College to the CSU.

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

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

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

Discussion: Director Gambarin conducted the final reading of the A.S. resolution in support of SB 995.

**Motion:**

Director Gambarin made a motion to amend "Laphonza Butler" to "Adam Schiff"

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by Controller Sadawarti. Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.



**Motion:**

Director Gambarin made a motion to amend "Evan Low" to "Patrick Aarons"

Motion moved by Director Gambarin and motion seconded by Director Brown. Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.

**Motion:**

Director Gambarin moved to amend the resolution by removing "Susan Ellenberg" and adding "Santa Clara Board of Supervisors President, District 2 Betty Duong."

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

President Lacson asked clarifying questions regarding the resolution.

**Motion:**

President Lacson motioned to amend add "all remaining 22 CSU ASI Presidents"

Motion moved by President Lacson and motion seconded by Director Agustin. Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.

**Motion:**

Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.

12. Discussion Item: Sense of Senate from the Muslim Faculty & Staff Association (Time Certain: 3:30 PM) (Presenters: Ariana Lacson, Guests: Muslim Faculty & Staff Association (MFSA))

President Lacson was connected with Assistant Professor Nada Attar, a member of the Muslim Faculty and Student Association (MFSA) with a Sense of Senate draft urging SJSU to end ties with any international universities that support the continuation of the Israel-Hamas War. They are requesting that Associated Students support their SoS and help in presenting it at an Academic Senate meeting next semester.

 [SoS.docx](#)

**Discussion:**

President Lacson presented the Sense of Senate draft and then invited Nada, co-founder of MFSA, to address the board. Nada explained their

desire to bring the proposal to the Academic Senate and requested the board's support.

President Lacson reviewed the draft and suggested specific language changes to strengthen the document. Director Agustin expressed agreement with the sentiment and the proposed language.

However, Directors Plazola and Gambarin disagreed, believing that the current wording accurately conveys the intent of the draft. They expressed concern that removing certain words could undermine the purpose of the proposal. Additionally, Director Gambarin raised concerns about potential reactions from other senators regarding specific partnerships.

President Lacson assured the board that she is open to feedback and encouraged anyone with concerns to reach out to her directly.

13. Discussion Item: First Reading of A.S. Resolution Reaffirming Free Speech on Campus (Presenters: Katelyn Gambarin)

This resolution focuses on several attempts from Congress to try to limit free speech and the implications the certain bills could have to A.S.'s ability to represent students and for students to express themselves through political activism.

 [AS SJSU RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING FREE SPEECH ON CAMPUS \(1\).pdf](#)

Discussion: Director Gambarin presented the first reading of the A.S. resolution reaffirming free speech on campus. Director Plazola suggested revisions to certain wordings in the resolution. Vice President Nwokolo proposed adding the Board of Directors to the resolution to demonstrate support.

14. Information Item: Associated Students - Child Development Center Presentation (Time Certain - 4:00 pm) - 5 minutes (Presenters: Jane Zamora)

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.

 [Child Development Center for BoD.pdf](#)

Jane Zamora presented an overview of the A.S. Child Development Center. She outlined the center's mission and discussed its various programs and services.

XI. Executive Officer Reports (4 minutes each)

A. President

 [A.Lacson Board Report-12.11.24.docx.pdf](#)

President Lacson expressed her appreciation for the board's dedication and accomplishments during the semester. She reviewed the key points from the last Academic Senate meeting and outlined upcoming meetings. Additionally, she reminded the board to prioritize student needs and to be readily available to assist students.

B. Vice President

 [12-11-24 Vice President C. Nwokolo Board Report .pdf](#)

Vice President Nwokolo provided an update on the committees he has participated in over the past few weeks. He also shared insights from his recent one-on-one meetings with the directors.

C. Controller

 [24-25 Controller's Board Report.docx \(2\).pdf](#)

Controller Sadawarti provided an update funding for RSO activities. He also shared that his graduation walk will take place on the 20th.

XII. Directors' Reports (3 minutes each)

A. Director of Academic Affairs

 [SKhehra-12 11 24-Board Report.docx.pdf](#)

No report.

B. Director of Business Affairs

 [Dec 11, 2024 - Director of Business Affairs Board Report.docx.pdf](#)

No report.

C. Director of Co-Curricular Affairs

 [12 11 24 Board Report .docx.pdf](#)

Director Swaminathan provided an update on the Programming Board's current projects, including the upcoming AI Summit.

D. Director of Communications

 [G. Agustin Board Report - 12.11.24.pdf](#)

Director Agustin discussed how the "Boba with the Board" event went and provided an update on the events he is currently working on. He also went over recent and upcoming social media postings. Additionally, he thanked Director Plazola for his contributions.

E. Director of Intercultural Affairs

 [12 11 24 S. Sinha Board Report.docx.pdf](#)

No report.

F. Director of Internal Affairs

 [Director of internal affairs Dec 11 board report.docx.pdf](#)

No report.

G. Director of Legislative Affairs

 [K.Gambarin Board Report - 12 11.docx.pdf](#)

Director Gambarin provided an update on the recent work of Lobby Corp and shared details about the projects she is currently working on. She also expressed how much she will miss working with Director Plazola.

H. Director of Student Resource Affairs

 [T. Brown Board Report 12.11.24.docx.pdf](#)

Director Brown provided an update on the work of the Campus Life Affairs Committee. She also expressed how much she will miss Director Plazola's presence.

I. Director of Student Rights & Responsibilities

 [Director SRR 12.11 Board Report.pdf](#)

Director Plazola provided an update on the work he has been doing in the committees he serves on. He expressed that it was an honor to serve on the board and wished the best of luck to the incoming director who will replace him. He shared advice with the board, including the importance of demonstrating personal passion. Additionally, he encouraged everyone to take next semester's election process seriously and approach their work with a more serious attitude. Director Plazola also thanked everyone for their efforts during his time on the board.

J. Director of Sustainability Affairs

 [Director of Sustainability Affairs Board Report\(12 11 2024\).docx.pdf](#)

Director R. Joshi provided an overview of the work she has done this semester, including initiating discussions for the Bay Pass Program and other campus services.

XIII. Ad Hoc Committees

No Ad Hoc Committees.

XIV. Closed Session

No Closed Session.

XV. Announcements

Vice President Nwokolo and Director Gambarin wished everyone good luck on their finals and emphasized the importance of mental health. President Lacson reminded the group about the availability of free finals survival kits. Executive Director Allen reminded everyone to RSVP for the President's Gathering. Advisor Pulido provided details for the Board In Service next week.

XVI. Adjournment

**Motion:**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:01 PM.

Motion moved by Director Agustin and motion seconded by Director Gambarin. Vote: 8-0-0, Motion Passed.



Chima Nwokolo  
2025-01-14 00:46 UTC

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

**Date: 12.11.2024**  
**ROLL CALL**

NAME	Attendance
President Lacson	X
Vice President Nwokolo	X
Controller Sadawarti	X
Director Khehra	A
Director Dhami	A
Director Agustin	X
Director Swaminathan	X
Director Sinha	A
Director Gambarin	X
Director Plazola	X
Director R. Joshi	X
Director A. Joshi	A
Director Brown	X
<b>Non-voting Members</b>	
Executive Director Vicki Allen	X
Mari Fuentes-Martin	X@3:07pm
Sam Brown - Recording Secretary	X
Abby Escobar - Recording Secretary Support	X
Janely Pulido	
Kingson Leung	

**Legends:**

X – Present

A – Absent