

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

March 19, 2024

Senate President Vijayaraghavan called the Senate meeting to order at 8:13 pm and announced that the meeting may be filmed or audio recorded and may be available to the public. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A land acknowledgment was given.

ROLL CALL:

Roll was called and quorum was established with a total of 82 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Dasgupta
- Desai
- Fry
- Hasan
- Henley
- Herrin
- Hewitt III
- Huber
- Jaramillo
- Isha Khan
- McNamara
- Monnett
- Murphy
- Permane
- Ruffin
- Sakrani
- Von Holten

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- There were 14 members of the public who delivered a public comment, including Senator Zárrate, Faith Corbett, Senator Hoffer, Senator Barrios, Shawn Kapersaud, Senator Khan, Majority Party Leader Seifer, Ana Alvarez, Antonio Hendricks, Minority Party Leader Naidu, Raj Mia, Senator Islam, Senator Pelton, and Senator Banach. Senate President Vijayaraghavan welcomed each person and advised that they have 5 minutes for public comment.

GOODBYE SPEECHES:

- Evan Rafanan delivers their goodbye speech.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- Senator Pelton moves to amend the meeting 2 minutes to amend the roll call total to replace 82 with 81 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Pelton moves to amend the meeting 2 minutes to strike the word “Deputy” before Minority Party Leader Naidu’s title by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Pelton moves to amend the meeting 2 minutes to strike Antonio Hendricks’ vote for Anjali Natarajan by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Pelton moves to amend the meeting 2 minutes to amend the vote total for Senate President to replace 21 with 20 by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Pelton moves to amend the meeting 2 minutes to strike the word “Deputy” before Minority Party Leader Naidu’s title on the 4th page by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Pelton moves to strike Antonio Hendricks’ vote for Isha Khan on the 5th page by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Pelton moves to amend the meeting 2 minutes on the 6th page to strike Freddi Rappoport’s vote for Blake Cox by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Pelton moves to amend the meeting 2 minutes to amend the vote total on the 6th page from “61-18” to “60-17” by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Senator Pelton moves to amend the meeting 2 minutes to correct the spelling of “user” on the final page by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to add a special rule to hear all the amendments for SSB 2024-1237 as a bloc. Seconded.¹
- There were 2 rounds of con-pro debate.
- Senator Hendricks receives their first warning.
- Senator Pelton moves to extend the con-pro debate by three rounds by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Pelton moves to extend the con-pro debate by two rounds by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Pelton moves to extend the con-pro debate by one round by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Pelton moves to extend the con-pro debate. Seconded.²
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to previous question. Seconded.³
- In a vote of 61-20, that motion passes.³
- In a vote of 21-59, that motion fails.²
- In a vote of 51-25, that motion passes.¹
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Senator Samantha Kinggard for the Rules & Ethics Chair by unanimous consent. Objected.

- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Senator Damian Rodriguez for the Budget & Appropriations Chair by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve Senator Aaron Rubaii for the Judiciary Chair by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to create a bloc of the Budget & Appropriations and Rules & Ethics Chair recommendations by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to create a special rule to create a bloc of the Budget & Appropriations and Rules & Ethics Chair recommendations. Seconded.²
- There were two rounds of con-pro debate.
- Senator Pelton moves to extend the con-pro debate by one round. Seconded.¹
- There were two rounds of con-pro debate.
- In a rising vote, that motion fails.¹
- In a vote of 55-24, that motion passes.²
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve all of the approved and failed absences by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to approve SSB 2024-1236 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Majority Party Leader Seifer moves to strike the bloc of amendments to SSB 2024-1237. Seconded.
- There were two rounds of con-pro debate.
- In a vote of 68-9, that motion passes.
- Senator Hendricks receives their second warning.
- Senator Pelton moves to move committee reports to before the president's report by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Senator Pelton moves to move bills under first reading to before the I&C report by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to refer SSB 2024-1237 to the Judiciary committee by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to table SSB 2024-1237 by unanimous consent. Objected.
- Minority Party Leader Naidu moves to refer SSB 2024-1237 to the Judiciary committee. Seconded.
- There were two rounds of con-pro debate.
- In a vote of 30-48, that motion fails.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Pro-Tempore Cox:
 - Permanent Senate Seats:

- Graduate and Family Housing
- Open Committee Seats:
 - Judiciary (3)
 - Information & Communications Chair
 - Information & Communications (3)
 - Budget & Appropriations Chair
 - Budget & Appropriations (4)
 - Rules & Ethics (2)
- Pro-Tempore Cox thanks senators for bearing with him and Monish throughout the first meeting.
- Pro-Tempore Cox reminds senators to fill out affiliation forms.
- Pro-Tempore Cox provides a few reminders pertaining to not abusing points of information, alternate methods to oppose bills, and being respectful of everyone's time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senate President Vijayaraghavan discussed public comment procedure.
- Senator Pelton discussed compromises.
- Chairman Rubaii discussed the upcoming Judiciary meeting and clarified the voter record.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Senator Kinggard moves to use voter records as final roll call by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 pm.