

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

March 3, 2026 (Meeting 2)

Chairwoman Melamed called the Senate meeting to order at 10:40 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:

- Kizer
- Lanier
- Mento
- Orsey
- Zenkewicz
- Song
- Bazen
- Filannino
- Urbenz
- Noah Jones
- Chadda
- Shah

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- There were two members of the public that gave public comment including Kayla Arora and Tyler Sklar.

THE OATH OF OFFICE:

- Dean of the Senate, Senator Rubaii, delivers the oath of office for newly elected senators.

SENATE OFFICER ELECTIONS:

- There is a motion to open the floor to nominations for Senate President by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Dotson nominates Senator Rubaii for Senate President by unanimous consent. Seconded. Senator Rubaii accepts.
- There is a motion to close the floor for nominations by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- Senator Rubaii presents for five minutes.
- There are five minutes of Q&A.

- There is a motion to previous question by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- Kizer, Andy: Absent
- Sumerlin, Stella: Rubaii
- Mirabel, Rosa: Rubaii
- Patel, Selena: Rubaii
- Shembekar, Colin: Rubaii
- Armstrong, Thomas: Rubaii
- Simon, Ethan: Rubaii
- Barnett, Madison: Rubaii
- Mayorga, Michael: Rubaii
- Alexander, Logan: Rubaii
- Avera, Ava: Rubaii
- Cannella, Dylan: Rubaii
- Dees, Taylor: Rubaii
- Dotson, Cooper: Rubaii
- Finfrock, Kate: Rubaii
- Goyal, Ashwin: Rubaii
- Idiculla, Maya: Rubaii
- Joshy, Aaron: Rubaii
- Khajavi, Tristan: Rubaii
- Kim, Caroline: Rubaii
- Lanier, Drew: Absent
- Levy, Preston: Rubaii
- Lewis, Matthew: Rubaii
- Liu, Mandy: Rubaii
- Maguina, Mel: Rubaii
- Martin, Ella: Rubaii
- Melamed, Abigail: Rubaii
- Mento, Samuel: Absent
- Metchick, Zoe: Rubaii
- Meyerowitz, Ari: Rubaii
- Morris, Berkley: Rubaii
- Murphy, Molly: Rubaii
- O'Malley, Michael: Rubaii
- Orsey, Joshua: Absent
- Pettross, John: Rubaii
- Ramsey, Emma: Rubaii
- Rowe, Matt: Rubaii

- Rubaii, Aaron: Abstain
- Sakellarios, Maya: Rubaii
- Stein, Emma: Rubaii
- Strelitz, Ari: Rubaii
- Yaciuk, Joshua: Rubaii
- Zenkewicz, Jake: Absent
- Zervoudakis, Katelyn: Rubaii
- Hudziet, Olivia: Rubaii
- Thalji, Calila: Rubaii
- Blair, Mason: Rubaii
- Desrochers, Kylie: Rubaii
- Stoutamire, Maddy: Rubaii
- Tibbals, Cannon: Rubaii
- Disher, Noah: Rubaii
- Jones, Benjamin: Rubaii
- Salas, Carlos: Rubaii
- Smolenski, Rylee: Rubaii
- Song, Faith: Absent
- Dahan, Gabriel: Rubaii
- Hancock, Mykenzie: Rubaii
- Barnes, Hudson: Rubaii
- Ferber, Jonah: Rubaii
- Han, Luke: Rubaii
- Lockwood, Hannah: Rubaii
- Sanghrajka, Shiv: Rubaii
- Burch, Jackson: Rubaii
- Andrews, Nicholas: Rubaii
- Bazen, Lexi: Absent
- Cafferata, Alesandro: Rubaii
- Chauhan, Neal: Rubaii
- Conger, Kyle: Rubaii
- Correa Caselles, Daniela: Rubaii
- Filannino, Nicholas: Absent
- Herdman, Adam: Rubaii
- Mahmoudi, Ali: Rubaii
- Robinson, Parker: Rubaii
- Urbenz, Cassie: Absent
- Jacobson, Alexandra: Rubaii
- Sterling, Skye: Rubaii
- Meis, Macy: Rubaii

- Spellacy, Carlee: Rubaii
- Donovan, Jake: Rubaii
- Blythe, Taylor: Rubaii
- Clarke, Wyatt: Rubaii
- Cumpstone, Phoenix: Rubaii
- Dhamani, Nysa: Rubaii
- Fuini, Samantha: Rubaii
- Heyer, Remi: Rubaii
- Latorre, Nikolas: Rubaii
- Snider, Ryan: Rubaii
- Jones, Noah: Absent
- Tobuck, Emily: Rubaii
- Chadda, Kuber: Absent
- Shah, Naavya: Absent
- Morris, Berkeley: Rubaii
- Spielvogel, Sean: Rubaii
- Tedesco, Ava: Rubaii
- Wyman, Tyler: Rubaii
- Ugarte Marin, Maria Belen: Rubaii

- In a roll call vote, Senator Rubaii is elected Senate President.
- Senate President Rubaii is sworn in as the Senate President.
- Senator Zervoudakis nominates Majority Party Leader Murphy for Senate President Pro Tempore by unanimous consent. Seconded. xx accepts.
- Majority Party Leader Murphy presents for five minutes.
- There were five minutes of Q&A.
- There is a motion to previous question by unanimous consent. The motion passes.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- Kizer, Andy: Absent
- Sumerlin, Stella: Murphy
- Mirabel, Rosa: Murphy
- Patel, Selena: Murphy
- Shembekar, Colin: Murphy
- Armstrong, Thomas: Murphy
- Simon, Ethan: Murphy
- Barnett, Madison: Murphy
- Mayorga, Michael: Murphy
- Alexander, Logan: Murphy
- Avera, Ava: Murphy

- Cannella, Dylan: Murphy
- Dees, Taylor: Murphy
- Dotson, Cooper: Murphy
- Finfrock, Kate: Murphy
- Goyal, Ashwin: Murphy
- Idiculla, Maya: Murphy
- Joshy, Aaron: Murphy
- Khajavi, Tristan: Murphy
- Kim, Caroline: Murphy
- Lanier, Drew: Absent
- Levy, Preston: Murphy
- Lewis, Matthew: Murphy
- Liu, Mandy: Murphy
- Maguina, Mel: Murphy
- Martin, Ella: Murphy
- Melamed, Abigail: Murphy
- Mento, Samuel: Absent
- Metchick, Zoe: Murphy
- Meyerowitz, Ari: Murphy
- Morris, Berkley: Murphy
- Murphy, Molly: Murphy
- O'Malley, Michael: Murphy
- Orsey, Joshua: Absent
- Pettross, John: Murphy
- Ramsey, Emma: Murphy
- Rowe, Matt: Murphy
- Rubaii, Aaron: Withdrawn
- Sakellarios, Maya: Murphy
- Stein, Emma: Murphy
- Strelitz, Ari: Murphy
- Yaciuk, Joshua: Murphy
- Zenkewicz, Jake: Absent
- Zervoudakis, Katelyn: Murphy
- Hudziet, Olivia: Murphy
- Thalji, Calila: Murphy
- Blair, Mason: Murphy
- Desrochers, Kylie: Murphy
- Stoutamire, Maddy: Murphy
- Tibbals, Cannon: Murphy
- Disher, Noah: Murphy

- Jones, Benjamin: Murphy
- Salas, Carlos: Murphy
- Smolenski, Rylee: Murphy
- Song, Faith: Absent
- Dahan, Gabriel: Murphy
- Hancock, Mykenzie: Murphy
- Barnes, Hudson: Murphy
- Ferber, Jonah: Murphy
- Han, Luke: Murphy
- Lockwood, Hannah: Murphy
- Sanghrajka, Shiv: Murphy
- Burch, Jackson: Murphy
- Andrews, Nicholas: Murphy
- Bazen, Lexi: Absent
- Cafferata, Alesandro: Murphy
- Chauhan, Neal: Murphy
- Conger, Kyle: Murphy
- Correa Caselles, Daniela: Murphy
- Filannino, Nicholas: Absent
- Herdman, Adam: Murphy
- Mahmoudi, Ali: Murphy
- Robinson, Parker: Murphy
- Urbenz, Cassie: Absent
- Jacobson, Alexandra: Murphy
- Sterling, Skye: Murphy
- Meis, Macy: Murphy
- Spellacy, Carlee: Murphy
- Donovan, Jake: Murphy
- Blythe, Taylor: Murphy
- Clarke, Wyatt: Murphy
- Cumpstone, Phoenix: Murphy
- Dhamani, Nysa: Murphy
- Fuini, Samantha: Murphy
- Heyer, Remi: Murphy
- Latorre, Nikolas: Murphy
- Snider, Ryan: Murphy
- Jones, Noah: Absent
- Tobuck, Emily: Murphy
- Chadda, Kuber: Absent
- Shah, Naavya: Absent

- Morris, Berkeley: Murphy
 - Spielvogel, Sean: Murphy
 - Tedesco, Ava: Murphy
 - Wyman, Tyler: Murphy
 - Ugarte Marin, Maria Belen: Murphy
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- In a roll call vote, Majority Party Leader Murphy is elected Senate President Pro Tempore.
 - Senate President Pro Tempore Murphy is sworn in as the Senate President Pro-Tempore.
 - Senate President Rubaii recognizes a petition to approve Chairman Finfrock for Majority Party Leader.
 - Chairwoman Finfrock moves to open the floor to nominations for Member-at-Large 1 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
 - Senator Blair nominates Senator Dees for Member-at-Large 1. Seconded Senator Dees accepts.
 - Chairwoman Finfrock moves to close the floor to nominations for Member-at-Large 1 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
 - Senator Dees presents for five minutes.
 - There are five minutes of Q&A
 - In a rising vote, Senator Dees is approved for Member-at-Large 1.
 - Chairwoman Finfrock moves to open the floor to nominations for Member-at-Large 2 by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
 - Senator Barnett nominates Senator Blythe for Member-at-Large 2. Senator Blythe accepts.
 - Chairwoman Finfrock closes the floor for nominations for Member-at-Large 2 by unanimous consent. The motion passes .
 - Senator Blythe presents for five minutes.
 - There were five minutes of Q&A.
 - In a rising vote, Senator Blythe is approved for Member-at-Large 2.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There was none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- There were none.

STUDENT BODY OFFICER REPORT(S):

- There were none.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT(S):

- There were none.

JUDICIAL OFFICER REPORT(S):

- There were none.

FIRST READING:

- There were none.

SECOND READING:

- There were none.

THIRD READING:

- There were none.

BILLS PENDING SIGNATURE

- There were none.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Rubaii thanks senators for the opportunity to serve the senate and encourages them to approach him with any questions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Senate President Pro Tempore Murphy discusses upcoming applications for open seats and announces the upcoming committee meeting will be this Sunday.
 - **Open Committee Seats:**
 - Judiciary Committee Chair
 - Budget & Appropriations Committee Chair
 - Rules & Ethics Committee Chair
 - Information & Communications Chair
 - Judiciary Committee (5)
 - Budget & Appropriations (2)
 - Rules & Ethics (2)
 - Information & Communications (2)

JUDICIARY:

- Vice Chair Avera clarifies the role of the Judiciary and encourages senators to apply.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Senator Shembekar encourages senators to apply and congratulates new senators.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Vice Chair Metchick congratulates new senators and clarifies constituency and probation procedures.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS:

- Vice Chair Patel shares details regarding New Senator Orientation and encourages senators to apply.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senator Andrews encourages senators to join the Graduate Caucus.
- Senator Melamed clarifies the voter record.
- Senator Ferber announces the establishment of the Engineering Caucus and encourages senators to join.

ADJOURNMENT:

- There is a motion to use the voter record as final roll call by unanimous consent. The motion passes.
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:54pm.