

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

September 15th, 2026

Senate President Murphy called the Senate meeting to order at 7:33 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 74 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Filipsky
- Foulk
- Hudzietz
- Kurtz
- Liu
- Longwater
- Melamed
- Orsey
- Selena Patel
- Robinson
- Rodriguez
- Simon
- Sterling
- Sumerlin
- Thalji
- Tibbals

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH REPORT(S):

- There were none.

JUDICIAL OFFICER REPORT(S):

- There were none.

GOODBYE SPEECHES:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MINUTES:

- There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- Majority Party Leader Alexander moves to approve Hannah Lockwood for the open Budget & Appropriations Committee seat by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Alexander moves to approve Madeline Kahn for the Interfaith Affairs Cabinet Director position by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Alexander moves to adopt the agenda by unanimous consent. That motion passes.

NOMINATIONS:

- **EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**
 - There were none.
- **JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS**
 - There were none.
- **LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS**
 - There were none.

FIRST READING:

- There were none.

SECOND READING:

- There were none.

VETOES:

- There were none.

ABSENCES:

- There were none.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Senate President Murphy appreciates senators for attending the meeting and shares the chamber will be meeting on September 29th and October 13th.

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Senate President Pro Tempore Finfrock announces the open seats and shares the committee will be meeting this Sunday.
- **Open Committee Seats:**
 - Rules and Ethics (1)

- **Open Permanent:**
 - Graham
 - Graduate (6)
 - Dentistry

JUDICIARY:

- Vice Chair Morris shares the bill deadline is the 25th and announces the committee will be meeting this Sunday.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Chairman Cumpstone congratulates the new committee member.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Vice Chair Pettross shares probation is due tomorrow and announces spring constituency is due October 5th.
- Vice Chair Pettross encourages senators to apply to the committee.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS:

- Chairman Meyerowitz thanks senators for coming to the Senate Retreat and announces Senator Smolenski as the winner of the apparel design competition.
- Chairman Meyerowitz thanks his committee for assisting with the retreat.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senator Smolenski shares that the Business Caucus is doing a school supply drive and encourages senators to donate.
- Senator Metchick shares next Tuesday is the Homecoming Leadership Pageant and encourages senators to attend.
- Senator Tuttle shares that GASP has director applications open until September 20th and encourages senators to apply.
- Senator Smolenski clarifies that the school supply drive will be ending in two weeks.
- Senator Jacobson shares the Hamilton Caucus is working on legislation.

ADJOURNMENT:

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.