

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

September 8th, 2026

Senate President Murphy called the Senate meeting to order at 7:31 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 72 senators present.

Not there for roll call:

- Armstrong
- Blair
- Chauhan
- Cumpstone
- Disher
- Heyer
- Keller
- Lewis
- Liu
- Metchick
- Berkeley Morris
- Ramsey
- Robinson
- Snider
- Stoutamire
- Sumerlin
- Tibbals
- Tobuck

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 Mackenzie Kurtz for the open Budget and Appropriations Committee seat by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Alexander moves to approve Cooper Dotson for the open Budget and Appropriations Committee seat by unanimous consent. That motion passes.
- Majority Party Leader Alexander moves to approve SSB 2026-1091 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 thanks senators for attending and shares she is working on the tabling presentation.

REPLACEMENT & AGENDA:

- Senate President Pro Tempore Finfrock shares that the committee is meeting on Sunday and shares the open seats.
- **Open Committee Seats:**
 - Budget and Appropriations
 - Rules and Ethics
- **Open Permanent:**
 - Graham
 - Graduate (6)
 - Dentistry

JUDICIARY:

- Chairwoman Melamed reminds senators to fill out their voter record and shares the committee will not be meeting this weekend.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS:

- Vice Chair Shembaker congratulates the new committee members and shares the committee will be meeting to discuss code revisions.

RULES & ETHICS:

- Chairwoman Hudzietz reminds senators probation is due September 16th and spring constituency is due October 6th.
- Chairwoman Hudzietz encourages senators to reach out with their questions and concerns.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS:

- Chairman Meyerowitz reminds senators who sign up for tabling to attend their shift and announces the senate retreat next Tuesday, which will consist of designing senate merch.
- Chairman Meyerowitz thanks senators for engaging with posts.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- There were none

ADJOURNMENT:

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.