



ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

**Tuesday July 30, 2024 - 8:30 a.m.- 9:30 a.m.**

**Location: AS Government Conference Room, Student Union 2300**

Teleconference Locations:

Controller Sadawarti: 843 Auburn Ct. Fremont CA 94538

Dir of Business Affairs Dhami: Sahara Star Hotel Lobby, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

Dir of Communications Agustin: 3420 Central Expressway, Santa Clara, CA 95051

Dir of Legislative Affairs Gambarin: Longworth Office Building in Washington DC

**Optional Zoom Link: <https://sjsu.zoom.us/j/85916216835>**

**Minutes**

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Nwokolo calls the meeting to order at 8:32am.

**II. Land Acknowledgement**

Chair Nwokolo reads the land acknowledgement.

**III. Roll Call**

The recording secretary completes roll call.

*Quorum met.*

**IV. Approval of the Agenda**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to approve the agenda.

M) Director R. Joshi

S) President Lacson

Discussion: Director Gambarin brings up an amendment regarding the misspelling of two Directors last names. There is discussion that this may have been present on last weeks agenda and not on this current agenda.

Vote:

President Lacson: Aye

Controller Sadawarti: Aye

Director Dhami: Aye

Director Agustin: Aye

Director A. Joshi: Aye





Director Gambarin: Aye  
Director Plazola: Aye  
Director R. Joshi: Aye

Vote Count: 8-0-0

V. **Approval of the Minutes**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to approve the minutes from July 24, 2024.

M) President Lacson S) Director A. Joshi

Discussion: Director Agustin asks for a point of clarification regarding the edits of names on the minutes from last meeting. Executive Director Allen shares that the changes are reflected in the actual body of the minutes.

Vote:

President Lacson: Aye  
Controller Sadawarti: Aye  
Director Dhami: Aye  
Director Agustin: Aye  
Director A. Joshi: Aye  
Director Gambarin: Aye  
Director Plazola: Aye  
Director R. Joshi: Aye

Vote Count: 8-0-0

VI. **Public Forum**

President Lacson takes a point of personal privilege at 8:44am to address the Board during Board of Directors. President Lacson shares that she would like to provide some transparency regarding the appointment process of the vacant position. She shares that her and Advisor Pulido reviewed applications and selected applicants to interviews. She shares that Vice President Nwokolo, Director Agustin, Director Plazola, and Director Swaminathan were connected with on short notice regarding availability. Vice President Nwokolo, Director Agustin, and Director Plazola were ultimately able to serve. She shares that unfortunately, they did not have a lot of time to reach out to the whole board regarding potential participation. She shares what her and Advisor Pulido were looking for when reviewing applications, including authenticity and unique ideas they shared. She shares that the committee interviewed the candidates and the entire committee deliberated for about an hour and a half regarding their selection. She highlights that this decision was not her soul decision alone and that the entire committee spoke into this decision.





President Lacson is re-recognized at 8:47am.

**VII. Action Items**

A. Old Business

B. New Business

1. Action Item: Vote to Approve Appointment of Teairra Brown as the 2024-2025

A.S. Director of Student Resource Affairs

(President Lacson)

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion to open the action item.

M) President Lacson

S) Director R. Joshi

Discussion: President Lacson begins by encouraging the Board of Directors to ask any questions they might have and she explains the reasoning behind the nomination of Teairra Brown. She shares some things that they might look at in a candidate for the position of Director of Student Resource Affairs, and encourages them to think of qualities they would want in this person. She encourages everyone to keep personal feelings aside when looking at the candidate.

President Lacson shares highlights of why Teairra was selected for this position. She shares that Teairra is currently serving as an Orientation Leader, which makes her very knowledgeable in Campus Resources, as well as the fact that she is already building relationships with incoming transfer and first year students. She is a part of the Black Honor Society, and has served A.S. in the Programming Board and the Students' Election Commission (SEC). President Lacson highlights that Teairra is looking forward to connecting with the Student Success Centers. President Lacson highlights Teairra's answer to a question asked about priorities and how she hopes to make every week feel like the first week of school by highlighting resources. She shares that Teairra is looking forward to continuing to build Spartan Squad and other projects that had been discussed last year. President Lacson highlights that her work with the Students' Election Commission makes her knowledgeable about our ByLaws as well as the A.S. Organization as a whole. President Lacson shares that her application and interview were very successful and she thinks Teairra would make a very successful Board of Director.

Vice President Nwokolo opens the floor for discussion. Director Gambarin shares that she has interacted with Teairra through her SEC work. She highlights that she believes her knowledge of campus resources and any potential gaps in those resources would be beneficial.

Director Plazola shares that he has worked with Teairra through SEC, but also understands the demands of Orientation. He shares that this work is hard and the training they complete is extensive. He shares that there can be gaps across Student Affairs and that she would be a good fit to perform in this role to support those gaps. He highlights





that connections to RSO's is often a big topic and that this role and Teairra's experience can support that.

Executive Director Allen encourages the Board of Directors to ask any questions they may have, as school is starting soon and she wants the Board to be set up for success moving into the many training days coming up.

President Lacson highlights again that she wants to make sure any questions are answered prior to the vote. She wants to encourage everyone to vote objectively, removing personal feelings from any votes.

Executive Director Allen and Vice President Nwokolo highlight that the Board needs to pass this item by  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote and they review that an Aye is yes, Nay is no, and Abstain is no count.

Vote:

President Lacson: Aye  
 Controller Sadawarti: Nay  
 Director Dhami: Aye  
 Director Agustin: Aye  
 Director A. Joshi: Aye  
 Director Gambarin: Aye  
 Director Plazola: Aye  
 Director R. Joshi: Aye

Vote Count: 7-1-0

*Motion passes.*

### **VIII. Announcements**

Executive Director Allen reminds everyone that the staff is excited to see everyone bright and early this Friday for the Board of Directors Retreat this weekend. She reminds everyone to determine their schedules, including their consistent office hours so that we are prepared for the upcoming semester. She encourages everyone to get rest prior to the retreat.

Director Gambarin reminds everyone that they have been contacted by staff regarding Office Hours and encourages everyone to fill out the form sent by Director Agustin.

Director Agustin reminds everyone to complete the form he sent out. He shares that he will be working on a blog during the retreat weekend and is hoping to highlight everyone.





Vice President Nwokolo shares that he will be connecting with the Board of Directors about their 1 on 1 meeting.

Director Plazola shares that he is very excited to work with everyone this year. He shares that he knows many people know him from a different role and he is looking forward to working with everyone in this capacity.

President Lacson reminds everyone that if they serve on various Academic Senate Committees, to ensure that they can attend those meetings and to connect with President Lacson if they are unable to.

**IX. Adjournment**

Chair Nwokolo recommends a motion adjourn the meeting.

M) President Lacson                      S) Director R. Joshi

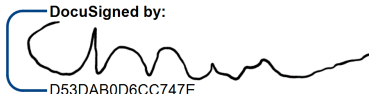
Discussion: No discussion.

Vote:

- President Lacson: Aye
- Controller Sadawarti: Aye
- Director Dhami: Aye
- Director Agustin: Aye
- Director A. Joshi: Aye
- Director Gambarin: Aye
- Director Plazola: Aye
- Director R. Joshi: Aye

Vote Count: 8-0-0

The meeting adjourns at 9:11 am.

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 Chima Nwokolo, Vice President  
 Associated Students, SJSU

7/30/2024

Date



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

**Date: 7.30.2024**

**ROLL CALL**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
President Lacson	X
Vice President Nwokolo	X
Controller Sadawarti	X
Director Khehra	A
Director Dhami	X
Director Agustin	X
Director Swaminathan	A
Director Sinha	A
Director Gambarin	X
Director Plazola	X
Director R. Joshi	X
Director A. Joshi	X
<b>Non-voting Members</b>	
Executive Director Vicki Allen	X
Dr. Sonja Daniels	A
Guests	
Janely Pulido	
Kingson Leung	
Srishti Sinha (attending as guest due to no teleconference location provided)	

**Legends:**

**X** – Present

**A** – Absent