# MINUTES

CCSS Board of Directors meeting, June 8, 2026
Lansdowne Campus, Wilna Thomas 101

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| JONES, Emma | External Executive | VACANT | Interurban Director |
| PIMENTEL, Athena | Interurban Executive | VACANT | Interurban Director |
| LAM, Riley | Lansdowne Executive | PETERSON, Aleah | Lansdowne Director |
| BALUYUT, Terence | Finance Executive | ROUSSEAU-HANSON, Jessie | Lansdowne Director |
| PURNELL, Mia | SWA Director | VACANT | Lansdowne Director |
| PERALTA, Hector | International Director | VACANT | Lansdowne Director |
| SAMANIEGO, Juan | Pride Director | CHOU, Angela | Off Campus Director |
| FREDERICKSON, Jeremy | Indigenous Director | HODSON, Liam | Education Council |
| SHARMA, Aarisca | Sustainability Director | STONE, Jay | Education Council |
| HUYNH, Madison | Women's Director | TOOTH, Acacia | Education Council |
| SIGOUIN, Nyleah | Interurban Director | | Board of Governors |
| VACANT | Interurban Director | LEYLAND, Sean | Board of Governors |

**Attending:** Madison Huynh, Riley Lam, Jessie Rousseau-Hanson, Jeremy Frederickson, Emma Jones, Sean Leyland, Terence Baluyut, Athena Pimentel, Mia Purnell, Nyleah Sigouin, Angela Chou

**Absent**:

**Regrets:** Jay Stone, Juan Samaniego

**Guests & Staff:** Christine Desrochers, Matthew Martin, Michael Glover, Mathieu Poirier, Hannah Carr

**I Call to Order**

a) **Meeting called to order by Speaker of Council**
**Angela** called to order at 5:12pm on June 8th, 2026

b) **Recognition of Coast Salish Territory**
**Angela** acknowledged the Coast Salish Territory on which the meeting is being held. Camosun College Student Society serves students on the traditional territories of Lekwungen and W̱SÁNEĆ speaking peoples, T'souke, Scia'new and Pacheedaht First Nations.

**II Ratification of Agenda/Approval of Previous Minutes**

Approval of Late Regrets

**MOTION**: Baluyut/Peterson
*To approve the late regrets of Acacia Tooth, Hector Campoy and Aarisca Sharma.*
**CARRIED**

Approval of Agenda

**MOTION**: Lam /Baluyut
*BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve the agenda as amended*
**CARRIED**

Approval of Previous Minutes

**MOTION**: Aleah/Riley

*BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve the minutes from May 25th, 2026*
**CARRIED**

**III Presentations/Resignations/Guest Business/Announcements/etc.**

a) Request for leave of absence - External Executive – **Emma**

**Emma** is requesting a full leave of absence starting June 10th for the next month to balance the needs of classes and exam scheduling with CAL versus the responsibilities of the External Executive role.

**MOTION**: Baluyut /Leyland
*BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve a one-month leave of absence for Emma Jones.*
**CARRIED**

After her one-month leave, **Emma** will reassess the situation and have a further discussion with her fellow board members. She would be missing one CASA and one BCFS meeting during this time, but the CCSS would be represented by **Jeremy** at CASA and a yet appointed member at BCFS.

**Matthew Martin** asked if this would be a full leave or a reduction in workload, and **Emma** answered that it would be a full leave. He emphasized that he would need both signing authorities (External Executive and Finance Executive) to continue the payment process and suggested that the board appoint a temporary External Executive in her absence.

**MOTION**: Baluyut /Leyland
*BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors open nominations for a temporary signing officer for a one-month term in Emma Jone's absence.*
**CARRIED**

**Athena** nominates **herself**
**Madison** nominated **Riley Lam**

**Riley Lam** is appointed as the temporary signing officer.

**IV Financial Motions/Issues**

a) $1300 plus tax for a new computer for Hannah Carr out of H&D – **Christine**

**MOTION**: Pimentel/Purnell
*BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve $1300 for a new computer for Hannah Carr out of the Health and Dental Budget.*
**CARRIED**

b) Approval of the 2026–27 Indigenous Student Association (ISA) Budget (please see attached) – **Jeremy**
**Jeremy** spoke to the board about a proposed ISA budget, citing the bylaws and policies that would mandate the formation of such a budget. He stated that it is a separate budget from the Indigenous Director's budget. He is requesting $11,640, with $10,000 coming from the CCSS operational budget and a $1,000 carryover to meet the needs of the ISA governance. He offered a breakdown of where this money would be spent. He emphasized that this is part of the bylaws, and this needs to be approved.

**Terence** asked if there was a record of the ISA funding referendum. He also said that all the collectives share this wording and would like to see the referendum wording before any decision is made. He wanted to know where that money would be taken from to add $11,650 to the budget. **Jeremy** said that the money wouldn't be pulled from anywhere; it is part of the budget and is owed per the bylaws.

**Madison** asked if the bylaws could be pulled up on the big screen so that they could be read by the board. **Matthew** complied.

**Matthew** said that there has never been a separate ISA budget.

**Michael** stated that the director is key to the ISA and it is their role to facilitate. These are the same budget levels that have been for the last 25 years. He understands how the language can be confusing, but there would have to be an agreement to separate them, very much like the Nexus. It doesn't exist as a separate legal entity, even if given autonomous operation.

**Madison** asked for some clarification regarding where the ISA is separate from the Indigenous Director under the bylaws. **Jeremy** replied that there is a budget line that is separate.

**Matt** stated that there is indeed an ISA budget depicted, but there is no budget line for the indigenous director, therefore presuming that it one and the same.

**Madison** asked again where the ISA is separate from the director's budget. **Jeremy** answered that it was section 4G.

**Angela** asked if this is potentially an issue of the name change not reaching this part of the bylaws.

**Sean** echoed **Matt's** suggestion and said that, in accordance with the other director's roles, there is no separate budget.

**Matthew** brought up the Statement of Operations budget, where there is no Indigenous director's budget but there is indeed an ISA budget. The wage for the director, however, comes from the administration budget. He reiterated that there is no separate indigenous director's budget from the ISA.

**Jeremy** asked why the two separate bylaws have two different names (ISA and Indigenous Director) and stated that he is deeply confused. **Matt** responded that these are separated by the duties of the director vs the collective and responsibilities. The resources look at the budgets of the collectives, whereas part 9 looks at the constituency director's duties and responsibilities to their collective.

**Angela** asked if this should be referred to the finance committee, the organizational design committee, or be tabled.

**Jeremy** said that this is not confusing within the bylaws, and if it is written and there are two separate entities, there should be two budgets. He is worried that the staff are interpreting the bylaws incorrectly and stating that he is both the ISA and that the ISA is not currently active. **Riley** replied by saying that the budgets are tied to the constituencies, not the individual. They are responsible for managing the budget for their constituency. **Matt** also clarified by stating that the ISA is the indigenous collective and it is not separate from the CCSS. Like the woman's director has the woman's collective or the Pride Director has the Pride collective. **Madison** stated that constituency directors pay for services out of their budgets. There is no separate budget.

**Terence** suggested that the OD committee look this over to make sure the wording is refined. He said that if the director wanted more money, he could take that to a student referendum, since the budget is currently pulled from a student levy.

**MOTION**: Frederickson /
*Motion to table*
**UNMOVED**

**MOTION**: Baluyut / Frederickson
*BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors refer the issue of ISA 2026-27 funding to the Executive Committee.*
**CARRIED**

**Madison** asked why it is being referred to the executive committee and **Terence** explained that the executive committee will encapsulate both the finance and OD committees.

**MOTION**: Huynh / Lam
*BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors refer the issue of ISA 2026-27 funding to refer to the OD Committee.*
**CARRIED**

c) Seeking motion for approval up to $18,000 For CamFest 2026 (please see attached) – **Riley**
**Riley** explained the budget for September 8th and 9th 2026 and the club days for the 10th and 11th. Last year the budget was $18,000 and came in under budget with additional revenue bringing down the overall cost.

**MOTION**: Pimentel / Purnell
*BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve $18,000 for CamFest 2026*
**CARRIED**

**<u>V Committee Reports</u>**

a) Organizational Design—**Terence-** A survey poll was sent out to garner availability and invitations will be sent out soon for OD committee meetings. They will be beginning with the electoral policy.

b) Special Events— **Athena / Riley-** The SE committee has been meeting over the last couple weeks and has discussed several events, and will be developing a special events calendar for the upcoming year. There is another meeting on June 25th and there will talk about September events. **Athena** invited anyone who has an event idea.

c) Campaigns & Advocacy—**Emma-** No report. **Aleah** asked who would chair in her absence and **Terence** said that the Executive will handle that. **Madison** said that two members from the committee can call a meeting as well. **Athena** and **Terence** spoke with **Ruthanne** earlier today and there will be continued discussion with the college.

d) Executive Committee— **Emma-** No report.

e) Finance Committee— **Terence-** There is also a form for this committee. Please respond to this email. He also apologized for the lack of availability due to his work term.

f) Electoral Committee— **Gord** – The committee met last week and **Gord** will be chairing the committee. They went through the recommendations from Gillespie and it might be referred to the OD committee in the near future.

g) Personnel Committee—**Sean –**

**MOTION**: Leyland / Frederickson
*BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors move into Camera at 6:24pm*
**CARRIED**

**MOTION**: Baluyut / Lam
*BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors move out of camera at 7:25*
**CARRIED**

**<u>VI Member Reports</u>**

a) Budget Consultation with the BC Government's Standing Committee for Finance and Government Services Report – **Terence**

Last Monday, **Terence** was able to present in front of the BC Government's Standing Committee for Finance and Government Services. He reported on Camosun and made recommendations for the budget. He brought forward three main items: restore public funding, expand the sector sustainability review, and maintain the 2% tuition limit policy to protect our students. He was disappointed at the Q and A about how little the MLAs would engage with the questions raised and additional discussion regarding the “look west” campaign.

b) Reports from conferences - **Emma**

**Emma** presented a slideshow on the BCFS&CASA conferences. She gave a limited presentation on the BCFS since many board members attended. At the BCFS the indigenous outreach session stood out to her as important. The advice given was to start with the foundation: ensure that our policies are indigenous-friendly, since a lot of disconnect comes from a lack of trust. Make sure indigenous representation is heard and valued and relationships are maintained.

She spoke to the hierarchy of governance and law: the Law –> Bylaws –> Precedence –> Robert’s Rules. She delved into the details of Robert’s Rules, stating that they are rules, not laws. She also recommended that our board look at CASA’s slide deck on Robert’s Rules to refresh. She addressed what CASA and BCFS can do for us. BCFS will back the CCSS in provincial advocacy; they are currently focused on #CUTSSUCK and the underfunding of post-secondary education. CASA does federal advocacy, such as Canada Student Financial Aid (CSFA) grants and loans, post-secondary student support programs, and more.

She highlighted CAL as one of the major points of funding cuts. She tried to have her exam moved so that it would not conflict with her conference. However, due to funding and staff cuts, this was approved but eventually not accommodated. She stated that we need to remain accessible to students and has spoken to CAL to schedule a meeting to discuss this issue.

c) CASA/NIAC Convention – National Indigenous Advocacy Framework – **Jeremy**

**Jeremy** spoke briefly on NIAC, stating that he really enjoyed the experience with 85 different constituents from across Canada. He was asked to stay for an additional 5 days for their elections. He learned a lot about their bylaws and policies and was honoured to represent Camosun. Through NIAC's discussion with CASA, CASA will be hosting its own meetings to implement a pilot project for an indigenous director for policy. Jeremy was happy to facilitate the policy behind that procedure. He said it was very meaningful to be recognized nationwide and be at the forefront. As for the committee itself, it is to represent all of the indigenous students across Canada and to give them a voice.

**VIII Unfinished Business**

a) Student Representative for the Victoria Regional Transit Commission – **Hannah**

**MOTION**: Baluyut / Jones
*BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors move open nominates for the Student Representative for the Victoria Regional Transit Commission*
**CARRIED**

**Jessie** nominates himself
**Madison** nominates herself

**Madison** spoke first, saying that she hoped to represent Camosun and students across the all students that use Victoria Regional Transit. She wants to support students and make sure BC transit does the same.

**Jessie** stated he is a long-time transit user and is very familiar with the roadblocks in the way for students, such as in the fall when buses are limited and full. He has spoken to transit before and was able to get additional buses added to the morning route of the #7. It gave him some insight into how BC Transit accommodates people, but only at constant requests. He wants to listen to the needs of the community and be part of these meetings.

**Jessie** is nominated.

**VII Question Period**

**X New Business**

a) Approval of the letter in support of reopening the Science Help Center – **Hannah Carr** on behalf of **Jay Stone** (Please see attachment)

**Aleah** has been speaking with **Jay** and stated that the staff who run the Science Help Center is currently on maternity leave, which may have added to the decision to close the service for the summer. There is also a fear it will not be reopened in the fall.

**MOTION**: Huynh / Lam
*BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors refer the issue to the Campaigns and Advocacy Committee*
**CARRIED**

**MOTION**: Baluyut / Jones
*BIRT the Camosun College Students' Society endorse the letter authored by Jay Stone regarding advocacy efforts opposing the closure of the Camosun College Science Help Centre and authorize its signature on behalf of the Society.*
**CARRIED**

b) Local 17's BCFS Representative – **Terence**

Following **Emma's** leave of absence, the CCSS will need a representative for the June 26th-28th BCFS Executive Committee meeting in Prince George. **Terence** will already be there as a BCFS member, but another member will need to be there to represent Local 17.

**MOTION**: Baluyut / Jones
*BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors move to open nominations for Local 17 BCFS Representative*
**CARRIED**

**Athena** nominates herself
- **Riley** will act as an alternative if she is unable to attend

**Athena** is nominated

**MOTION**: Baluyut / Jones
*BIRT the Interurban Director, Athena Pimentel, be appointed as the Camosun College Students' Society's Local 17 representative to the British Columbia Federation of Students Executive Committee Meeting from June 26–28, 2026.*
**CARRIED**

c) Open nominations to the floor for board appointment – **Riley**

**Sean** asked if the board has received any additional information since the last meeting, and if the nominations would be opened to the whole college rather than just from the floor. **Emma** seconded this.

**Riley** said that it could absolutely be opened to the college if that is the will of the board.

**Madison** raised some issues regarding the current process and stated that there is no purpose in the campaigning process during appointments. **Jessie** also stated that the May 11th process is somewhat convoluted. **Matt** suggested that, if the May 11th process were to undergo revisions, it could be sent to the Electoral Committee rather than passing a motion that would strictly use this process.

**MOTION**: Lam / Huynh
*BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors move to open nominations from the floor for board appointment.*

***AMENDED**: Jones / Leyland*
*BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors move to open nominations and use the process as used during the May 11th appointment process.*
**CARRIED**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** Jones / Baluyut
*Call the question*
**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** Baluyut / Jones
*BIRT that the CCSS refer the issue of future appointment processes to the Electoral Committee*
**CARRIED**

d) Discussion regarding International Day on September 3rd – **Christine**

**Christine** received a message about the international lunch we hosted last year, asking if we could host again. They are expecting 150 international students in the fall, and Christine is wondering if the CCSS would be interested. **Terence** asked if there would be international department help, and **Christine** confirmed that they would be providing some support. Since it will be under $1000, there is no need for a financial motion at this time, but was more looking for interest.

**IX Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Baluyut/Rosseau-Hanson
*Adjourned at 8:40*
**FAILED**

**MOTION:** Jones/Sigouin
*Adjourned at 8:42*
**CARRIEDs**