

# MINUTES

CCSS Board of Directors meeting, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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| VACANT.....             | External Executive      | PEICU, Nadia .....          | 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  |
| CAMPOY, Hector.....     | International Director  | VACANT.....                 | Lansdowne Director  |
| SAMANIEGO, Juan.....    | Pride Director          | CHOU, Angela.....           | Off Campus Director |
| FREDERICKSON, Jeremy... | Indigenous Director     | STIRLING, Dorothy .....     | Education Council   |
| SHARMA, Aarisca .....   | Sustainability Director | STONE, Jay .....            | Education Council   |
| HUYNH, Madison .....    | Women’s Director        | DANIELS, Devon.....         | Education Council   |
| SIGOUIN, Nyleah .....   | Interurban Director     | LAVAN, Jewel .....          | Board of Governors  |
| QUESADA, Daniella ..... | Interurban Director     | VACANT.....                 | Board of Governors  |

**Attending:** Aleah Peterson, Jay Stone, Jessie Rousseau-Hanson, Terence Baluyut, Madison Huynh, Juan Samaniego, Athena Pimentel, Riley Lam, Angela Chou. Aarisca Sharma

**Absent:** Dorothy Stirling, Devon Daniels, Jewel Lavan

**Regrets:** Daniella Quesada, Nadia Peicu, Mia Purnell

**Guests & Staff:** Matthew Martin, Mathieu Poirier, Michael Glover, Christine Desrochers, Hannah Carr, Ruthanne Orihuela, Chris Filler, Arr Farah

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## **I Call to Order**

### a) **Meeting called to order by Speaker of Council**

**Aleah** called the meeting to order at 4:43 on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### b) **Recognition of Coast Salish Territory**

**Aleah** 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 WSÁNEĆ speaking peoples, T’souke, Scia’new and Pacheedaht First Nations.

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

Approval of Late Regrets

**MOTION:** Stone / Baluyut

*BIRT that the CCSS Board of Directors approve the late regrets of Daniella Quesada, Nadia Peicu, Jeremy Frederickson.*

**CARRIED**

Approval of Agenda

**MOTION:** Lam / Stone

*BIRT that the CCSS Board of Directors approve the agenda as presented*

**CARRIED**

Approval of Previous Minutes

**MOTION:** Lam / Samaniego

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*BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve the minutes from August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026.*

**CARRIED**

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

- a) **Ruthanne Orihuela** thanked the board for the invitation and introduced herself as the Associate Vice President for Student Success. She's been in this role since last September, and has learned a lot about student support at the college. She said she would like to connect with more student directors in order to help raise the issues that the CCSS is seeing and take them forward. She also offered help with events, activities and advocacy. She is committed to seeking student voice and listening to students whose success her title encompasses. She is looking to the CCSS to see what those engagement activities could look like. She offered her help to scoop ice cream or cook hot dogs and to attend events. Her calendar is crazy, so recommended that the CCSS reach out early to secure a spot. She also sent an email today to **Terence** and **Christine** to talk about the future and would like to hear about what the engagement of the society on campus can look like.

**Ruthanne** stated that anytime the CCSS would like a policy or campus update, we can reach out to her or **Laura Mannerfeldt**: [orihuelar@camosun.ca](mailto:orihuelar@camosun.ca) or [MannerfeldtL@camosun.ca](mailto:MannerfeldtL@camosun.ca)

- b) Childcare - **Chris Filler** told the board that is has been a full year since Camosun Childcare Services (CCS) visited the CCSS. He introduced the service, which has been operating at the Lansdowne and Interurban campuses for 35 years. They offer a range of childcare services: from chickadees and hummingbirds (birth to 18 months) to quails and herons (3-5 years). **Chris** highlighted the experience of the 17 educators who run the facility and how many of their professionals are Camosun Alumni. The CCS works closely with other departments at the college as well, like taking part in orange shirt day, hosting practicum students from Camosun, and making connections with the nursing, dental, kinesiology program, and the trades programs. **Chris** also showed pictures of the new story boat, which has replaced the decrepit one, partially funded by the CCSS. He is looking to have a plaque made to thank those who contributed.

**Chris** noted that the CCS is a point of levity on campus, with the children bringing joy wherever they go. The CCS mandate is to provide childcare for Camosun students, faculty, staff, and the broader community.

When it comes to services, we have to discuss cost and funding. Most CCS funding comes from the Ministry of Childcare and Camosun College, however, the CCS has a mandate that they must remain cost neutral. **Chris** stated that most of the funding goes to personnel costs in order to maintain the quality that has come to be expected of the CCS, including all staff being ECE graduates.

**Chris** asked the board for a motion that would allow for a referendum question be added to the fall election. His proposed question: *Are you in favour of increasing the Child Care Levy from \$1.40 per month to \$2.40 per month to help maintain access to high quality, licensed on-campus child care that supports student success and serves the Camosun community.*

**Jay** asked what the waitlist is like for Childcare. **Chris** stated that, in recent years, the number of people on the waitlist have dropped, but it depends on the age bracket that children are falling into. **Jay** followed up by asking if there is Camosun-student prioritization when it comes to placing

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children within CCS programs. **Chris** replied that help for Camosun students primarily comes via childcare funding (government grants, etc.).

The funding the CCS is currently asking for will not erase their current deficit, but it would help. They are looking for other avenues of funding as well.

**Terence** stated that when the CCSS and CCS originally met, the referendum was looking to raise the fee to be in the \$1.70 range and that higher figures, such as the one presented, may be less palatable to the student body. He asked what had changed since those initial meetings and if they were more confident in the \$2.40 figure. **Chris** said it's not a confidence thing, but instead an increase in need. With aging infrastructure and the need for new astroturf installation, the overall costs are skyrocketing. In order to keep operating, and maintain their licenses, the CCS needs to maintain a strict level of quality. They are trying to do the most that they can within the referendum. **Terence** followed it up with showing his support, but asked if the team had looked at adding CPI on the referendum. **Glover** confirmed there is already CPI on the fees they currently receive.

**Juan** asked if this money would enable the CCS to expand their services since the demand appears to exist. **Chris** stated their current goal is to sustain their current programming. It wouldn't allow them to expand, but it would allow them to position themselves to get more funding in order to expand. The CCS needs to get back to neutral expenditure before any expansion can be approached. **Juan** highlighted that referendums do fail. What is the backup plan if it isn't passed and what can the CCSS do to help. **Chris** stated he hadn't thought that far ahead, but would love to talk about it. **Juan** asked if there are other ways that CCS can connect with people outside of Camosun College. **Chris** said there is always room to connect outside of Camosun and has been given the go ahead to try to make those connections, such as nature-based programming with the Horticulture Institute. As long as it doesn't incur other debt, he is open to it.

**Matt** asked if there were talks to bring back the discounted rates for Camosun students, or adjusting the schedule of fees, in order to honey this referendum question. **Chris** stated that they are actually moving to a single fee system, and Camosun was one of the only institutions that offered tiered fees. When students were charged less, the CCS wasn't able to recoup back the funds from the government. The families that were receiving the affordable childcare benefit were also the ones receiving the discount from the CCS, and, overall, it was cutting into CCS funding that it needed to keep running. He said it might not look great, but it really helps. **Matt** stated that students might want to see what additional benefit they get as a student if they are paying more. **Chris** said it all comes down to maintaining the service. s

**Michael** voiced his concern, stating that it is a laudable effort, but students are only one of three user groups, including CUPE and the CCFA. He is worried it is a big ask, and that the large fee jump might not be palatable to the students who are not connected to the daycare. The college has also been raising their services fee and the students are being burdened by that additional cost.

**Christine** stated, as a point of housekeeping, that every student would be paying this, not just the fulltime students, as the proposal suggested. If the referendum motion was passed, the fee collection would not begin until next September, and asked if it this is something to bring to the September election or the spring election, in order to give the CCS more time to prepare. She asked if they had prepared a campaign and were ready to talk to students and parents in order to push this through. She stated that the CCS will need to format a great campaign within the next two weeks, otherwise waiting until the next election will give students time to get to know CCS. **Chris** agreed

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and said he'd rather not rush if this won't come into effect until September 2027. He asked if the CCS would be able to hold a referendum twice, once in September and then again in the spring. **Matthew** said that only once is best and that there were mitigating circumstances for the Nexus hosting back-to-back referendums.

**Madison** asked for some clarification if the CCS is going to table at Camfest. **Chris** said yes and that he is going to tap his team to get the word out. He is making an effort to get more involved.

**Matthew** asked what resources limit their capacity. **Chris** responded that their license is based on square footage and does limit how many children can attend. Growing isn't possible with the current deficit.

**Terence** asked if students who are parents will be given priority with the increase in funding, since it would be the students who are providing the funds. **Chris** said that students are already given priority access with the spots available, students are always put to the top of the list. The CCS is currently looking at how to make more spots available to students. He said the topic of opening more spots to students would be a different conversation, but would be one to consider.

**Jessie** stated that, when approaching a referendum, campaigning is very important, especially with students who don't know much about the CCS. Young students fresh from high school see having children as a distant issue, and therefore don't have an emotional connection with the CCS. Campaigning to this demographic would greatly help their chances. He suggested that getting the kids involved will really help, like hosting an art show in fisher with the children's art. Creating a more familial environment will be a great benefit for the whole college. He suggested exploring creating ways to bridge the gap between students who don't have the need to childcare and those who are. He suggested that the CCS highlights that they do prioritize students. Students aren't going to seek information, so they need to make it very obvious. Make sure CCS is known around the college before the question is posed. Aim to do that for the Spring Election, and build connections. **Chris** said he loved the idea of creative connection.

[FillerC@camosun.ca](mailto:FillerC@camosun.ca) or 370-4889 is the best way to contact him, but also stop by the childcare and come chat. They love connecting.

**Aleah** asked how long the waitlist is. He said it really depends on the program they are looking for. But the waitlists range between 12-24 people and the toddler care fluctuates the most due to maternity or paternity leave ending with 20-30 people on the waitlist.

Jessie offered his help if Chris would like to chat about creative brainstorming and connecting.

- c) Alumo Guest – **Arr Farah** introduced himself to the board and introduced the CCSS to the health and dental plan. He stated that the plan is completely overseen by the CCSS, and we get to choose what our benefits are. As far as what Alumo does, they manage the experience of students through the website and services. They are consultants and negotiate with insurers, but also help with the design of the plans. They also do research to let us know what other campuses are doing coast to coast. They are also able to do finance and risk analysis, and are the people on the floor when calls and emails come in. They do custom communication and platform building. They are committed to working for the CCSS, full financial transparency, regular and tailored reports, plan sovereignty, and long-term financial stability.

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**Arr** introduced the board to the services including Virtual Health Care, the Student Assistance Program (replacing MyWellness on the Alumo app), Dental Care, Pharmacy, Phycology, Vision, Chiropractic, and Massage Therapy networks.

MyStudentPlan is becoming Alumo, and therefore a lot of branding is changing, for example, the old website will be redirecting to the new website. There will also be a benefits mobile app, though desktop is also available. The CCSS can use the push notifications within this new app to alert members to events and happenings at the CCSS.

The CCSS is looking to add gender affirming care to its health plan. The GAC benefits have been rolled out across Canada for the past four years, and has been improved yearly. The overall totals have been bumped from 10k to a 50k lifetime maximum. Within GAC, they have also added up to \$1,000 for travel and accommodation in order to obtain that care. Another program they are implementing is their legal care program, offering legal insurance to students. They offer legal consultation on any matter and legal representation for housing, academic, and employment disputes along with notary services. Members would have unlimited access to legal consultation including immigration and criminal law, and it would not expire until the student's issue is resolved, despite their graduation status so long as the case was opened before they graduated. There are 45 institutions across the country using this service.

He offered a breakdown of the potential renewal packages bringing the annualized renewal rate to \$212.28 with a health and dental fee of \$318.00. There would be increases in paramedical, eye exams, minor dental restoration, dental scaling units, raising the number of wisdom teeth from 2 to 4 per policy year, SAP (counselling) 8 session model, and gender affirming care.

**Arr** said he is a fan of the flex plan, but that cannot be changed part way through the year. He showed the board an example of what a flex plan could look like. He said a tiered plan has levels of fees, whereas a flex plan is one price but has options for plan customization.

**Christine** asked why virtual health cannot offer x-rays. **Arr** said he would look into it, but believes it's legislated that they cannot be offered.

**Terence** asked how difficult it would be to administer a flex plan with a single staff member managing that. **Arr** replied that it would be quite simple and staff wouldn't have to be involved unless they wanted to be. It could be done through their website with the same modification deadlines as the CCSS currently has.

**Madison** asked if GAC is currently part of our plan. **Arr** stated it is not.

## **IV Financial Motions/Issues**

- a) Childcare referendum question – in response to **Chris Filler**  
**Terence** stated that they would like to hear from the staff regarding their concerns.

**MOTION:** Samaniego/ Jessie Rousseau-Hanson

*BIRT the CCSS support the referendum question be added to the fall election: Are you in favour of increasing the Child Care Levy from \$1.40 per month to \$2.40 per month to help maintain access to high quality, licensed on-campus child care that supports student success and serves the Camosun community.*

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**AMENDED** Baluyut / Jessie Rousseau-Hanson

*BIRT the CCSS support the referendum question: Are you in favour of increasing the Child Care Levy from \$1.40 per month to \$2.40 per month to help maintain access to high quality, licensed on-campus child care that supports student success and serves the Camosun community.*

**Amendment carried**

**AMENDED** Stone / Baluyut

*BIRT the CCSS support the referendum question: Are you in favour of increasing the Child Care Levy from \$1.40 per month to \$2.00 per month to help maintain access to high quality, licensed on-campus child care that supports student success and serves the Camosun community.*

**FAILED**

**MOTION TO TABLE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 14TH** Lam/ Jessie Rousseau-Hanson

*BIRT the CCSS board of directors table the issue of the CCS funding until September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026.*

**CARRIED**

*Jay opposition to the passing of the above motion is noted.*

**MOTION:** Baluyut / Jessie Rousseau-Hanson

*BIRT that the CCSS Council provide Camosun College Child Care Services with the following options regarding its proposed CCSS levy referendum:*

*Option 1: Proceed with a proposed levy increase of \$1.00 per student per month, provided that Child Care Services completes the petition process required under the CCSS Constitution and Bylaws, including obtaining signatures from at least 5% of the student body; or*

*Option 2: Proceed with a levy referendum for an increase of \$0.60 per student per month, with the referendum question approved by the CCSS Council for submission to the student body at a future student election.*

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** Lam / Sharma

*BIRT that CCSS open nominations to select two volunteers and one staff member to liaison with the CCS regarding the referendum.*

**CARRIED**

**Jay** – Nominates herself

**Terence** – Nominates himself

**Madison** – Nominated by Riley and he accepts the nomination

*Staff will discuss the matter and select their own delegate.*

**Jay** and **Terence** are elected.

**MOTION:** Samaniego /Sharma

*BIRT that CCSS ratify the election of Jay and Terence as the liaisons with the CCS regarding the referendum.*

**CARRIED**

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**Jessie** stated that this motion should not be rushed, especially if the daycare is unsure about whether they want this to be on the fall or spring election ballot.

**Juan** reminded the board that this is up to the students, it is only up to the board to facilitate the proposal of the question.

**Terence** stated he is still worried about the change in proposed fee amount between the current and previous meetings. However, he is aware of the need. He stated that this is a very different conversation than what happened with the Nexus and it could succeed. He stated if this is the amount they want, he supports it.

**Juan** reminded the board that there are still a lot of questions about the amount and the timeline, and more information is needed before the board can pass anything.

**Glover** stated that he is very wary of the dollar amount and that it likely isn't appropriate for them to ask for it. Between CUPE and CCFA, he would like to know why the CCS are only coming to the students. They are not a bank. He stated we should not ask our members to support something we do not agree with.

From a frontline office standpoint, **Matt** added, the childcare fee is the main issue that is raised when students ask about the fees. Asking to increase it by 70% shows very little benefit to our students, with the student fees and daycare fees costing our students, technically, more for daycare than other users.

**Jay** stated that we should leave it at \$1.00 and run it in the fall and see if it fails. If it does, we can rerun it in the spring.

**Madison** stated that this increase wouldn't be erasing the deficit anyway, and they would likely be coming back for another referendum in the near future if they tired for a lower amount.

**Matthew** stated that the next years budget, which must be approved by April, may have to go to referendum in November in order to meet their budget deadline. The question is whether they are ready to go to referendum or not. He thought it was going to be a fifty-cent increase and this is much higher than expected.

**Juan** said that there is a lot of grey area, and this issue should be tabled until the CCS has a clearer idea of how they are going to campaign.

**Glover** stated that there are two ways to trigger a referendum - either we can trigger a referendum or it can be brought about by the student body. He said that the CCS could get 500 students to back the referendum and that way they would have proven backing before it moves forward.

**Terence** said that these conversations have been going on since last year, and marketing efforts with the college are underway. He thinks they are ready. The main conversation should be if a dollar per month is an appropriate amount to be asking our membership for. There is certainly a need for that dollar, but we also need to be fair to our membership. He would like some more information.

**Madison** asked if there is a deadline to adding something to the ballot. Matthew answered yes, and Glover said at least a month before the election.

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**Riley** asked how likely the referendum would be to pass with a decrease of 40 cents. **Christine** said the last two referendums have failed for the Nexus, and **Matthew** presented the referendums since Fall 2022 to the board, where the last referendum that passed was for a student refugee that passed by 50.8%.

**Jay** said that we would be making a mistake putting this off to the future. This is a huge barrier to our students and, even if it isn't perfect, this should be passed. This conversation has been ongoing and we need to make decisions. **Madison** agreed and said that holding off will harm more people in the future. She said this could pass as long as it's worded correctly to be palatable to students, as we have seen with the virtual doctor referendum.

**Matt** stated that the virtual doctor is one of our best used programs, and that was passed during Covid, when access to medical care by distance was a major issue. He isn't sure if childcare can be framed in as easy a way.

**Glover** reminded everyone that the strategy of multiple referendums isn't a good idea. There were mitigating circumstances with the Nexus referendum and we need to try to avoid backlash.

**Juan** expressed some hesitation and, again, suggested we ask for some more information.

**Riley** stated that if the referendum fails, they get nothing. If we decrease the amount, it might be less than what they wanted, but at least they would get something.

**Athena** said there should be no rush for them to have this out in the fall, and they should reach out to CUPE and CCFA. The additional pressure being put on the CCSS to rush this issue is unwarranted. The raise compared to last year was also a shock. She stated that we don't want two referendums, and the larger voting pool in the spring would likely be a benefit.

**Terence** stated that we should consult with the CCS before we pass anything amended.

**Jessie** vocalized his agreement with **Glover**, stating he doesn't know how much campaigning they have done previously, and having a petition to move the referendum would be a great way to connect with the students first. It would also reaffirm that the CCSS is a voice of the students. It would also give them time to speak with CUPE and CCFA.

**Terence** reminded the board of the scarce resources of the CCS and pushing them to find petitioners might overtax them.

**Madison** said that tabling this would allow time for a board member to talk to the CCS and discuss some options. **Glover** agreed and said that the CCS needs the confidence to pass with some support.

**Jessie** asked if a lower number can be required to force a referendum, and **Matt** replied that it's 5% of the active membership as per our bylaws. **Matthew** said that 5% is also required for voter turnout, but we typically exceed those numbers.

- b) \$15,083.26 – The Nexus Publishing Society (Nexus levy for Jan - Mar 2026) – **Matthew**

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**MOTION:** Samaniego /Lam

*BIRT that the CCSS Board of Directors approve \$15,083.26 for The Nexus Publishing Society (Nexus levy for Jan - Mar 2026)*

**CARRIED**

**Matthew** gave a brief overview of the components of Nexus funding: The nexus grant, the nexus levy and the nexus top-up.

**Terence** thanked **Matthew** for the presentation and the clarity it provides.

- c) \$1,949.06 – Bonnie Light Advertising (25% sales commission for handbook + GST) – **Matthew**

**MOTION:** Pimentel/Lam

*BIRT that the CCSS Board of Directors approve \$1,949.06 for Bonnie Light Advertising (25% sales commission for handbook + GST)*

**CARRIED**

**Jay** asked for some clarification. **Glover** stated that we sell over \$7,000 worth of advertising space in our agenda. The payment here is the commission from those sales.

- d) CCSS credit cards – **Matthew** (in camera)

**MOTION:** Pimentel/Lam

*BIRT that the CCSS Board of Directors move into camera at 8:06*

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** Samaniego / Pimentel

*BIRT that the CCSS Board of Directors move out of camera at 8:29*

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** Samaniego / Rousseau-Hanson

*BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve converting the TD credit card points on the CCSS credit card in Michel's name at a fraction of the value and transfer any remaining cash balance on the card from cashing the points to the CCSS bank account.*

*BIFRT the CCSS Board of Directors directs signing authorities to direct TD Canada Trust to close Michel Turcotte's CCSS credit card either upon his affirmative response to the SLO's requests or as of October 31, 2026, whichever comes first.*

**CARRIED**

## V Committee Reports

- a) Organizational Design—**Terence**- The Organizational Design Committee is still in phase 1 of their plan. A meeting will be hosted next week and they should be ready to report back with committee priorities by the next council meeting.
- b) Special Events— **Athena / Riley**- There was a meeting last Thursday and things are progressing as expected.
- c) Campaigns & Advocacy— No report.

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- d) Executive Committee— No report.
- e) Finance Committee— **Terence** – The next meeting will be in mid-September and **Terence** will be sending out an invitation. This will include the health and dental plan updates.
- f) Electoral Committee— **Mia** – No report.
- g) Personnel Committee— **Jessie** – No report.

## VI Member Reports

## VII Other Reports

## VIII Unfinished Business

## IX Question Period

## X New Business

- a) Discussion of the L. Johnson Law Group letter – **Madison** addressed the board stating that she expects some questions about why she has brought this forward despite the motion being removed from the agenda – she states that the issue has continued to loom over her with gossip being spread to her peers beyond the society despite the motion being dropped. She stated, in addition to the harassment, the board has ignored warnings of structural risks by refusing to discuss these issues at her behest. She wonders if people realize that when the board members fail to act in the best interest of the society, they lose the protections of the society. The motion regarding her concerns was tabled indefinitely and the issues she saw were never resolved nor addressed. She reminded her fellow council members that work place culture is not just maintained by one person but by all. Since her concerns have been brought forward, ignorance can no longer be claimed.

**Jay** expressed her concern about the lack of evidence and the board's inability to act under the conditions presented. It would be as unfair to everyone involved to act without information. She told the board that she will protect anyone if evidence is provided, but in this case, none was. **Madison** stated that she, along with other board members and staff, were prepared to offer evidence, however, the motion was tabled before she, or anyone else, was able to. **Matt** seconded this.

**Juan** said that the issue is not the motion, but the threat of the removal from the council without any notice. He believes that there needs to be acknowledgement that this was wrong, a mistake was made, but the board is learning from it. It happened, yes, but it shouldn't have happened.

**Jay** asked if the staff believed this was a good idea and **Matt** stated that **Erynne Grant** at the Union Local is aware of the letter and is reviewing for future steps.

**Terence** requested the motion be moved into an in-camera session.

**Juan** asked what the goal of going into camera was, and **Terence** said that they would be discussing personnel issues that should remain confidential.

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**MOTION:** Baluyut/ Rousseau-Hanson

*BIRT that the CCSS Board of Directors move into camera at 8:45*

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** Pimentel / Samaniego

*BIRT that the CCSS Board of Directors move out of camera at 11:09*

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** Lam / Samaniego

*BIRT that the CCSS board of directors elect two counsel members and a staff member to contact the lawyer on retainer by the CCSS to discuss and provide context for the letter sent by L. Johnson Law Group, contacted by August 26<sup>th</sup>, approving associated costs up to \$5000.*

*BIFRT the lawyer attends an emergency meeting help on Monday August 31<sup>st</sup> to provide guidance with the counsel, minus those who have declared conflict of interest.*

**CARRIED**

*Terence and Madison raised a conflict of interest during this in camera session and removed themselves.*

**MOTION:** Chou / Lam

*BIRT that the CCSS Board of Directors open nominations to appoint two council members to contact the lawyer on retainer by the CCSS by August 26<sup>th</sup>.*

**CARRIED**

**Riley and Jay** are nominated

**MOTION:** Samaniego / Chou

*BIRT that the CCSS Board of Directors appoint Riley Lam and Jay Stone. The results are ratified and the metaphorical ballots are destroyed.*

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** Lam / Chou

*BIRT that the CCSS Board of Director table New Business items b) and c) until the emergency board meeting hosted on August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026.*

**CARRIED**

- b) Official policy for hybrid meetings for extenuating circumstances – **Jay**  
**Tabled until the next meeting**

- c) Proposal for an Interim Appointment to the External Executive Position Until the Fall 2026 By-Election – **Terence**

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

*BIRT the CCSS Council open an internal appointment process for the vacant External Executive position, with the successful appointee serving on an interim basis until the position is filled through the Fall 2026 by-election.*

**Tabled until the next meeting**

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## **XI Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Samaniego /Pimentel  
*Adjourned at 11:17pm.*  
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