

# MINUTES

CCSS Board of Directors meeting, September 14, 2026

Online, Various Locations

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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:** Athena Pimentel, Riley Lam, Terence Baluyut, Mia Purnell, Hector Peralta, Juan Samaniego, Jeremy Frederickson, Aarisca Sharma, Madison Huynh, Nyleah Sigouin, Daniella Quesada, Nadia Peicu, Aleah Peterson, Jessie Rousseau-Hanson, Angela Chou, Jay Stone

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

**Regrets:**

**Guests & Staff:** Matthew Martin, Mathieu Poirier, Michael Glover, Christine Desrochers, Cole Reinbold, Jill Adams.

## I Call to Order

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

**Angela** called the meeting to order at 5:03 on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 WSÁNEĆ speaking peoples, T'souke, Scia'new and Pacheedaht First Nations.

## II Ratification of Agenda/Approval of Previous Minutes

Approval of Agenda

**MOTION:** Peicu / Samaniego

*BIRT that the CCSS Board of Directors approve the agenda to include:*

- *Up to \$2500 for a Holiday dinner*
- *In camera - SLO discussion*
- *In Camera - Member report: CASA update and MOU update*
- *Elder Jackie \$300 per Honoria per session clarification*

**CARRIED**

Approval of Previous Minutes

**MOTION:** Baluyut / Peterson

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*BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve the minutes from August 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026.*

**CARRIED**

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

- a) Election Findings from the **BCFS**

**Jill** and **Cole** presented the finding of the BCFS, stating that there are many different viewpoints, but no perfect answer. While the BCFS has a lot of experience with board politics and Robert's Rules of Order, they can only offer guidance, not legal advice. Following the decision that the secondary June 22<sup>nd</sup> appointment motion was null and void, the two appointed candidates were members and operating with all given rights as appointed board members. There is a strong basis that the first motion was valid when it passed and both nominees met the criteria. However, the July 6<sup>th</sup> point of order should have been made on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. At the end of the day, fairness and members trust needs to be something maintained, and the society has continued to treat the appointees as directors. Since we are now approaching the fall election, any action taken now could cause issues. They recommended the CCSS review our bylaws and policies, how they open and close, how voting works, and when a vote takes effect. They also suggested seeking guidance from staff. They also recommended the bi election method rather than appointments as a medium for fairer proceedings. At this stage, the CCSS needs to move forward and learn and improve from past mistakes. We need to all work together, put differences aside and act as a board. We cannot change what happened.

## **IV Financial Motions/Issues**

- a) \$1000 donation for Cops for Cancer – **Christine**

**MOTION:** Baluyut/ Sharma

*BIRT that the CCSS Board of Directors approve a \$1000 donation for Cops for Cancer*

**DEFEATED**

The board expressed their reluctance to support this cause, as many of our members are marginalised by police, or have faced police brutality in the past.

The board was reminded that this fundraiser goes to children's cancer treatment, not the police.

Another concern was raised that the money comes from our students and this is likely not the best use of student funds. There are many people struggling at this time, and a charity not associated with the police would be preferential.

- b) \$22,043.83 – Canadian Alliance of Student Associations – remaining 70% of 2026-27 CASA membership dues – **Matthew**

**MOTION:** Baluyut/ Samaniego

*BIRT that the CCSS Board of Directors approve \$22,043.83 for the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations to cover the remaining 70% of 2026-27 membership dues.*

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- c) \$188,244 per year estimated increase in Health & Dental benefits for this November– **Matthew**

**MOTION:** Peralta/ Lam

*BIRT that the CCSS Board of Directors approve \$188,244 per year estimated increase in Health & Dental benefits for this November*

**CARRIED**

**Matthew** presented the proposed changes for the health and dental plan to the board in an effort to reduce the overage by implementing a mid year benefits change. The benefit plan staff figured out how to do that for Nov 1, which leaves the CCSS with a surplus of \$200,000 in H&D. They are considering putting this surplus in bursaries with the Camosun foundation (split it off the erasing barriers fund). Alumo has been pushing the legal benefits, however, with discussions with the executives, we are not interested in adding to our plan. Our plan will be better than most plans across BC.

**Terence** motivated in favor to this, stating we can improve the benefits with the steps we are taking. The bursary would be great for things that are not covered by this altered plan.

The board was happy to see the Gender Affirming Care aspect added, and all the other changes, and to have this resource for students.

A plan for the \$200,000 for the bursaries will be formulated by the end of March and implemented in January 2028

- d) \$1,034.43 NextGen Automation – Large format printer ink from Events budget – **Matthew** explained we need to purchase ink for the large format printer for various events and campaigns, ideally 3 cartridges for the plotter.

**MOTION:** Huynh/ Stone

*BIRT that the CCSS Board of Directors approve \$1,034.43 for the NextGen Automation – Large format printer ink from Events budget*

**CARRIED**

- e) \$1,783.95 Titanium Tents – \$1099 Tent setup for CamFest, \$684.95 Tent replacement parts – **Matthew** - tent set up for Camfest, and we needed some new parts for some existing tents, further take down costs coming up to another \$1000 for the take down

**MOTION:** Stone/ Sharma

*BIRT that the CCSS Board of Directors approve \$1,783.95 Titanium Tents.*

**CARRIED**

- f) Holiday Party up to \$2500 – **Christine**

**MOTION:** Baluyut/ Quesada

*BIRT that the CCSS Board of Directors approve \$2500 for the holiday party*

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- g) \$300 per session for elder support – **Jeremy**

Cree elder Jacky Valentine is looking to provide seven bi-weekly session for the cohort from 10am-2pm every second Wednesday. These 7 sessions would cost \$300 per session, with \$2100 total coming out of the indigenous fund.

**Matthew** has no issue with this, and would need to connect with **Jeremy** on how this works and all the details for payment.

This event is part of a revised event outline, as this is taking precedence. The elder support is needed.

IECC is giving them space, however it might be beneficial for them to have an office if that is available. The lounge is a good option, but he will follow up with IECC and figure out the logistics later.

**MOTION:** Baluyut/ Quesada

*BIRT that the CCSS Board of Directors approve Up to \$2100 out of Indigenous budget to bring in Cree elder Jackie Valentine for elder support on a biweekly basis for remainder of term*

**CARRIED**

## V Committee Reports

- a) Organizational Design—**Terence-** has sent out a calendar invite for scheduling.
- b) Special Events—**Athena / Riley-** No Report. **Christine** thanked everything for the last two events and reminded everyone about Latin Fest and the consent awareness fries and pancakes.
- c) Campaigns & Advocacy—Executive Committee's Delegation of External Executive Responsibilities (as per our last board meeting)
- executive committee: Riley
  - campaigns and advocacy: Athena
  - Your city your vote: Riley and Athena
  - Terence will communicate with the college
  - BCFS: Athena
  - Athena and Riley checking who can go to lobby week
  - Terence will take on CASA with Jeremy
- d) Finance Committee—**Terence** – Sent out a calendar invite for scheduling
- e) Electoral Committee—**Mia** – The electoral committee is currently working on election materials and getting everything organized for the September nomination window.
- f) Personnel Committee—**Jessie** –

**MOTION:** Rousseau-Hanson / Baluyut

*BIRT that the CCSS Board of Directors move into Camera at 6:15*

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**Jay** expressed their concern with the constant in-camera sessions, and stated that the board should make efforts to stay out of camera as much as possible for the sake of transparency. She was informed that this session is necessary to address some issues pertaining to the previous Executive Director of the Student Society.

**MOTION:** Rousseau-Hanson / Baluyut

*BIRT that the CCSS Board of Directors move out of Camera at 6:31*

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** Rousseau-Hanson / Stone

*BIRT that the board approve a payment in lieu of the Microsoft and Globe and Mail subscriptions up to the value of \$1100 to Michel Turcotte, pending confirmation that those subscriptions have been closed.*

**CARRIED**

## VI Member Reports

### a) **Terence**

**MOTION:** Baluyut / Stone

*BIRT that the CCSS Board of Directors move into Camera at 6:38*

**CARRIED**

- a. CASA Update - in camera
- b. Memorandum of Understanding with Camosun – in camera

**MOTION:** Baluyut / Stone

*BIRT that the CCSS Board of Directors move out of Camera at 6:59*

**CARRIED**

- c. 2027 BC Budget Consultation Update  
BC government just released their report and it was good to see the students in the report, however, we will see if any money comes in the budget.
- d. Camosun Child Care Services Levy Update  
Jay, Tagg, and Terence met with Chris to share the two options as pertaining to the referendum. Chris confirmed the \$1.40 to \$2 for Spring 2027.

**MOTION:** Baluyut / Stone

*Be it resolved that the CCSS submit the proposed Camosun Child Care Services Levy referendum to the upcoming CCSS Annual General Meeting for approval to hold a student vote in Spring 2027, with the following question:*

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*“Are you in favour of increasing the Child Care Services Levy from \$1.40 per month to \$2.00 per student per month to help maintain access to high-quality, licensed on-campus child care that supports student success and serves the Camosun community?”*

**CARRIED**

The minutes note that this is the exact referendum question that the CCS originally brought forward with a changed dollar amount.

b) EDI Committees – **Jay**

Jay expressed to the board that the EDI committee is desperate for students to join. They meet once every second month and it is really important to have a diverse group of students. She provided Ruthanne’s and Laura’s emails to interested board members.

## **VII Other Reports**

## **VIII Unfinished Business**

## **IX Question Period**

Questions were raised about communication surrounding the health and dental plan. Our Pride Director will make efforts to share the word about the Gender Affirming Care coming available.

## **X New Business**

- a) Extend Riley Lam as signing authority in place of the External Executive during the position vacancy until Oct 31<sup>st</sup> of 2026 – **Matthew**

**MOTION:** Baluyut / Pimentel

*BIRT that the CCSS Board of Directors extend Riley Lam as a signing authority until October 31<sup>st</sup> 2026*

**CARRIED**

## **XI Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Stone / Samaniego

*Adjourned*

**CARRIED**