

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA

Special Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2025 | 12:30 PM

In-Person Meeting Location: Merritt College, 12500 Campus Drive, Oakland, CA 94619
R127, Student Council Chambers

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://peralta-edu.zoom.us/j/85729626987>

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the *Associated Students of College of Alameda* will hold a *Special* meeting on **August 5, 2025 at 12:30 PM**. The meeting information is noted below. The ASCOA Council reserves the right to suspend the orders of the day if necessary to conduct business. All ASCOA Council meetings are held in locations that are wheelchair accessible. Other disability-related accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities upon request. Persons requesting such accommodation should notify Natalie Rodriguez at nrodriguez@peralta.edu no less than three (3) working days prior to the meeting. The ASCOA Council will make efforts to meet requests made after such a date, if possible. Please contact Director Natalie Rodriguez at nrodriguez@peralta.edu for any agenda-related questions.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order 1:17 pm

2. Swearing-In

[Anne Gormley](#) was sworn in as the only Senator who was voted in via the Spring 2025 PCCD districtwide student government elections.

3. Roll Call

[Anne Gormley](#) – Senator - Present

4. Adoption of the Current Agenda (August 5, 2025) - [Approved via Senator Gormley](#)

5. Public Comment – [No public comment was made](#)

This Segment of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the ASCOA Council on any matter of concern that is not stated on the agenda. A time limit of three (3) minutes per speaker and fifteen (15) minutes per topic shall be observed. The law does not permit any action to be taken, nor extended discussion of any items not on the agenda. The ASCOA Council may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed. Written statements may be submitted to the ASCOA Secretary for inclusion in the minutes. To place an item of discussion on a future agenda (Brown Act §54954.3) please contact Natalie Rodriguez, ASCOA Advisor at nrodriguez@peralta.edu

6. Standing Business

a. New Appointments (Discussion & Action)

~~Ali Amiri~~

Pich (Julie) Hatha Deap

~~Kandy Patterson~~

Rosa Perez

Vicky Ramirez

Samuel Luke Reyngoudt

~~Antwa Rodriguez~~

Simmie Wonder

Senators were appointed and sworn-in via Senator Gormley.

7. New Business

a. ASCOA Oath & Standards of Student Conduct (Discussion & Action)

Senators reviewed and signed the ASCOA Oath & Standards of Student Conduct. Director Rodriguez will sign each form, copy and return a signed copy to each of the Senators. The original copy will be kept in their ASCOA files.

b. Review of ASCOA Constitution & By-Laws (Discussion)

Senators reviewed the full ASCOA Constitution and By-Laws.

c. Senator Office Hours (Discussion & Action)

Senators provided their tentative office hour schedule to Director Rodriguez.

d. Officer Position Review (Discussion)

All officer positions were reviewed. Senators received a copy of individual officer position descriptions in preparation for the internal officer elections.

e. Shared Governance Committee Overview (Discussion)

Senators reviewed and received a copy of shared governance committees at College of Alameda. Senators are expected to participate in at least two (2) shared governance committees and they will make their selection at the first regular meeting of the semester on Friday, September 5th.

8. Reports (1 minute each)

a. ASCOA Advisor: Natalie Rodriguez

i. F Building 2nd Floor Art Project

Two years ago the ASCOA had plans to work with artist Jorge Bejarano, also known as Abstract Oakland on a mural project to enhance the F Building. Unfortunately, due to limitations around the contract process at the time, the project fell through. Given that Jorge is now a vendor in the PCCD system, Director Rodriguez has proposed to purchase prints from the artist that can be used to enhance the space and can also be moved as needed, therefore removing limitations of a mural. The ASCOA Senators are excited about the project and looking forward to the art unveiling during the Fall 2025 Welcome Week activities. Given that ASCOA cannot

authorize spending until September, this project will be funded by categorical rollover funds.

ASCOA is excited to extend an invitation to former AS Presidents Myers and Payopay to witness their vision come to fruition.

ii. New Student Orientation

Senators received an Enrollment Festival flyer and request for in person assistance.

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iv. Welcome Week

Senators received the Welcome Week schedule along with a request for ASCOA participation.

v. LGBTQ+ Updates

- College of Alameda has hired its first student worker who is solely focused on CoA's LGBTQ Initiatives.
- The Office of Student Activities & Campus Life has purchased a small number of LGBTQ books to begin our LGBTQ Center library. All are welcome to borrow books. We will also be accepting donations in the hopes of growing our collection.
- Over the summer a space was identified in the first floor of the F building that will become our new LGBTQ Center. For now, Rosa, our LGBTQ+ Student worker can be found in the first floor of the F building located at a table along with our small library, Queer Coloring and activity pages, and interest forms for those who may be interested in joining the upcoming Student Club or the LGBTQ+ Task Force.

9. Communications from the floor – No communications from the floor

This time is reserved for any ASCOA Council Members to make announcements on items not on the agenda. A time limit of three (3) minutes per speaker and (15) fifteen minutes total shall be observed. No action will be taken and the total time limit for this shall not be extended.

10. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm