

The 43rd Session of the Student Body Senate

Meeting Minutes

Date: August 24th, 2026

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Call to Order at 4:10 P.M.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance & FIU Alma Mater
- III. Roll Call

Attendance

Senator Name	Senators Position	Attendance Status	Additional Note on Senator
Renzo Brown	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Valentina Dominguez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Emily Garcia	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Lucas Gomez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Jazmine Harris	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Gennai Lewis	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Andrea Millan	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Taylor Peralta	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Michael Porras	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Alison Stangl	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Janine Villalonga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Daniela Alvarez	College of Business	Present	
Vacant	College of Business	Vacant	
Vacant	College of Business	Vacant	
Jazmine Murray	College of Business	Present	
Edward Ng	College of Business	Present	
Melanie Telleria	College of Business	Absent	
Vacant	FIU at I-75 Senator	Vacant	
Vacant	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Vacant	
Melissa Sosa	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Absent	

Vacant	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Vacant	
Trevor See	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Bryan Gargurevich	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	
Maximilian Vargas	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Remberto Silva Tejada	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	
Ricardo Garcia	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Niska Lavaud	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Absent	
Bruna Azevedo	College of Law	Present	
Kevin Radcliffe	College of Medicine	Present	
Michaela Alphonse	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Present	
Jenisha Doll	College of Public Health and Social Work	Present	
Shilat Jayo Acuna	Honors College	Present	
Vacant	Housing- BBC	Vacant	
Vacant	Housing-MMC	Vacant	
August Osani	Housing-MMC	Present	
Jasmine Slocum	Housing-MMC	Absent	
Nicole Naeini	Housing-MMC	Absent	
Cesar Cabrera	Lower Division	Absent	
Natalie Nunez	Lower Division	Present	
Vacant	Online Student Senator	Vacant	
Alicia Bolton	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
Manuel Fernandez	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
Naomy Suarez	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
Ana Luiza Ferreria	University Graduate School	Present	
Mateo Suarez	University Graduate School	Absent	
Vacant	University Graduate School	Vacant	
Vacant	University Graduate School	Vacant	
Vacant	University Graduate School	Vacant	
Emily Diaz	Upper Division	Absent	
Joshua Espinoza	Upper Division	Present	

Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	
Alejandro Madrigal	Finance Chair	Present	
Kaitlyn Castro	Floor Leader	Present	
Sharon Polo	Senate President	Present	
		27	
Quorum is Established	Present	14	
	Absent	15	
	Vacant		

IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes – July 27th, 2026

- A. With no objections, last meeting minutes have been approved.

V. Adoption of the Agenda

- A. With no objections, the Agenda is adopted.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Finance Chair – Alejandro Madrigal

- I. Finance committee does not have a report, next meeting will be the start of finance chair meetings and so by then there will be reports.

B. Floor Leader - Internal Affairs Committee – Kaitlyn Castro

- I. Happy Monday everyone, happy to be back for fall semester. I have a couple of things to talk about. Starting next week, dress code will be implemented, starting next week, SGA polo with jeans, or business casual or professional attire. Regarding absences, need an email withing 24 hours of meeting. Please email Sharon, Pro-tempore, and Blanca within 24 hours before the meeting or it will not be excused. Senators have 8 absences per semester. Cameras need to be on in ZOOM meetings. All senators are required to complete 3 office hours per week every week. Meetings do not count for office hours. Lastly regarding IA committee, just trying to find a time that fits for everyone to start those meetings.

C. Rules Committee – Manuel Fernandez

- I. No report from Rules Committee senator Fernandez.

D. SLAC Committee – Naomy Suarez

- i. No committee reports from SLAC Committee

E. GPSC Committee – Ana Luiza Ferreira

VII. University-Wide Council Reports

A. Student Body President – Alyssa Mederos

- I. Happy Monday everyone happy first day of fall semester, my door is always open and hope everyone has a great semester.

- B. Student Body Vice President – Izzy Romeo
 - I. Happy first day and hope to see everyone at first night.
- C. Speaker of the Senate – Sharon Polo
 - I. Reminder about first night, doors open at 5 P.M. SGA will be tabling. August 31 from 2-3:30 P.M. Please senators show up, senate leadership will also be tabling to talk to FIU students to explain more about SGA. RSVP with Cafecito with the link Floor leader Castro emailed it to everyone.
 - II. Continuing votes and candidates for Senate Vacancies, other than that we are still accepting applications until September 20th to allow freshman to be able to apply.
- D. Speaker Pro-Tempore – N/A
- E. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus – Sarah Mayorca
- VIII. Advisor's Report – Larissa, Patty & Blanca
 - I. Blanca: Hello everyone happy to see this room full of senators. Hope this room is full every Monday.
- IX. New Business
 - A. Appointment of Speaker Pro-Tempore
 - I. Senator Jenai Lewis nominates Andrea Millan, Finance Chair committee seconds nomination.
 - II. Senator Jasmine Murray nominates Manuel Fernandez. Senator Fernandez accepts Nomination.

Vote on Speaker Pro-Tempore				
Senator Name	Senator Position	Attendance	Vote	Reason for Abstention
Renzo Brown	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Valentina Dominguez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Emily Garcia	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present		
Lucas Gomez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Jazmine Harris	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present		
Gennai Lewis	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present		
Andrea Millan	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Taylor Peralta	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Michael Porras	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Alison Stangl	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Janine Villalonga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Daniela Alvarez	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Kaitlyn Castro	College of Business	Present	Yes	

Alejandro Madrigal	College of Business	Vacant	Yes	
Jazmine Murray	College of Business	Present	No	
Edward Ng	College of Business	Present	No	
Melanie Telleria	College of Business	Absent		
Vacant	FIU at I-75 Senator	Vacant	Vacant	
Sharon Polo	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	Yes	
Melissa Sosa	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Absent		
Vacant	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts			
Trevor See	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Bryan Gargurevich	College of Engineering and Computing	Present		
Maximilian Vargas	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Remberto Silva Tejada	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent		
Ricardo Garcia	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Niska Lavaud	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Absent		
Nathalie Jusino	College of Law	Present		
Kevin Radcliffe	College of Medicine	Present	No	
Michaela Alphonse	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Present	Yes	
Jenisha Doll	College of Public Health and Social Work	Present	Yes	
Shilat Jayo Acuna	Honors College	Present		
Vacant	Housing- BBC	Vacant		
August Osani	Housing-MMC	Present	No	
Jasmine Slocum	Housing-MMC	Absent		
Nicole Naeini	Lower Division	Absent		
Cesar Cabrera	Lower Division	Absent		
Natalie Nunez	Online Student Senator	Present	Yes	
Vacant	School of International and Public Affairs	Vacant		
Alicia Bolton	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	No	
Manuel Fernandez	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	No	
Naomy Suarez	University Graduate School	Present	No	
Ana Luiza Ferreria	University Graduate School	Present	No	

Mateo Suarez	University Graduate School	Absent		
Vacant	University Graduate School	Vacant		
Vacant	University Graduate School	Vacant		
Vacant	Upper Division	Vacant		
Emily Diaz	Upper Division	Absent		
Joshua Espinoza	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	No	
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant		
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant		
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant		
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant		
Vacant	Housing- MMC			
Bruna Azevedo	College of Law	Present	Yes	

Vote Count			
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
15	9	0	1

	Vote	Vote Count	Archive
Motion Passed	Simple Majority	14.5	Passed
	Two-Thirds	18	Failed
	Three-Fifths	16	Failed

B. Confirmation of Associate Justice

i. Emilee Garcia

Vote on Associate Justice Emilee Garcia				
Senator Name	Senator Position	Attendance	Vote	Reason for Abstention
Renzo Brown	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Valentina Dominguez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Emily Garcia	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present		
Lucas Gomez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Jazmine Harris	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	

Gennai Lewis	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Andrea Millan	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Taylor Peralta	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Michael Porras	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Alison Stangl	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Janine Villalonga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Daniela Alvarez	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Kaitlyn Castro	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Alejandro Madrigal	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Jazmine Murray	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Edward Ng	College of Business	present	Yes	
Melanie Telleria	College of Business	Absent		
Vacant	FIU at I-75 Senator			
Sharon Polo	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Vacant		
Melissa Sosa	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Absent		
Vacant	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts			
Trevor See	College of Engineering and Computing	Present		
Bryan Gargurevich	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent		
Maximilian Vargas	College of Engineering and Computing	Present		
Remberto Silva Tejada	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent		
Ricardo Garcia	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Niska Lavaud	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Absent		
Nathalie Jusino	College of Law	Present		
Kevin Radcliffe	College of Medicine	Present	Yes	
Michaela Alphonse	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Present	Yes	
Jenisha Doll	College of Public Health and Social Work	Present	Yes	
Shilat Jayo Acuna	Honors College	Present	Yes	
Vacant	Housing- BBC	Vacant		
August Osani	Housing-MMC	Present	Yes	
Jasmine Slocum	Housing-MMC	Absent		
Nicole Naeini	Lower Division	Absent		
Cesar Cabrera	Lower Division	Absent		
Natalie Nunez	Online Student Senator	Present	Yes	

Vacant	School of International and Public Affairs	Vacant		
Alicia Bolton	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Yes	
Manuel Fernandez	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Yes	
Naomy Suarez	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Ana Luiza Ferreria	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Mateo Suarez	University Graduate School	Absent		
Vacant	University Graduate School	Vacant		
Vacant	University Graduate School	Vacant		
Vacant	Upper Division	Vacant		
Emily Diaz	Upper Division	Absent		
Joshua Espinoza	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	Yes	
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant		
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant		
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant		
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant		
Vacant	Housing- MMC			
Bruna Azevedo	College of Law	Present	Yes	

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Vote Count			
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
24	0	0	0

	Vote	Vote Count	Archive
Motion Passed	Simple Majority	14.5	Passed
	Two-Thirds	18	Passed
	Three-Fifths	16	Passed

C. Confirmation of Associate Justice

i. Zachary Stangl

Confirmation of Associate Justice Zachary Stangl				
Senator Name	Senator Position	Attendance	Vote	Reason for Abstention

Renzo Brown	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Valentina Dominguez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Emily Garcia	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present		
Lucas Gomez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Jazmine Harris	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present		
Gennai Lewis	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present		
Andrea Millan	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Taylor Peralta	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Michael Porras	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Alison Stangl	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Abstention	Abstention, brother of associate
Janine Villalonga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Daniela Alvarez	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Kaitlyn Castro	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Alejandro Madrigal	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Jazmine Murray	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Edward Ng	College of Business	present	Yes	
Melanie Telleria	College of Business FIU at I-75 Senator	0		
Vacant				
Sharon Polo	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Vacant	Yes	
Melissa Sosa	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Absent		
Vacant	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts			
Trevor See	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Bryan Gargurevich	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent		

Maximilian Vargas	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Remberto Silva Tejada	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent		
Ricardo Garcia	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Niska Lavaud	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Absent		
Nathalie Jusino	College of Law	Present		
Kevin Radcliffe	College of Medicine	Present	Yes	
Michaela Alphonse	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Present	Yes	
Jenisha Doll	College of Public Health and Social Work	Present	Yes	
Shilat Jayo Acuna	Honors College	Present	Yes	
Vacant	Housing- BBC	Vacant		
August Osani	Housing-MMC	Present	Yes	
Jasmine Slocum	Housing-MMC	Absent		
Nicole Naeini	Lower Division	Absent		
Cesar Cabrera	Lower Division	Absent		
Natalie Nunez	Online Student Senator	Present	Yes	
Vacant	School of International and Public Affairs	Vacant		
Alicia Bolton	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Yes	
Manuel Fernandez	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Yes	
Naomy Suarez	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Ana Luiza Ferreria	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Mateo Suarez	University Graduate School	Absent		
Vacant	University Graduate School	Vacant		
Vacant	University Graduate School	Vacant		
Vacant	Upper Division	Vacant		
Emily Diaz	Upper Division	Absent		
Joshua Espinoza	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	No	
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant		

Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant		
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant		
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant		
Vacant	Housing- MMC			
Bruna Azevedo	College of Law	Present	Yes	

Vote Count			
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
23	1	1	0

	Vote	Vote Count	Archive
Motion Passed	Simple Majority	14.5	Passed
	Two-Thirds	18	Passed
	Three-Fifths	16	Passed

D. Confirmation of Associate Justice

i. Thalia Esteves Perez

A. Moved to next week's business, not present

E. Confirmation of Associate Justice

i. Jayden Jean-Baptiste

Vote on Associate Justice Jayden Jean-Baptiste				
Senator Name	Senator Position	Attendance	Vote	Reason for Abstention
Renzo Brown	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Valentina Dominguez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Emily Garcia	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present		
Lucas Gomez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Jazmine Harris	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present		
Gennai Lewis	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Andrea Millan	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Taylor Peralta	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	

Michael Porras	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Alison Stangl	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Janine Villalonga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	0		
Daniela Alvarez	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Kaitlyn Castro	College of Business	Vacant	Yes	
Alejandro Madrigal	College of Business	Vacant	Yes	
Jazmine Murray	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Edward Ng	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Melanie Telleria	College of Business	0		
Vacant	FIU at I-75 Senator	Vacant		
Sharon Polo	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Vacant	Yes	
Melissa Sosa	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Absent		
Vacant	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts			
Trevor See	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Bryan Gargurevich	College of Engineering and Computing	Present		
Maximilian Vargas	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Remberto Silva Tejada	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent		
Ricardo Garcia	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Niska Lavaud	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Absent		
Nathalie Jusino	College of Law	Present		
Kevin Radcliffe	College of Medicine	Present	Yes	
Michaela Alphonse	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Present	Yes	
Jenisha Doll	College of Public Health and Social Work	Present	Yes	
Shilat Jayo Acuna	Honors College	Present	Yes	
Vacant	Housing- BBC	Vacant		
August Osani	Housing-MMC	Present	Yes	
Jasmine Slocum	Housing-MMC	Absent		
Nicole Naeini	Lower Division	Absent		
Cesar Cabrera	Lower Division	Absent		
Natalie Nunez	Online Student Senator	Present	Yes	
Vacant	School of International and Public Affairs	Vacant		

Alicia Bolton	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Yes	
Manuel Fernandez	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Yes	
Naomy Suarez	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Ana Luiza Ferreria	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Mateo Suarez	University Graduate School	Absent		
Vacant	University Graduate School	Vacant		
Vacant	University Graduate School	Vacant		
Vacant	Upper Division	Vacant		
Emily Diaz	Upper Division	Absent		
Joshua Espinoza	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present		
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant		
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant		
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant		
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant		
Vacant	Housing- MMC			
Bruna Acevedo	College of Law	Present	Yes	

Vote Count			
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
25	0	0	0

	Vote	Vote Count	Archive
Motion Passed	Simple Majority	14.5	Passed
	Two-Thirds	18	Passed
	Three-Fifths	16	Passed

X. Senate Forum

- A. Senator Murray: When will we get the form for the actual unemployment thing, like when you get paid for SGA?
- B. Question about office hours, Kaitlyn Castro explains sga duties, office hours and where to find them.
- C. She is doing a vigil for Colombia at GC 243, September 5th at 4:30 P.M. If anyone wants to assist, it would be appreciated.

XI. Public Forum

A. Blanca: Be active with SGA. Please email the Floor and let them know if you have any questions regarding anything at all.

XII. Adjournment

At 5:10 P.M.