

USyd Student Union Ltd

Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday 27 August 2026 from 10am – 12:30pm
Level 6, Holme Building & via Zoom

Chairperson: Archie Wolifson

Present (in person)

Archie Wolifson, President (ASW)
Layla Wang, Vice President (LW)
Noah Rancan, Honorary Treasurer (NR)
Sally Liu, Honorary Secretary (SL)
James Green, Director (JG)
Serina Guo, Director (SG)

Nabilah Chowdhury, Director (NC)
William McCarthy, Director (WM)
Zayed Tabish, Director (ZT)
Michael Bromley, Senate Appointed Director (MB)
Tiffany Donnelly, Senate Appointed Director (TD)

Present (via zoom)

Michelle Choy, Director (MC)

Phan Vu, Immediate Past President (PV)

Management (in person)

Janina Jancu, CEO (JJ)
Peita Lane, Director of People & Culture (PL)
Steven Moore, Director of Operations (SM)
Jenny Chan, Governance Officer (JCh)

Charlotte Long, Director of Student Experience (CL)
Jane Coles, Director of Marketing & Partnerships (JC)
Tania Maiolo, Director of Finance (TM)

Apologies

Annika Wang, Director (AW)

Meeting Opened: 10:04am

Meeting Closed: 12:55pm

1. Directors in Camera (Directors Only)

The Chair confirmed that a quorum was present, opened the directors only confidential session of the meeting and provided an acknowledgement of country. The Board noted Annika Wang as an apology and for further discussion in Item 2.2.

Moved: ASW, Seconded: NC

- 1.1. Previous CONFIDENTIAL Minutes and Matters:** the Board approve the Confidential Board meeting minutes of the meeting held on 30 June 2026, 23 July 2026 and Special Board meeting held on 19 August 2026.

The Chair adjourned the directors only confidential session of the meeting at 11:16am, invited management to join the meeting and opened the closed session of the meeting at 11:25am.

2. Secretarial Matters

- 2.1. Meeting Opening & Acknowledgement of Country:** The Chair opened the meeting and provided an acknowledgement of country.

2.2. Apologies & Leave of Absence: The Board noted Annika Wang's absence from the meeting and approved a leave of absence. The Board also noted leave of absence requests from Nabilah Chowdhury for the period 25 September 2026 to 3 October 2026 and Annika Wang for the period 2 November 2026 to 16 November 2026.

Moved: ASW, Seconded: LW

2.3. Directors Interest Disclosure: the Board noted the Directors interest disclosure and confirmed their personal disclosures were factual.

MB and ZT re-joined the meeting at 11:26am.

2.4. Previous ORDINARY Minutes and Matters: The Board approve the Board meeting minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2026; 23 July 2026 and Special Board Meeting on 19 August 2026 subject to the correction of minor typos.

Moved: ASW, Seconded: ZT

The Chair adjourned the closed session of the meeting, invited the public to join the meeting, extended the meeting and opened the public session of the meeting at 12:34pm.

Moved: ASW, Seconded: JG

TD left the meeting at 12:35pm.

3. Public Session

3.1. Approve Public Minutes: The Board approve the Public Board meeting minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2026 and 23 July 2026.

Moved: ASW, Seconded: SG

3.2. Honorary Secretary Report: SL provided a summary of the Honorary Secretary Report noting items from the Clubs & Societies Committee including applications, limited capacity to support new clubs, Level Up Conference attendance and feedback and the change of date for the Gala event. SL also noted the work on the updated Board Charter for discussion.

3.3. Honorary Treasurer Report: NR noted the FRAC minutes tabled at Item 5.2 and the SSAF Contestable Funding discussed at Item 3.1 of the agenda.

3.4. Vice Presidents Report: LW noted a particularly busy month with work being done on the portfolio check in, student safety conference, a number of meetings and an upcoming P&C Committee.

3.5. Presidents Report: ASW noted the success of the gaming lounge opening and Welcome Fest experience and in particular the consent activation as well as a number of upcoming meetings and events with university executives.

3.6. Portfolio Holder updates

- ASW provided a summary on behalf of MC.
- NC provided a summary of the Environmental and Equity & Accessibility Portfolio

- SG noted the cross functional work between women and debates to reallocate funding from Worlds to women and equity to assist uplift attendance and external meetings with former debating members on social engagement ideas for WGM.
- WM working with SRC office bearers to coordinate meetings and the early-stage discussions on identifying queer space users and plans to increase queer officers across campus and reminded attendees of Wear It Purple day on 28 August.
- ZT noted the recent incident at Footbridge relating to an anti-migrant sign that the Board will provide a statement addressing.

4. Other Business

4.1. Any Other Business: None

4.2. Open Question Time: The Board opened the forum to members of the public and invited questions for consideration by the Board.

Q. What are the USU's planned operations on 2 September for the NTEU Industrial strike?

The President advised that, during the NTEU industrial action a number of essential student services would remain operational in accordance with the Board's decision including FoodHub due to its role in supporting disadvantaged students, while public-facing retail operations were closed and noted these decisions were made in the best interests of students.

Q. With the success of the Canteen initiative, will USU be expanding any other subsidised meal offerings?

The President advised that the original program was run by the University and supported by USU however the University is now managing the initiative independently and noted that USU is unable to expand the subsidised meal programs at other venues without university subsidy. The Vice President noted that USU outlets maintain lower price points compared to campus venues and management and the operations team are continuing to develop broader food affordability strategies.

Q. With the growing popularity of share bikes, is USU considering a potential opportunity of providing in-house share bike partnership opportunity?

The President noted the potential benefits of offering students an alternative transport option without relying on external providers however noted that this is an operational matter, and further investigation would be required.

Q. With the recent opening of the Gaming Lounge, did USU go through a procurement process, if so, how many providers were considered as the current provider is listed on the BDS list.

The Head of Marketing & Partnerships noted that the Gaming Lounge is operated by the USU and that the procurement decisions, including supplier selection were made by the university.

Q. With Coca-Cola present at Semester 2 Welcome Festival, how long is the USU's partnership with Coca-Cola.

The Head of Marketing & Partnerships confirmed that the agreement with Coca-Cola is for an initial term of five years with an option to extend for a further five years.

4.3. Next Meeting/Close: The next Board meeting is scheduled on Thursday 24 September 2026 from 10am – 12:30pm at the USU Hub.