

AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of the 17 March 2026 Meeting of the Council
Via Zoom

Minutes recorded by AMS Secretary Todd Glickman.

Participants

Voting Members:

President Alan Sealls
President-elect Rick Spinrad
Past-president Dave Stensrud
Second Past-president Anjuli Bamzai
Danielle Breezy (EC member)
Bill Kuo (EC member)
Marilyn Averill
Julie Demuth
Jenny Frankel-Reed
Jordan Gerth
Stephanie Herring
Andrew Humphrey
Cliff Mass
Maureen McCann
Russ Schumacher

Non-voting Members:

Secretary Todd Glickman
Treasurer Rich Spaulding
Executive Director Amanda Staudt
Student Observers Matthew Hamel, Brandon Cohen

Commissioners:

Mona Behl, Jen Henderson, Andrea Lopez Lang, Erica Grow Cei,
Lance Steele, Walter Robinson, Clark Evans, Stephen Bieda, Tanja
Fransen

AMS Staff:

Associate Executive Directors Stephanie Armstrong, Paul Higgins, Brian
Papa
CFO Andrea Mancinelli
Directors Beth Farley, Claudia Gorski, Jen Ives, Brian Mardirosian,
Rebecca Perriello, Aaron Price, Kelly Savoie, Gwendolyn Whittaker

Other:

Investments Committee Chair Paul Try

1. Call to Order and Quorum Check

President Sealls called the meeting to order at 2:03pm EDT. Secretary Glickman noted that a quorum was present, with 13 of the 19 voting members initially present. (Later in the meeting two additional Councilors joined.)

2. Approval of 25 January 2026 Council Minutes

A motion was offered by R. Spinrad and seconded by J. Demuth to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of 25 January 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Second Vote Confirming e-Votes

Five e-Votes of Council taken since the last meeting required confirmation. M. Averill offered a motion to approve them, which was seconded by A. Bamzai, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Investment Firm Approval

Investments Committee Chair Try and CFO Mancinelli summarized the background provided in the agenda package. A motion was offered by C. Mass to approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee that was submitted by the Investments Committee for Webster Private Bank to have the role of Outsourced Chief Investment Officer (OCIO):

RESOLVED, that the Council approves the expansion of the organization's existing investment advisory engagement with Webster Private Bank to include discretionary management of the unrestricted investment portfolio in addition to the restricted portfolio; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer are authorized to finalize and execute an amended agreement reflecting this expanded scope, subject to legal review; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Investments Committee shall continue to provide oversight of the OCIO relationship in accordance with the organization's governance structure and Investment Policy Statement.

The motion was seconded by R. Spinrad and approved unanimously.

5. Change to Corporate Resolution – Designation of Authorized Officers and Banking Authority

CFO Mancinelli summarized the need to modify AMS' Designation of Authorized Officers and Banking Authority, primarily to include new Executive Director Staudt. R. Schumacher offered a motion to approve the modified document provided in the agenda package. A. Bamzai seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

6. Discussion Topics

President Sealls first updated the Council on the status of AMS' advocacy statements. Next, Associate Executive Director Higgins offered the opportunity to have AMS leadership meetings on Capitol Hill adjacent to the July Council meeting in DC; he will follow-up on that. President Sealls then led a discussion about a number of items that Council should consider at its July in-person meeting.

Topics/ideas mentioned:

- How the AMS can help unserved or underserved economic sectors.
- How the AMS can expand interaction with social science communities.

- Consider additional collaborations with other professional societies.
- Expand outreach to the amateur community.
- Have more proactive advocacy.
- Focus on increasing the military sector membership and meeting attendance.
- Council/leadership communications to membership (not discussed in detail, but on Alan's list).
- Council function (goal setting, self-assessment, progress reports, etc. (not discussed in detail, but on Alan's list)).

7. Adjournment

President Sealls asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by A. Bamzai and seconded by D. Breezy. The meeting was adjourned at 2:56pm EDT.