

**AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**Minutes of the 2 June 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  
John Lanicci  
Cliff Mass  
Aaron Piña

Non-voting Members:

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

Commissioners:

Melissa Burt, Mona Behl, Wendy Schreiber-Abshire, Andrea Lopez Lang,  
Lance Steele, Justin Pullin, Clark Evans, Tanja Fransen

AMS Staff:

Associate Executive Directors Stephanie Armstrong and Brian Papa (until 1:30)  
CFO Andrea Mancinelli  
Directors Beth Farley, Claudia Gorski, Jen Ives, Brian Mardirosian,  
Rebecca Perriello, Aaron Price, Kelly Savoie

Other:

Paul Try

**1. Call to Order and Quorum Check**

President Sealls called the meeting to order at 1:02pm EDT. Secretary Glickman noted that a quorum was present, with 14 of the 19 voting members initially present. (Later in the meeting one additional Councilor joined.)

**2. Approval of 21 April 2026 and 6 May 2026 Council Minutes**

A motion was offered by M. Averill and seconded by R. Spinrad to approve the minutes of the Council meetings of 21 April 2026 and 6 May 2026. The motion carried without objection.

### **3. Second Vote Confirming e-Votes**

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

### **4. 2026 Budget Forecast**

CFO Mancinelli led a discussion of the 2026 budget. She explained that the current situation is generally positive compared to the original budget. This includes a transfer of accounting for BAMS from a direct expense to indirect expense with the inauguration of AMS Headlines. Key messages included:

- AMS is in a strong financial position for a second year despite significant external shifts/constraints over the past 1.5 years.
- Allows for retention of some staffing positions, reducing overall resource constraints.
- Provides significant leeway to focus time on longer-term strategic planning for future success.
- Likely need to continue to evolve overall program structure and focus to ensure all programs are operating at or above break even.

Council members provided good input for staff to consider about outside forces that could impact AMS finances.

### **5. Investment Policy Statement**

Investment Committee Chair Paul try led a discussion of the proposed Investment Policy Statement, as presented in the agenda package and recommended for approval by the Executive Committee. After deliberation by the Council, C. Mass offered a motion to approve the document, which was seconded by A. Bamzai. It was approved without objection. CFO Mancinelli noted that the document will be reviewed regularly with the Investment Committee and Webster Bank.

### **6. Sigma Xi Lecturer**

President Sealls described the history of AMS's sponsorship of a Sigma Xi Lecturer. He noted that he is looking for input on the current process or additional information about Sigma Xi that will inform how we move forward with this activity.

### **7. Strategic Planning Update**

Executive Director Staudt reviewed AMS's recent strategic planning processes. She discussed what we are aiming to achieve through the current process, using the "Theory of Change." She explained that we are aiming to:

- Identify three to five outcomes for 2030.
- Support transparent decision-making.
- Articulate how our work fits into the larger landscape.

- Build a shared sense of purpose and direction across the AMS community.

Staff has done a SWOT analysis, and it will be used as input for a directors' retreat on 18 June. That in turn will inform a longer discussion at the July Council meeting. It's expected the current cycle will wrap up in August to serve as input for 2027 (and beyond) planning. Council members provided some initial ideas for consideration.

#### **8. Process for AMS Rapid Response to Potential "Policy Moments"**

Executive Director Staudt introduced the subject with three questions:

- How can we anticipate future "policy moments"?
- How do we decide when and how to respond?
- How can we prepare to respond quickly?

The Council had a good discussion about what AMS's goals are for developing statements, asking "Who is the audience," and "What impact do we desire"? As the allotted meeting time drew to a close, it was suggested a supplemental meeting be held late in June to continue this discussion, and it will be scheduled.

#### **9. Adjournment**

There being no further business, C. Mass offered a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by J. Demuth. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:03pm EDT.