

**AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**Minutes of the 21 April 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  
Gina Eosco  
Jenny Frankel-Reed  
Jordan Gerth  
Stephanie Herring  
Andrew Humphrey  
Cliff Mass  
Maureen McCann  
Aaron Piña

Non-voting Members:

Secretary Todd Glickman  
Executive Director Amanda Staudt  
Student Observer Matthew Hamel

Commissioners:

Melissa Burt, Mona Behl, Wendy Schreiber-Abshire, Jen Henderson,  
Lance Steele, Justin Pullin, Clark Evans, Stephen Bieda

AMS Staff:

Associate Executive Directors Stephanie Armstrong, Paul Higgins, Brian  
Papa  
CFO Andrea Mancinelli  
Directors Beth Farley, Claudia Gorski, Rebecca Perriello, Kelly Savoie,  
Gwendolyn Whittaker, Stephanie Wurtz

Other:

Brad Colman, Richard Clark

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

President Sealls called the meeting to order at 2:05pm EDT. Secretary Glickman noted that a quorum was present, with 14 of the 19 voting members initially present. (Later in the meeting two additional Councilors joined.)

**2. Approval of 17 March 2026 Council Minutes**

A motion was offered by A. Bamzai and seconded by D. Stensrud to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of 17 March 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Five e-Votes of Council taken since the last meeting required confirmation. C. Mass offered a motion to approve them, which was seconded by G. Eosco, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **4. Approval of Consent Agenda**

Four items for consideration were provided in the agenda package. President Sealls asked for consent of them as a package. R. Sprinrad offered a motion to approve them, which was seconded by D. Breezy. The motion carried unanimously.

### **5. AOC 8-year Synthesis Report**

A comprehensive report from the Awards Oversight Committee was provided with the agenda package. A. Bamzai, R. Clark, and B. Colman summarized the findings and proposals. In particular, Council approval was asked for the following:

- Changes made to Guidelines for Society and Commission Awards document.
- Creation of awards for Digital Meteorology and Atmospheric Chemistry.
- Moving the deadline for nominations from 1 May to 1 April.

After considerable discussion and with good feedback from the Council, it was agreed that additional consideration and guidance was needed. It is anticipated that President Sealls will organize an e-vote on the three items in the near term. The Council expressed appreciation for the excellent work of the committee.

### **6. Strategic Planning and Engagement**

A. Staudt and B. Papa led a discussion of AMS's strategic planning and engagement process. It included a review of the last ten years' activities and what we are aiming to achieve through this process – and a proposed approach (including "Theory of Change"). This will be a major portion of the in-person Council meeting to be held in DC during July.

### **7. AMS Engagement in the Federal Budget and Policies Process**

This topic was postponed to the next Council meeting on 2 June.

### **8. Executive Session**

President Sealls asked for the Council to meet in executive session. On a motion by C. Mass and second by G. Eosco, the Council entered executive session at 2:57pm EDT without objection. One item was considered – the prospective slate for 2027 president-elect. On a motion by R. Spinrad and second by D. Stensrud, the Council exited executive session at 3:00pm EDT without objection.

### **9. Adjournment**

There being no further business, R. Spinrad offered a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by G. Eosco. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:01pm EDT.

