AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of the 27 May 2025 Meeting of the Council
Via Zoom

Minutes recorded by AMS Secretary Todd Glickman.

Participants

Voting Members:
- President David Stensrud
- President-elect Alan Sealls
- Past-president Anjuli Bamzai
- Second Past-president Brad Colman
- Danielle Breezy
- DaNa Carlis
- Rebecca DePodwin
- Gina Eosco
- Jenny Frankel-Reed
- Rong Fu*
- Andrew Humphrey*
- William Kuo
- John Lanicci
- Cliff Mass
- Erin Coughlan de Perez*
- Russ Schumacher
- *Arrived later in the meeting

Non-voting Members:
- Secretary Todd Glickman
- Treasurer Rich Spaulding
- Acting Executive Director Brian Papa

Commissioners/CIC:
- Melissa Burt
- Kim Klockow
- Erica Grow Cei
- Justin Pullin
- Heidi Centola
- Walter Robinson
- Kristie Franz
- Clark Evans

AMS Staff:
- Associate Executive Director Stephanie Armstrong
- Associate Executive Director Paul Higgins
- Beth Farley, Claudia Gorski, Jen Ives, Andrea Mancinelli, Brian Mardirosian, Aaron Price, Katy Putsavage, Kelly Savoie, Gwendolyn Whittaker

1. **Call to Order and Quorum Check**
   President Stensrud called the meeting to order at 1:04pm EDT. Secretary Glickman noted that (initially) 13 members of the Council were present, representing a quorum. For an affirmative vote, he stated that eight “aye”s will be required. Later in the meeting (following votes for agenda items 2, 3, and 4), three additional Councilors joined for a total of 15.
2. **Approval of Minutes of the 17 March 2025 Council Meeting**
   Secretary Glickman asked for a motion to approve the referenced meeting minutes, which was made by B. Colman and seconded by A. Bamzai. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **Consent Agenda**
   Secretary Glickman asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which was made by D. Stensrud and seconded by A. Bamzai. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **Second Vote Confirming e-Votes**
   Secretary Glickman asked for a motion to reaffirm the e-votes taken by Council since the last meeting, which was made by D. Stensrud and seconded by B. Colman. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **Executive Director Search Update**
   G. Eosco updated the Council on the Executive Director search. She stated that the search committee is organized, has met, and is preparing to get the executive search firm on-board. Three firms have been qualified and will be interviewed during the next few weeks. It’s hoped the search process can be completed around October.
6. **44 Beacon Street Sale and Driveway Update**
   AED Armstrong reported that we are waiting to hear from the Somerset Club, that has a right of first refusal to purchase the property. Their right expires on May 30, so we should know soon. The next step is to sign a P&S; the buyer is looking for a rapid close on the property. With respect to the driveway easement, the third arbitrator has been selected and the arbitration is schedule for the end of June.
7. **Climate Certificate and Climate Certification**
   B. Colman explained that the proposed climate certificate is aimed at a broader audience outside AMS membership. The ad hoc committee is working to define the certificate and process. Discussions have been had with COMET about training modules. NSF is expected to work with AMS on possible funding mechanisms. A proposal has been submitted, and we are waiting to see if it is feasible. With respect to the proposed Certified Climate Scientist program, it is being created with a framework similar to the CCM – including an open book exam, oral exam, and required report submission. It’s targeted to be rolled out by the end of the year.

8. **Statements Update: Strategy, Approach, and Needs**
   AED Higgins led a robust discussion on the overall process of statements, saying it is going well. Four rapid responses have been produced using the current procedures through the EC and engaging the Council. We're keeping an eye out for those on the EC who may have to recuse themselves on specific statements, but this is currently not an issue. A Council liaison is needed for a weather modification statement. There was appreciation from the Council on how the process is working, but also a discussion on if/how AMS can provide support in a collaborative manner to facilitate other paths forward.
9. **2024 Budget Review and 2025 Budget Forecast Update**
   CFO Mancinelli provided the Council with an update. She discussed:
   - 2024 financial highlights
   - 2025 forecast overview
   - A discussion on cash flow, especially during the fourth quarter
   - Strategies for an operating reserve
   - Plans for better investment management as our holdings increase after the 44 Beacon Street sale

   The detailed presentation will be sent to the Council via the Community.
10. **Open Discussion**
    President Stensrud opened the floor for other topics Councilors may wish to discuss:
    - A thought by A. Sealls echoing the need to encourage the broadcast community to draw from our statements and other materials.
    - D. Stensrud mentioned that the EC is finalizing the slate for the next election.
    - D. Carlis asked how the climate is within AMS H/Q due to this year's changes. A few of the directors offered their perspective.
11. **Executive Session**
    At the request of President Stensrud, the Council went into executive session at 3:30pm EDT on a motion by D. Carlis and a second by A. Bamzei that was carried unanimously. The Council exited executive session at 4:40pm EDT on a motion by A. Sealls and a second by G. Eosco that was carried unanimously.
12. **Adjournment**
    At 4:41pm EDT, C. Mass moved and D. Carlis seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.