AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of the 30 September 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
- Danielle Breezy
- Rebecca DePodwin
- Jenny Frankel-Reed
- Rong Fu (joined 3:00pm)
- Stephanie Herring
- Andrew Humphrey
- Michelle Mainelli
- Cliff Mass (joined 1:30pm)
- Erin Coughlan de Perez
- Russ Schumacher

Non-voting Members:
- Secretary Todd Glickman
- Treasurer Rich Spaulding
- Acting Executive Director Brian Papa
- Student Observer Dillon Blount
- Student Observer Edward Wolff

Commissioners/CIC:
- Mona Behl
- Melissa Burt
- Clark Evans
- Kim Klockow
- Erica Grow Cei
- Walter Robinson

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

1. **Call to Order and Quorum Check**
   President Stensrud called the meeting to order at 1:06pm EDT. Secretary Glickman noted that initially 10 voting members of the Council were present, representing a quorum (attendance grew to 13 during the course of the meeting). President Stensrud noted that he and President-elect Sealls are in conversation with other societies on how they are working through the challenges we are all facing this year.
2. **Driveway Easement Update**
   Associate Executive Director Armstrong gave an update on the driveway easement. The hearing was held two weeks ago, and post-hearing briefs have been submitted by both sides. We expect a binding decision by late October.
3. **Initial Discussion on Selection of Fifth Councilor**
   President Stensrud described the rationale and process for selecting the fifth councilor. The Executive Committee will be making a recommendation to the Council by November, so councilors are encouraged to think of disciplines and candidates. Disciplines suggested at this meeting include planetary engineering, AI, international expertise/representation, fundraising, space weather, and resiliency/risk management.
4. **Finance Updates**
   CFO Mancinelli provided an update on AMS finances. Her presentation included:
   - Operating reserve policy recommendation from the Finance Committee.
   - Investment RFP update.
   - Short-term investment options.
   - Financial report as of 31 July 2025.

   A motion was offered by C. Mass and seconded by R. Schumacher: “Move to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and CFO to maintain an operating reserve of $2M, to be reviewed annually. Use of the reserve would be approved by the Executive Committee.” The motion was approved unanimously.
5. **2025 Budget Status**
   Acting Executive Director Papa and CFO Mancinelli presented the status of the 2025 budget. Details were provided in the Council packet – things are tracking closely to expectation. Council thanked AMS staff and the Finance Committee for their hard work on the budget.
6. **2026 Budget**
   At 2:25pm EDT, C. Mass moved, and R. Schumacher seconded a request to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the 2026 AMS budget. The motion carried unanimously. At 3:35pm EDT, A. Bamzai moved, and R. Schumacher seconded a request to exit executive session. The motion carried unanimously. C. Mass then offered, and M. Mainelli seconded a motion to approve the 2026 AMS budget as presented. The motion was carried unanimously.

7. **Adjournment**

   At 3:39pm EDT, C. Mass offered a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by M. Mainelli. The motion was approved unanimously.