

Minutes from the Supreme Court | August 29th, 2024

Special Meeting

The Supreme Court of the Student Government Association of Tennessee Tech met at 5:52pm on August 29th, 2024, in the Center for Student Engagement Conference room. As the term of office for the Chief Justice had expired, Justice Gracy called the meeting to order in her capacity as Secretary of the Supreme Court. Justice Gracy took the roll, and a quorum was established. Justice Gracy was additionally acting as the recording secretary of the Court. As the previous meeting's minutes had been provided in advance to all members, Justice Anderson **SOUGHT UNANIMOUS CONSENT** that the minutes be considered read without objection. Justice Anderson's consent request was **ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION**. The previous meeting's minutes stand approved. The agenda attached as Appendix A was adopted as the orders of the day.

The following members of the Supreme Court were present:

Title	Name	Present/Absent
Associate Justice	Mr. Eli Anderson	Present
Associate Justice	Mr. Jacob Dean	Present
Associate Justice	Ms. Lela Gracy	Present
Associate Justice	Mr. Bryson Lee	Present
Associate Justice	Ms. Cailey Martin	Present
Associate Justice	Ms. Jasmine Montgomery	Present
Associate Justice	Ms. Emma Parson	Present
Associate Justice	Mr. Isaac Rogers	Absent
Associate Justice	Mr. Cam Williams	Present

Others also present:

Mr. Eli Tidwell – Nominee for Attorney General of the Student Government Association

Pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Judicial Procedure, Chair Gracy opened the floor to nominations for the position of a temporary Chairperson. Mr. Anderson entered his name into nominations. Mr. Williams entered his name into nominations. As there were no other nominations, Chair Gracy closed the period for nominations. Chair Gracy ordered the election to be taken by secret ballot with herself and Mr. Tidwell acting as tellers. Mr. Anderson was elected as temporary Chairperson with **5 votes**. Mr. Williams received **3 votes**, and there were **0 spoiled votes**. Mr. Anderson then took the Chair.

Chair Anderson proceeded to the next item on the agenda, the appointment of an Attorney General. Chair Anderson opened the floor for a period of nominations

for Attorney General. Ms. Montgomery entered Mr. Tidwell into nominations. As there were no other persons nominated, Chair Anderson **DECLARED** Mr. Tidwell appointed as the Attorney General of the Student Government Association.

Ms. Martin **MOVED** that the limits on speeches for candidates of elected office of the Supreme Court be limited to thirty (30) seconds per candidate. After being seconded, the motion was **ADOPTED** via a voice vote.

Chair Anderson proceeded to the next item on the agenda, the election of the Associate Chief Justice. Chair Anderson opened the floor to nominations for the position of Associate Chief Justice. Ms. Martin entered Ms. Montgomery's name into nominations. Mr. Williams entered himself into nominations. Chair Anderson closed the period of nominations as there were no other nominations. After hearing speeches from all nominees, Chair Anderson ordered the election to be taken by secret ballot with Mr. Tidwell acting as teller. Ms. Montgomery was elected as the Associate Chief Justice with **7 votes**. Mr. Williams received **2 votes**, and there were **0 spoiled votes**. Justice Montgomery immediately took the chair.

Chair Montgomery proceeded to the next item on the agenda, the election of the Chief Justice. Chair Montgomery opened the floor for a period of nominations for Chief Justice. Mr. Williams entered Mr. Lee into nominations, but Mr. Lee declined the nomination and requested his name removed. Mr. Lee then entered Ms. Martin's name into nominations. As there were no other persons nominated, Chair Montgomery **DECLARED** Ms. Martin elected as the Chief Justice of the Student Government Association.

Chair Montgomery invited Ms. Gracy to administer the oath of office to Mr. Tidwell, Ms. Montgomery, and Ms. Martin. Upon taking the oath of office, Ms. Martin took the Chair. Mr. Tidwell also began acting as the recording secretary for the remainder of the meeting.

Pursuant to Rule 15 of the Rules of Judicial Procedure, Chief Justice Martin **MOVED** that the Supreme Court adopt the following resolution as its meeting schedule: "Resolved, that the Supreme Court do meet regularly on September 12th, September 26th, October 10th, October 24th, November 7th, and December 5th in the Center for Student Engagement Conference Room immediately following the adjournment of the Supreme Court sitting as the Student Citation Appeals Committee." After debate, Chief Justice Martin ordered a vote by hands with **8 AYES** and **0 NOes**. The meeting schedule was thereby **ADOPTED**.

Justice Anderson **MOVED** to **AMEND SOMETHING PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED** by inserting "November 19th" immediately after "November 7th" in the list of meeting dates in the resolution adopting the meeting schedule of the Supreme Court. After debate, the motion was **ADOPTED** with **7 AYES** and **0**

NOes. The resolution now reads: “Resolved, that the Supreme Court do meet regularly on September 12th, September 26th, October 10th, October 24th, November 7th, November 19th, and December 5th in the Center for Student Engagement Conference Room immediately following the adjournment of the Supreme Court sitting as the Student Citation Appeals Committee.”

Mr. Lee **RAISED A POINT OF PRIVELEGE** to dim the lights of the meeting room due to a migraine. Chief Justice Martin considered Mr. Lee’s point well taken and immediately put the question “Shall the lights be dimmed?” to the Court which was **ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION.**

Attorney General Tidwell was recognized to present a first reading of a series of amendments to the Rules of Judicial Procedure. Mr. Anderson **SOUGHT UNANIMOUS CONSENT** that the amendments be considered read once without objection. The request was **ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION.**

Chief Justice Martin asked if there were any information items to be brought before the Supreme Court that had not been included on the agenda. Mr. Williams was recognized by Chief Justice Martin. Mr. Williams notified the Court that he intended to resign within the coming days due to various personal reasons.

Chief Justice Martin opened the floor to announcements and other statements for the good of the order. Mr. Tidwell announced that the TISL application was open and that Treasurer Bare was seeking volunteers for a voter registration event.

In accordance with the orders of the day, Chief Justice Martin **DECLARED** the Supreme Court **ADJOURNED** until September 12th, 2024, after the adjournment of the Student Citation Appeals Committee **WITHOUT OBJECTION** at 6:21pm.

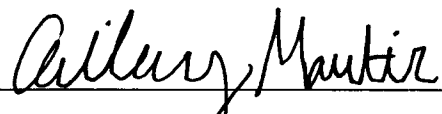
Respectfully submitted,



Attorney General, Eli Tidwell

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Approved
09/12/24*

I sign and certify that these minutes have been properly approved by the Supreme Court of the Student Government Association on 9/12/24.



Chief Justice, Cailey Martin

APPENDIX A

The Agenda

Agenda of the Supreme Court | August 29th, 2024 Special Meeting

Time: After the Adjournment of the Student Traffic Citation Appeals Committee

Location: The Center for Student Engagement Conference Room

Dress Code: Casual

- I. Call to Order following adjournment of the Student Traffic Citation Appeals Committee
- II. Roll Call
- III. Reading and Approval of the Previous Meetings' Minutes
- IV. Approval of the Agenda
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
 - a. Appointment of an Attorney General
 - b. Election of the Associate Chief Justice
 - c. Election of the Chief Justice
 - d. Adoption of a Meeting Schedule
 - e. Reading of Proposed Revisions to the Special Rules of Order of the Supreme Court
- VII. Information Items
- VIII. Announcements
- IX. Adjournment