

## Minutes from the Supreme Court | September 14th, 2023 Meeting

The Supreme Court of the Student Government Association of Tennessee Tech met at 6:30pm on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, in the Center for Student Engagement Conference room. Chief Justice Bryson Lee was present and presiding with Attorney General as Secretary of the Supreme Court. Attorney General Tidwell took the roll, and a quorum was established. As the previous meeting's minutes had been provided in advance to all members, Chief Justice Lee considered them read without objection. The previous meeting's minutes stand approved. The agenda attached as Appendix A was adopted.

The following members of the Supreme Court were present:

Title	Name	Present/Absent
Chief Justice	Mr. Bryson Lee	Present
Associate Chief Justice	Mr. Dylan Hazard	Present
Associate Justice	Mr. Jacob Dean	Present
Associate Justice	Ms. Lela Gracy	Present
Associate Justice	Mr. Grady Hicks	<b>Absent</b>
Associate Justice	Mr. Chandler LeMay	Present
Associate Justice	Ms. Cailey Martin	<b>Absent</b>
Associate Justice	Ms. Jasmine Montgomery	Present
Associate Justice	Mr. Cam Williams	Present
Alternate Associate Justice	Mr. Blake Garrett	<b>Absent</b>
Alternate Associate Justice	Ms. Angelica Magpayo	Present

Others also present:

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

Dr. Katie Aikens – Assistant Vice President of Strategic Initiatives and Dean of Students

Chief Justice Lee took the time to welcome the newest justice to the Court, Justice Williams.

Chief Justice Lee recognized Dr. Aikens to introduce herself to the Court and their role in advising the court. Dr. Aikens further described the duties and role of the Court in SGA and within the university administrative structure.

Chief Justice Lee described to the Court the new process of meeting agendas and minutes, consideration of cases, and handling of tickets as a separate meeting.

Chief Justice Lee **ENTERTAINED** moving to adopt the following dates as the regular meeting schedule for the remainder of the fall semester: September 28<sup>th</sup>,

October 12<sup>th</sup>, October 26<sup>th</sup>, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, November 14<sup>th</sup>, and November 30<sup>th</sup> with all meetings all meetings to take place at 6:30pm at a location to be decided by the Chief Justice except for the November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting which will occur at 11:00am instead. Justice Gracy **SO MOVED**. Seconded. Chief Justice Lee directed Attorney General Tidwell to take a roll call vote. The motion **PASSED** with **8 AYE** and **0 NAY**.

Chief Justice Lee **MOVED** to consider both questions proposed by President Hale in the letter he submitted to the Court (see Appendix B) as a singular case. Seconded. The questions were **ADOPTED** after a period of debate by a roll call vote with **8 AYE** and **0 NAY**. The Court now has Case No. 1 pending before it. The questions to be considered by the Court in this case are as follows:

1. What is the length of the term of office of Supreme Court Justices?
2. Should Justices term not end at the swearing in of the next Executive Council, do the Chief Justice and Associate Chief Justice remain their titles every year?

The Court proceeded to enter a period of informal discussion on Case No. 1 before the Court. The Court rose from informal discussion and Justice LeMay **MOVED** to call a special meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm and postpone the consideration of Case No. 1 until that meeting. Seconded. Chief Justice Lee directed Attorney General Tidwell to take a role call vote. The motion **PASSED** with **8 AYE** and **0 NAY**.

Associate Chief Justice Hazard **MOVED** to have all future meetings of the Supreme Court begin only after the adjournment of the Student Citation Appeals Committee if the Court is sitting as the committee that day. Seconded. The motion was **ADOPTED** with **8 AYE** and **0 NAY** by show of hands.

Chief Justice Lee asked if there were any announcements. Attorney General Tidwell made announcements. Chief Justice Lee made announcements.

In accordance with the orders of the day, Chief Justice Lee declared the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Supreme Court of the Student Government Association **ADJOURNED** until September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm without objection at 7:37pm. The Court proceeded to sit as the Student Citation Appeals Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Eli Tidwell in cursive, dated 09/21/23.

Attorney General, Eli Tidwell  
(Secretary of the Supreme Court)

I sign and certify that these minutes have been properly approved by the Supreme Court of the Student Government Association on 9/21/23

Robert B. Lee

Chief Justice, Bryson Lee

# APPENDIX A

## The Agenda

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## Supreme Court of the Student Government Association

Date: September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Time: 6:30 pm CST

Location: Center for Student Engagement Conference Room

Dress Code: Casual

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of previous minutes
- IV. Approval of agenda
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
  - a. Welcoming Justice Williams
  - b. Dean Aikens
  - c. New formatting of meetings
  - d. Future meeting dates
  - e. Case No. 1 – Supreme Court Term Limits
- VII. Announcements
- VIII. Adjournment and Calling to Order of the Student Citation Appeals Committee
  - a. Next regular meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup>

# APPENDIX B

Letter from President Hale

**A Case Referred by the SGA President Chance Hale**

Esteemed members of the SGA Supreme Court,

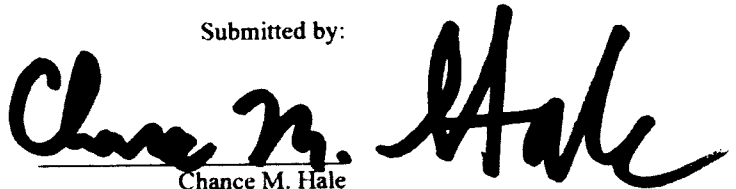
Pursuant to Article VI, Section 2, Subsection B, Clause 2 of the SGA Constitution, I am requesting the opinion of the Supreme Court on matters of interpreting the governing documents of SGA.

The questions are as follows:

**What is the length of the term of office for Supreme Court Justices?  
Should Justices term not end at the swearing in of the next Executive Council, do the Chief Justice and Associate Chief Justice remain their titles every year?**

The answer to these questions is vital for the further operations of the SGA as it would greatly impact the process of selecting and confirming Justices. I urge you all to consider it at the Court's earliest behest. I humbly await your reply.

Submitted by:



Chance M. Hale  
SGA President

Attest:



Attorney General, Eli Tidwell