



NEVADA LEGISLATURE NEVADA YOUTH LEGISLATURE (*Nevada Revised Statutes 219A.130*)

SUMMARY MINUTES AND ACTION REPORT

The first meeting of the Nevada Youth Legislature's 2017–2019 Term was held on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 2 p.m. in Room 4401 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 2135 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada

The "Summary Minutes and Action Report," "Meeting Notice and Agenda," meeting materials, and video or audio recording of the meeting are available on the Committee's website at <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/InterimCommittee/REL/Interim2017/Committee/1368>. In addition, copies of the audio or video record are available through the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Publications Office (e-mail: publications@lcb.state.nv.us; telephone: 775/684-6835) and may also be available on <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Granicus/>.

YOUTH LEGISLATORS PRESENT IN LAS VEGAS:

Youth Legislator Spencer Abrams
Youth Legislator Morgan Adamson
Youth Legislator Naomi Atnafu
Youth Legislator Jacob Birdsong
Youth Legislator Rylee Cragun
Youth Legislator Jesse Cruz
Youth Legislator Tyler Fournier
Youth Legislator Jakai Hood
Youth Legislator Skyylar Jordan
Youth Legislator Leaf Kaboli
Youth Legislator Salomee Levy
Youth Legislator Elliandra Offord
Youth Legislator Caramia Phillips
Youth Legislator Hattie Thorns
Youth Legislator Olivia Yamamoto

YOUTH LEGISLATORS PRESENT IN CARSON CITY:

Youth Legislator Jamie Harrison
Youth Legislator Savannah Smith
Youth Legislator Nathan Tea
Youth Legislator Vivek Yanamadula
Youth Legislator Gianna Zaccheo

YOUTH LEGISLATOR ABSENT:

Youth Legislator Rachel Rush (Excused)

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT TO
ADMINISTER THE NEVADA YOUTH LEGISLATURE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Valerie Wiener (Ret.), Chair
Zhan Okuda-Lim

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU STAFF PRESENT:

Tina Ashdown, Research Assistant/Program Facilitator, Constituent Services Unit (CSU),
Research Division
Beverly E. Mobley, Manager of Constituent Services, CSU, Research Division
Marsheilah D. Lyons, Chief Principal Research Analyst, Research Division
Risa B. Lang, Chief Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division
Jessica Dummer, Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division
Maria de la Luz Aguayo, Senior Research Secretary, Research Division

Items taken out of sequence during the meeting have been placed in agenda order.

AGENDA ITEM I—CALL TO ORDER

Senator Wiener called the meeting of the Nevada Youth Legislature (NYL) to order.

Jacob Birdsong was sworn in as a Youth Legislator by Senator Wiener.

Youth Legislators shared their experiences in reaching out to their appointing Legislators. Senator Wiener stressed the importance of contacting their Legislators.

AGENDA ITEM II—PUBLIC COMMENT

Grant Gabriel, former Nevada Youth Legislator, gave a brief history and overview on why Youth Legislators hold District Youth Advisory Councils (DYACs). He stated DYACs present an opportunity to facilitate a better exchange of information and ideas.

Zhan Okuda-Lim briefly stressed the importance of the time commitment, support, willingness, and ability of serving as a chair or vice chair.

AGENDA ITEM III—THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHAIR

Marsheilah D. Lyons, previously identified, briefly outlined the duties of a chair and vice chair (Agenda Item III).

AGENDA ITEM IV—ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE NEVADA YOUTH LEGISLATURE FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF THE 2017–2019 TERM

Senator Wiener facilitated the election of the chair and vice chair of the NYL for the 2017–2019 Term. She explained the process of nominating and electing members of the NYL to fill the open seats.

The following Youth Legislators were nominated to serve as chair of the NYL: Youth Legislator Tea, Youth Legislator Thorns, Youth Legislator Phillips, and Youth Legislator Yamamoto.

Each nominee for chair gave a one-minute campaign speech.

Youth Legislator Thorns stated that her experience as a former president for several clubs at her school would help in her role as a chair for the NYL. Additionally, it would serve as a learning experience.

Youth Legislator Phillips said being chair would be a great learning and leadership experience. She said she would like to get to know each one of the Youth Legislators and would be very considerate of their ideas. Finally, she vowed to be punctual and formidable.

Youth Legislator Yamamoto politely declined her nomination as chair due to time constraints.

Youth Legislator Tea stated that his experience with the Legislature would be beneficial as chair of the NYL. He added that he actively tries to get his fellow Youth Legislators more involved with the Legislature.

The speeches were followed by a roll call vote.

Senator Wiener announced Youth Legislator Tea and Youth Legislator Phillips as the final two candidates for chair.

Youth Legislator Tea and Youth Legislator Phillips each gave another one-minute campaign speech.

Youth Legislator Phillips called attention to her past leadership experience and stated she would like to work with Youth Legislators the same way she has worked with other schools and students. She pledged to uphold the integrity of the NYL and to work closely with the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

Youth Legislator Tea recalled sitting on the Assembly Floor at 5 years of age with Former Assemblyman Ty Cobb. He stated that, since then, he has been learning from each session and is of the opinion that he has enough leadership experience to lead the NYL.

The speeches were followed by a roll call vote.

After both Youth Legislators received 10 votes, Senator Wiener asked Youth Legislator Tea and Youth Legislator Phillips to answer the question: “What is one quality that you would bring that would distinguish you as the chair of the NYL to elevate the program and the experience of the other Youth Legislators?”

Youth Legislator Tea said he would offer vast knowledge and connections.

Youth Legislator Phillips stated she would maintain decorum and order and she would show responsibility to the Youth Legislators.

Senator Wiener called for a final roll call vote.

Senator Wiener announced that Youth Legislator Phillips was elected to serve as chair of the NYL for the first year of the 2017–2019 Term.

Senator Wiener opened the nominations for vice chair of the NYL.

The following Youth Legislators were nominated to serve as vice chair of the NYL: Youth Legislator Cragun, Youth Legislator Cruz, Youth Legislator Harrison, Youth Legislator Jordan, and Youth Legislator Tea.

Each nominee for vice chair gave a one-minute campaign speech.

Youth Legislator Tea reiterated that, as a leader of the NYL, he would bring knowledge and connections to the group.

Youth Legislator Harrison stated he was willing to make a commitment to the NYL. He vowed to aid Chair Phillips to ensure the youth of Nevada would be represented in the best way possible.

Youth Legislator Jordan stated her connections with Legislators and established good relationship with Chair Phillips would help in her role as vice chair, should she be elected. She declared her dedication to the NYL.

Youth Legislator Cruz recalled his leadership experience in student council and stated that, if he were elected as vice chair, he would support the chair and each Youth Legislator.

Youth Legislator Cragun called attention to her experience representing her peers since the third grade. She vowed, if elected as vice chair, to make the NYL her top priority.

The speeches were followed by a roll call vote.

Senator Wiener announced Youth Legislator Tea and Youth Legislator Cragun as the final two candidates for vice chair of the NYL.

Senator Wiener called for a final roll call vote.

Senator Wiener announced Youth Legislator Cragun was elected to serve as the vice chair of the NYL for the first year of the 2017–2019 Term.

AGENDA ITEM V—COMMENTS AND OVERVIEW REGARDING THE NEVADA YOUTH LEGISLATURE FOR THE 2017–2019 TERM

Senator Wiener explained the difference between the two years of training in the program (Agenda Item V): (1) the first year focused towards development training mirroring Legislators' roles; and (2) the second year focused towards Legislative action as the NYL.

AGENDA ITEM VI—PUBLIC COMMENT

Senator Wiener called for public comment; however, no testimony was presented.

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AGENDA ITEM VII—ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Senior Research Secretary

Tina Ashdown
Research Analyst/Program Facilitator

APPROVED BY:

Youth Legislator Caramia Phillips, Chair

Date: _____

MEETING MATERIALS

AGENDA ITEM	WITNESS/ENTITY	DESCRIPTION
Agenda Item III	Marsheilah D. Lyons, Chief Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau	Handout
Agenda Item V	Senator Valerie Wiener (Ret.), Chair, Board of Directors for Corporation for Public Benefit to Administer the Nevada Youth Legislature (NYL)	2017-2019 NYL Two-Year Summary Calendar

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