



**NEVADA LEGISLATURE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR CORPORATION FOR
PUBLIC BENEFIT TO ADMINISTER THE
NEVADA YOUTH LEGISLATURE**
([Nevada Revised Statutes \[NRS\] 219A.300](#))

**SUMMARY MINUTES
January 13, 2021**

The fourth meeting of the Board of Directors for Corporation for Public Benefit to Administer the Nevada Youth Legislature (NYL Board) for the 2019–2020 Interim was held on Wednesday, January 13, 2021, at 4 p.m. Pursuant to Sections 2 through 9, inclusive, of Chapter 2, *Statutes of Nevada 2020*, 32nd Special Session, pages 9 through 11, there was no physical location for this meeting.

The agenda, minutes, meeting materials, and audio or video recording of the meeting are available on the Board's [meeting page](#). The audio or video recording may also be found at <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Video/>. Copies of the audio or video record can be obtained through the Publications Office of the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) (publications@lcb.state.nv.us or 775/684-6835).

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Valerie Wiener (Ret.), Chair
Joyce Woodhouse, Vice Chair
Senator Dallas Harris
Victoria Carreón
Zhan Okuda-Lim

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:

Assemblywoman Selena Torres

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU STAFF PRESENT:

Asher A. Killian, Senior Principal Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division
Tina Ashdown, Research Assistant/Program Facilitator, Constituent Services Unit,
Research Division
Maria Aguayo, Research Policy Assistant, Research Division

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

AGENDA ITEM I—OPENING REMARKS

Chair Wiener called the fourth meeting of the NYL Board for the 2019–2020 Interim to order. She noted that former Assemblywoman Connie Munk had resigned from the Board.

AGENDA ITEM II—PUBLIC COMMENT

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

AGENDA ITEM III—APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON JUNE 24, 2020

MOTION: Vice Chair Woodhouse moved to approve the minutes for the meeting held on June 24, 2020. The motion was seconded by Senator Harris and passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM IV—NEVADA YOUTH LEGISLATURE SCHOLARSHIPS

Chair Wiener called attention to the Chair’s Report ([Agenda Item IV](#)) and gave a review of the scholarships for 2021–2022.

Seeking input from Board members, Chair Wiener explained former Youth Legislator Jon Oglesby had requested to include his wife’s name on their scholarship name. Historically, only names of people directly affiliated with the Nevada Youth Legislature (NYL) program have been included in NYL scholarships.

Senator Harris suggested keeping a general rule within the Board of only featuring names of people directly affiliated with the NYL on the scholarships but allowing input from scholarship donors if the contribution is significant.

Vice Chair Woodhouse and Mr. Okuda-Lim agreed with Senator Harris and further suggested reviewing each request on a case-by-case basis.

MOTION: Senator Harris moved to accept the scholarships as presented and to consider future scholarships on an individualized basis. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Woodhouse and passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM V—UPDATE ON 2020–2021 NEVADA YOUTH LEGISLATURE MEETINGS AND TRAININGS

Chair Wiener provided an update on [NYL meetings, trainings, and outside activities](#).

Additionally, Chair Wiener provided an overview of the NYL’s [January 12, 2021, meeting](#), which was not included in the Chair’s Report. She stated that, at this meeting, the NYL finalized its bill draft request (BDR) selection, and she thanked Mr. Killian for his assistance in drafting BDR 14-549.

Chair Wiener noted that the BDR, as approved by the NYL, has three amendments that the Legal Division, LCB, will integrate into the final BDR version, which will be submitted to the Legislature for the 2021 Legislative Session.

AGENDA ITEM VI—THE NEVADA YOUTH LEGISLATURE 2020–2021 BILL DRAFT REQUEST SELECTION PROCESS

Youth Legislator Melekete Hailemeskel, Chair, NYL, shared some background information on the NYL BDR selection process.

AGENDA ITEM VII—THE NEVADA YOUTH LEGISLATURE 2021 BILL DRAFT REQUEST

Youth Legislator Julianna Melendez provided information regarding BDR 14-549 ([Agenda Item VII](#)). She stated that two major components of BDR 14-549 seek to address alarming statistics of youth arrests. These key components are: (1) mandatory racial and cultural competency training for all workers in the juvenile justice system; and (2) the requirement of an affidavit to be signed by anyone who files a court petition against a juvenile, certifying that the petition was not filed due to any type of discrimination.

Additionally, Youth Legislator Melendez shared the three amendments that were made to BDR 14-549 during the January 12, 2021, NYL meeting:

1. The addition of permissive language allowing the attorney general to consult with others within the Office of the Attorney General when creating regulations for training;
2. The addition of religious minorities under subsection 2(b) of Section 1; and
3. The addition of language specifying the timing of the implicit bias and cultural competency training.

Lastly, Youth Legislator Melendez shared that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the American Civil Liberties Union would provide either funding or free training needed for the successful implementation of BDR 14-549.

Mr. Okuda-Lim asked how BDR 14-549 would help address racism and bigotry in policy in a broader landscape.

Youth Legislator Melendez stated the trainings required in BDR 14-549 would take a step in the right direction to address these issues.

Further, Youth Legislator Melendez explained the accountability aspect of the affidavit.

Mr. Okuda-Lim inquired about Youth Legislator Hailemeskel's and Melendez's experience representing the youth of their Senate districts.

Youth Legislators Hailemeskel and Melendez both shared how the Coronavirus Disease of 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic affected their experience as youth legislators.

Mr. Okuda-Lim commended the NYL for its extraordinary leadership, especially through the pandemic.

AGENDA ITEM VIII—UPDATE ON PLANS FOR NEVADA YOUTH LEGISLATURE DAY AT THE NEVADA LEGISLATURE

Chair Wiener called attention to information [regarding NYL Day](#) provided in the Chair's Report ([Agenda Item IV](#)).

AGENDA ITEM IX—RECRUITMENT AND OUTREACH FOR THE 2021–2023 NEVADA YOUTH LEGISLATURE TERM

Chair Wiener provided an overview of the [NYL recruitment and outreach efforts](#).

Senator Harris wondered how Clark County or the State Public Charter School Authority are facilitating extracurricular activities during COVID.

Mr. Okuda-Lim shared that the Public Education Foundation would be a good group to share information regarding the NYL to be dispersed by educators to students. Additionally, he suggested contacting the new director of student activities of the Clark County School District (CCSD). Further, he shared that CCSD has a weekly email that goes out to administrators. Lastly, he opined that the alumni of the Executive Leadership Academy of the Leadership Institute of Nevada might be good contacts for other districts.

Vice Chair Woodhouse suggested reaching out to the superintendent of public instruction of Nevada's Department of Education and to the executive director of the Nevada Association of School Administrators.

Chair Wiener said she would work with Vice Chair Woodhouse to draft information regarding the NYL and communicate with the aforementioned persons and groups.

Chair Wiener provided an overview of the changes made to the 2021–2023 NYL application. She shared that the district youth advisory councils activity has been removed from the NYL program because of limited oversight capacity.

Lastly, Chair Wiener went over the awards accredited to the NYL and thanked the LCB.

AGENDA ITEM X—BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Okuda-Lim echoed the thanks to LCB.

Chair Wiener shared how astounded she is by the level of engagement by the NYL, especially through the pandemic.

AGENDA ITEM XI—PUBLIC COMMENT

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

AGENDA ITEM XII—ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Research Policy Assistant

APPROVED BY:

Senator Valerie Wiener (Ret.), Chair

Date: _____

MEETING MATERIALS

AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER/ENTITY	DESCRIPTION
Agenda Item IV	Senator Valerie Wiener (Ret.), Chair, Board of Directors for Corporation for Public Benefit to Administer the Nevada Youth Legislature	Chair's Report
Agenda Item VII	Legal Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau	Bill Draft Request 14-549

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