



NEVADA LEGISLATURE NEVADA YOUTH LEGISLATURE

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MINUTES

April 5, 2022

The third meeting of the Nevada Youth Legislature (NYL) for the 2021–2023 Term was held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at 2 p.m. Pursuant to NRS 218A.820, there was no physical location for this meeting.

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YOUTH LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

Youth Legislator Dillon Moss, Chair
Youth Legislator Max Grinstein, Vice Chair
Youth Legislator Jackson Bentham
Youth Legislator Devika Bhatnagar
Youth Legislator Oniana Boulware
Youth Legislator Emmalee Craver
Youth Legislator Patrick Donn Dimasin
Youth Legislator Grant Kington
Youth Legislator Madeline Krieger
Youth Legislator Michael Lara
Youth Legislator Samantha Lyle
Youth Legislator Gabrielle Macababbad
Youth Legislator Nicole Miller
Youth Legislator Evan Raugust
Youth Legislator Joseph Seddon
Youth Legislator Stella Thornton
Youth Legislator Emma Thurgood
Youth Legislator Kristal Walker
Youth Legislator Lauren Wong

YOUTH LEGISLATORS ABSENT:

Youth Legislator Zion Price
Youth Legislator Edison Reyes

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

Senator Valerie Wiener (Ret.), Chair

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU STAFF PRESENT:

Tina Ashdown, Research Assistant/Program Facilitator, Constituent Services Unit,
Research Division
Maria Aguayo, Research Policy Assistant, Research Division
Asher Killian, Chief Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division
David Nauss, Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division

Items taken out of sequence during the meeting have been placed in agenda order.
[Indicates a summary of comments.]

AGENDA ITEM I—ROLL CALL

Chair Moss:

[Chair Moss called the meeting to order.]

Thank you all for being here and welcome to this meeting of the NYL.

[Chair Moss reviewed virtual meeting and testimony guidelines.]

AGENDA ITEM II—PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Moss:

At this time, if anyone would like to provide public comment, please remember to identify yourself for the record. To ensure that everyone has an opportunity to speak, I would like to ask anyone speaking during public comment to keep their comments to no more than three minutes and try to avoid repeating comments that have been made by a previous speaker. Remember that there will also be another period for public comment at the end of this meeting.

Broadcast and Production Services (BPS):

The line is open and working; however, we currently have no callers for public comment at this time.

Chair Moss:

It appears we do not have anyone who is prepared to provide public comment at this time. We will move on to the next portion of our meeting.

AGENDA ITEM III—SWEARING IN OF NEW YOUTH LEGISLATORS

Chair Moss:

Our next agenda item is the swearing in of our new youth legislators. Jackson Bentham was appointed by Senator Nicole J. Cannizzaro to represent the youth of Senate District 6, and Stella Thornton was appointed by Senator Don Tatro to represent the youth of Senate District 16.

At this time, I will turn the meeting over to Senator Wiener for the NYL Oath or Affirmation ([Agenda Item III](#)) to swear in our incoming youth legislators.

Senator Wiener:

Thank you, Mr. Chair. To our two incoming youth legislators, I will ask you to repeat after me so that you vocalize your oath or affirmation.

[Youth Legislators Bentham and Thornton recited the NYL Oath or Affirmation.]

Congratulations to our two new youth legislators. We welcome you and we look forward to working with you through this amazing journey together.

Thank you, Mr. Chair, for the privilege of swearing in our two newest youth legislators.

Chair Moss:

Welcome to the NYL, Youth Legislators Bentham and Thornton. Congratulations and we are happy to have you here.

AGENDA ITEM IV—APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 3, 2022

Chair Moss:

Our last meeting was held on [February 3, 2022](#). Copies of the draft minutes have been provided. I will accept a motion to approve the minutes.

YOUTH LEGISLATOR LYLE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 3, 2022.

YOUTH LEGISLATOR DIMASIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA ITEM V—UPDATE CONCERNING THE NOMINATION OF A STUDENT MEMBER TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO NEVADA REVISED STATUTES 385.021

Chair Moss:

Next on our agenda is an update from Youth Legislator Boulware. At our previous meeting, we selected Youth Legislator Boulware to consult with the Nevada Association of Student Councils (NASC) on the selection of a student to serve on the State Board of Education ([Agenda Item V A](#)) pursuant to NRS 385.021 ([Agenda Item V B](#)).

Youth Legislator Boulware:

On March 6, 2022, I had the great opportunity to meet with members of NASC. There were five of us that attended the meeting, and we reviewed five students who had applied to be student members of the State Board of Education. Each potential candidate was required to give a résumé, share their responses to a five-question questionnaire, have three letters of recommendations, and include a video of themselves stating why they wanted to be nominated. Before the meeting, we made notes about each of the candidates and picked our top choices. During the meeting, we compared our individual notes about each candidate and took a vote, narrowing it down to our top three candidates. We then placed a final vote for our first and second choices and ended up nominating two female candidates. One candidate was from Durango High School and the other was from Bonanza High School. Both candidates were very impressive, and I think either will make a great addition to the State Board of Education.

Chair Moss:

Thank you, Youth Legislator Boulware.

AGENDA ITEM VI—ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE NEVADA YOUTH LEGISLATURE FOR THE SECOND YEAR OF THE 2021–2023 TERM

Chair Moss:

That brings us to the next agenda item, which is the election of the chair and vice chair of the NYL for the second year of the 2021–2023 Term ([Agenda Item VI A](#)).

It has been my great pleasure to serve as your Chair over the last year. My current term as Chair of the NYL expires on May 31, 2022, as does Youth Legislator Grinstein’s term as Vice Chair. I would like to thank Senator Wiener and Tina Ashdown for the amazing support and help they have given me and Vice Chair Grinstein over this last year. It has been an amazing opportunity and I could not be more thankful for it.

Therefore, we need to select the chair and vice chair who will serve from June 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023. Youth Legislators Dimasin, Krieger, and Seddon have expressed an interest in the position of chair ([Agenda Item VI B](#)). Unless there are additional nominations, I would like to accept a motion at this time to accept the nominations of these youth legislators for the position of chair and to close nominations.

YOUTH LEGISLATOR DIMASIN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE NOMINATIONS OF YOUTH LEGISLATORS DIMASIN, KRIEGER, AND SEDDON FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR OF THE NYL FOR THE SECOND YEAR OF THE 2021–2023 TERM AND TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS.

YOUTH LEGISLATOR SEDDON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Moss:

We will take a roll call vote and then we will do another roll call vote with the two nominees who received the highest number of votes.

Before taking the vote, I will open it up for comments from our candidates for chair. We will begin with Youth Legislator Dimasin. Please share your vision for the second year of the 2021–2023 NYL Term.

Youth Legislator Dimasin:

My vision, for not only the NYL but for Nevada’s youth, is to create young people who speak without fear. The way that we do that is by leading through example. Thank you.

Chair Moss:

Thank you, Youth Legislator Dimasin.

Next, we will hear from Youth Legislator Krieger. Please tell us about your vision for the second year of the 2021–2023 NYL Term.

Youth Legislator Krieger:

I would like to build a stronger community within the NYL so we can collaborate seamlessly throughout the next year while proposing our bill. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Chair Moss:

Thank you, Youth Legislator Krieger. We will hear from Youth Legislator Seddon now. Please tell us about your vision for the second year of the 2021–2023 NYL Term.

Youth Legislator Seddon:

Thank you, Chair Moss. My vision for the second year of the 2021–2023 NYL Term is meaningful collaboration and participation. My goal is to facilitate a bill proposal that every single youth legislator feels they have contributed to and will be impactful in every community in Nevada and not just certain districts. Thank you.

Chair Moss:

Thank you, Youth Legislator Seddon.

Does any youth legislator have any comments or questions before we take a vote? If there are none at this time, we will move on.

Ms. Ashdown, please take the vote.

[A roll call vote was taken to determine the top two candidates for the chair of the NYL for the second year of the 2021–2023 Term.]

Ms. Ashdown:

Youth Legislator Dimasin received nine votes, Youth Legislator Krieger received four votes, and Youth Legislator Seddon received six votes.

Chair Moss:

Thank you, Ms. Ashdown. I will open it up for comments from Youth Legislator Dimasin and Youth Legislator Seddon.

We will begin with Youth Legislator Dimasin. Please tell us why you are the best candidate for chair of the NYL.

Youth Legislator Dimasin:

I believe that I am the best candidate for this office because I can guarantee that, under my leadership, this body of youth will overcome any challenge in our future, legislative deadlock, silence, and adversity. This body will overcome. It is within our conviction. Thank you.

Chair Moss:

Now, we will hear from Youth Legislator Seddon. Please tell us why you are the best candidate for the chair of the NYL.

Youth Legislator Seddon:

I believe I am the best candidate for chair of the NYL due to my values and skill sets that all center around serving others. I will strive to make every youth legislator feel included in the last year of our two-year term and encourage participation and engagement at every meeting while not coming across as forceful, pushy, or judgmental. I will use the leadership and collaboration skills I have developed through this program, as well as my other involvement in school leadership classes and other leadership roles, to lead each meeting and discussion to the best of my ability. As chair, I believe I will make the last year of our two-year term beneficial and impactful to the fullest. Thank you.

Chair Moss:

Thank you, Youth Legislator Seddon.

We will now take another roll call vote to elect either Youth Legislator Dimasin or Youth Legislator Seddon to serve as chair. The member with the highest number of votes will serve as the chair.

Before taking the vote, I will once again open the floor for discussion. Does any youth legislator have any comments or questions before we take a vote? If there are none at this time, we will move on.

Ms. Ashdown, please take the vote.

[A final roll call vote was taken to determine the chair of the NYL for the second year of the 2021–2023 Term.]

Ms. Ashdown:

Youth Legislator Dimasin received 11 votes and Youth Legislator Seddon received 8 votes.

Chair Moss:

Thank you, Ms. Ashdown. Youth Legislator Dimasin will serve as chair of the NYL for the second year of the 2021–2023 Term. Congratulations and good work to all the candidates for stepping up to run.

We will now vote on the vice chair. Once again, we will take the two nominees who receive the highest number of votes and do another roll call vote.

Youth Legislators Lyle, Miller, and Wong have expressed an interest in the position of vice chair ([Agenda Item VI C](#)). Unless there are any additional nominations, I will accept a motion at this time to accept the nomination of these youth legislators for the position of vice chair and close any further nominations.

YOUTH LEGISLATOR DIMASIN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE NOMINATIONS OF YOUTH LEGISLATORS LYLE, MILLER, AND WONG FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE NYL FOR THE SECOND YEAR OF THE 2021–2023 TERM AND TO CLOSE ANY FURTHER NOMINATIONS.

YOUTH LEGISLATOR THURGOOD SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Moss:

I will open it up for comments from our candidates for vice chair.

We will begin with Youth Legislator Lyle. Please share your vision for the second year of the 2021–2023 NYL Term.

Youth Legislator Lyle:

I am very excited for our upcoming year, and I want to ensure that we all work together so we can collectively create meaningful change together through our bill proposal.

Chair Moss:

Thank you, Youth Legislator Lyle. Next, we will hear from Youth Legislator Miller. Please tell us about your vision for the second year of the 2021–2023 NYL term.

Youth Legislator Miller:

I am so excited to be running for this position. I envision our second year filled with collaboration so that we can really maximize our impact on Nevada’s community and make the most beneficial bill possible.

Chair Moss:

Thank you, Youth Legislator Miller. Lastly, we will hear from Youth Legislator Wong. Please tell us about your vision for the second year of the 2021–2023 NYL Term.

Youth Legislator Wong:

Together with all of you, my vision for the second year of the NYL is to be the support you can rely on when taking this remarkable moment in our lives and to leave the world a better place than the world we were given because I strongly believe that we, more than any other generation, are ready to take up this challenge. Thank you so much.

Chair Moss:

Thank you, Youth Legislator Wong. Does any youth legislator have any comments or questions before we take a vote?

Vice Chair Grinstein:

I want to say good luck to all the candidates and comment that I have enjoyed being Vice Chair over the past few months. I am looking forward to somebody else having the opportunity.

Chair Moss:

Thank you, Vice Chair Grinstein. It has been an honor to serve with you. If there are no more questions or comments, we will move on.

Ms. Ashdown, please take the vote.

[A roll call vote was taken to determine the top two candidates for the vice chair of the NYL for the second year of the 2021–2023 Term.]

Ms. Ashdown:

Youth Legislator Lyle received 12 votes, Youth Legislator Miller received 3 votes, and Youth Legislator Wong received 4 votes.

Chair Moss:

Thank you, Ms. Ashdown. I will open it up for comments from Youth Legislator Lyle and Youth Legislator Wong.

We will begin with Youth Legislator Lyle. Please tell us why you are the best candidate for vice chair of the NYL.

Youth Legislator Lyle:

I believe I am the best candidate because I am a very open-minded person, and I am open to every and any idea. I will foster an encouraging and safe environment so we can all share our great ideas.

Chair Moss:

Thank you, Youth Legislator Lyle. We will now hear from Youth Legislator Wong. Please tell us why you are the best candidate for vice chair of the NYL.

Youth Legislator Wong:

One thing that makes me uniquely qualified to be the vice chair of this committee is having had the experience of being personally involved in writing a good bill and having it passed and signed into law by Governor Steve Sisolak. Ultimately, I am running for this position because I believe in the hope that all of us have to collaborate and fulfill the potential in each of us to make a positive difference together. Thank you so much.

Chair Moss:

Thank you, Youth Legislator Wong.

We will take another roll call vote to select either Youth Legislator Lyle or Youth Legislator Wong to serve as vice chair. The member with the highest number of votes will serve as vice chair.

Before taking the vote, I will once again open it up for discussion. Does any youth legislator have any comments or questions before we take a vote? If there is none at this time, I will move on.

Ms. Ashdown, please take the roll call vote.

[A final roll call vote was taken to determine the vice chair of the NYL for the second year of the 2021–2023 Term.]

Ms. Ashdown:

Youth Legislator Lyle received 15 votes and Youth Legislator Wong received 4 votes.

Chair Moss:

Thank you, Ms. Ashdown. Youth Legislator Lyle will serve as vice chair of the NYL for the second year of the 2021–2023 Term.

I would like to congratulate our new chair, Youth Legislator Dimasin, and vice chair, Youth Legislator Lyle. This is a great and awesome opportunity you have taken upon yourselves. If you ever need anything, do not be afraid to reach out to me. Once again, congratulations and well done to all the candidates who put themselves out there today.

AGENDA ITEM VII—DISCUSSION OF CONTENT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NEVADA YOUTH LEGISLATURE ANNUAL REPORT PREPARED PURSUANT TO NEVADA REVISED STATUTES 219A.210

Chair Moss:

Next, Senator Wiener will provide us with the information about the content to be included in the annual report from the NYL to the Governor and the Board of Directors for Corporation for Public Benefit to Administer the NYL.

Senator Wiener:

It is wonderful to be here with you again. In your meeting materials, you should have received the *Nevada Youth Legislature: Annual Report 2020–2021* ([Agenda Item VII](#)). Historically, we provide the most recent annual report that mirrors the year that you have just experienced. One thing I want to point out about this particular report is that a portion of it would not mirror this term because some things changed due to pandemic. However, this is the first time that we have created a completely different inaugural training that you have experienced. The training that is represented in this particular annual report actually mirrors what your training will be experiencing this August. We have shifted it.

Chair Moss, hopefully along with Vice Chair Grinstein, will prepare the annual report. You can see what kind of information goes into it with the overview and summaries of meetings. We provide more detail. A lot of this will already be in your training binders in the materials that we have sent to all youth legislators in preparation for each of the meetings. That is where the author, the NYL chair, often gets the information from the agendas and minutes.

The annual report is an important document. We do follow NRS requirements that the report be provided to the parties that are listed in the statute. We also, historically, have provided the annual report to legislators so that they can see and experience what their program has been delivering to the students who represent their districts, as well as the youth of Nevada.

I would be more than happy to invite any thoughts about what any of you might want to include in the annual report.

Chair Moss:

The floor is open, if anyone wants to make comments of what should be included in the annual report.

Senator Wiener:

If I may add, youth legislators, you will recall that this is the responsibility of the chair to actually author and prepare this report. We review it and we will make sure that it contains everything. I will edit and review it, but this is the chair's responsibility to draft this document in a timely manner so that we can meet the statutory deadline.

Any assistance or thought you might provide for Chair Moss, please feel free to offer that because he will be responsible for actually authoring the document.

Youth Legislator Miller:

I would suggest including something about the town hall meetings that we hosted and the feedback from those.

Chair Moss:

Yes, absolutely.

Senator Wiener:

Again, one of the resources that you will use will be the calendar from the first year and that could also include the reports that have been provided as well as, of course, town hall meetings because that is one of the outside activities. That will be one of the resources that the chair will work with—calendars, minutes, and agendas—the documentation that has grown from your first year in the program.

Thank you for offering that, Youth Legislator Miller. That will be along with other activities and reports to be included in the information that Chair Moss will have at his fingertips to include in the annual report.

Youth Legislator Lyle:

I think youth legislators could share with Chair Moss some of the important advice we have learned from all the legislators that have talked to us at our different meetings and trainings.

Chair Moss:

Yes, that is a great idea.

Senator Wiener:

As you may have noticed, we have dates and summaries of everything youth legislators have experienced in terms of the meetings and trainings. What you might consider, if you do include advice, is to have some bits of wisdom for each training that might have been shared. It could be advice from legislators and alumni mentor/trainers as well. My suggestion would be that there be at least one legislator and at least one alumni mentor/trainer per meeting/training, so that it is balanced.

Youth Legislator Dimasin:

Just to add to Youth Legislator Miller's suggestion, when it pertains to advice, a lot of us struggled with our town halls, given that a lot of us had a virtual format and attendance/participation was an issue. If we could include a section specifically pertaining to townhall participation, I think that would be the most useful for future youth legislators going through this program.

Chair Moss:

Absolutely. Are there any more comments or things to add to the annual report?

I do not see anybody who wants to be recognized. Thank you, Senator Wiener, for that presentation. I am very excited to draft the annual report. It is one of the things that I have been looking forward to since September.

AGENDA ITEM VIII—PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Moss:

It is time for the second period of public comment. The same rules mentioned during the first period of public comment apply.

If anyone would like to provide public comment, please remember to identify yourself for the record.

BPS:

The public comment line is open and working, but there are no callers at this time.

Chair Moss:

It appears we do not have anyone who is prepared to provide public comment at this time. We are now ready to adjourn.

AGENDA ITEM IX—ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the NYL, the meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED BY:

Youth Legislator Patrick Donn Dimasin, Chair

Date: _____

MEETING MATERIALS

AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER/ENTITY	DESCRIPTION
Agenda Item III	Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB)	Nevada Youth Legislature (NYL) Oath or Affirmation
Agenda Item V A	Christina Nguyen, Student Member to the State Board of Education, Nevada Association of Student Councils (NASC)	NASC description
Agenda Item V B	Research Division, LCB	<i>Nevada Revised Statutes</i> 385.021
Agenda Item VI A	Research Division, LCB	NYL chair and vice chair responsibilities
Agenda Item VI B	Research Division, LCB	Election candidates for NYL chair
Agenda Item VI C	Research Division, LCB	Election candidates for NYL vice chair
Agenda Item VII	Melekte Hailemeskel, Chair (2020–2021), Nevada Youth Legislature	<i>Nevada Youth Legislature: Annual Report 2020–2021</i>

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