



NEVADA LEGISLATURE NEVADA YOUTH LEGISLATURE

(Nevada Revised Statutes [NRS] [219A.130](#))

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February 6, 2024

The second meeting of the Nevada Youth Legislature for the 2023–2025 Term was held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 2 p.m. in Room 4401, Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 2135, Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

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YOUTH LEGISLATORS PRESENT IN LAS VEGAS:

Youth Legislator Alexa Walsh, Chair
Youth Legislator Jolie Nguyen, Vice Chair
Youth Legislator Elver Alvarez Flores
Youth Legislator Tyler Breeden
Youth Legislator Sophie Cain
Youth Legislator Ethan Cohen
Youth Legislator Eric Conyers
Youth Legislator Mackenzie Coughlin
Youth Legislator Kathleen McCarthy
Youth Legislator Daniel Obstgarten
Youth Legislator Joshua Park
Youth Legislator Sebastian Rios
Youth Legislator Hannah Villatoro
Youth Legislator Toren Wolf

YOUTH LEGISLATORS PRESENT IN CARSON CITY:

Youth Legislator Kyle Allen
Youth Legislator Jordan Chong
Youth Legislator Sitara Reganti
Youth Legislator Phillip Rosas

YOUTH LEGISLATORS ABSENT:

Youth Legislator Owen Chang
Youth Legislator Matthew Chen
Youth Legislator G'Yanna Perry

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

Senator Valerie Wiener (Ret.), Chair

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU STAFF PRESENT:

Tina Ashdown, Constituent Services Analyst/Program Facilitator, Constituent Services Unit
(CSU), Research Division
Barbara Dimmit, Senior Research Analyst, CSU, Research Division
Lisa Creamer, Senior Research Policy Assistant, Research Division
David Nauss, Senior Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division

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

AGENDA ITEM I—CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Walsh:

Good afternoon, everyone. I would like to call the meeting to order. Thank you for being here, and welcome to the meeting of the Nevada Youth Legislature (NYL).

[Chair Walsh discussed meeting guidelines.]

AGENDA ITEM II—PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Walsh:

Our next agenda item is public comment. Public comment may be provided in several different ways, all of which are listed on the agenda.

[Chair Walsh called for public comment; however, no testimony was presented.]

We will move on to the next portion of our meeting.

AGENDA ITEM III—APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

It is time to address Agenda Item III—approval of the minutes from the meeting on September 7, 2023. Copies of the meeting minutes have been provided to you. I will now accept a motion to approve the minutes for this meeting. Would anyone like to make a motion?

YOUTH LEGISLATOR RIOS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2024, MEETING.

YOUTH LEGISLATOR NGUYEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA ITEM IV—SELECTION OF A MEMBER OF THE NEVADA YOUTH LEGISLATURE TO CONSULT WITH THE NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS CONCERNING THE NOMINATION OF A STUDENT MEMBER TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO [NRS 385.021](#)

Next is Agenda Item IV—selection of a member of the NYL to consult with the Nevada Association of Student Councils (NASC) concerning the nomination of a student member to the State Board of Education.

The law requires the student member of the State Board of Education be nominated by the NASC in consultation with the NYL (Agenda Item IV). The NASC Board meeting and the selection of nominees for the student member of the State Board will probably take place at their State conference in Sparks, Nevada in April 2024.

We will now appoint a member to consult with the NASC on our behalf, either in person or remotely.

Youth Legislator Chen has expressed an interest in serving as an NYL consultant to the NASC. Please raise your hand if you would also like to be considered for this volunteer position—Youth Legislators Villatoro, McCarthy, and Wolf. Has anyone in the North volunteered?

Youth Legislator Allen:

No.

Chair Walsh:

Youth Legislator Chen, Youth Legislator McCarthy, Villatoro, and Wolf would like to be considered to consult with the NASC to make a nomination for the student member of the State Board of Education. Let us take a vote on who should be appointed to represent the Youth Legislature at the NASC meeting.

Ms. Creamer, please take the vote.

Youth Legislator Allen—Youth Legislator Chen
Youth Legislator Alvarez Flores—Youth Legislator Villatoro
Youth Legislator Breeden—Youth Legislator Chen
Youth Legislator Cain—Youth Legislator Villatoro
Youth Legislator Chong—Youth Legislator Chen
Youth Legislator Cohen—Youth Legislator Villatoro
Youth Legislator Conyers—Youth Legislator Villatoro
Youth Legislator Coughlin—Youth Legislator McCarthy
Youth Legislator McCarthy—Youth Legislator McCarthy
Youth Legislator Nguyen—Youth Legislator McCarthy
Youth Legislator Obstgarten—Youth Legislator Chen
Youth Legislator Park—Youth Legislator McCarthy
Youth Legislator Reganti—Youth Legislator Chen
Youth Legislator Rios—Youth Legislator Wolf
Youth Legislator Rosas—Youth Legislator Chen
Youth Legislator Villatoro—Youth Legislator Villatoro
Youth Legislator Walsh—Youth Legislator McCarthy
Youth Legislator Wolf—Youth Legislator Chen

[Youth Legislators Chang, Chen, and Perry were absent for the vote.]

Chair Walsh:

Youth legislator Chen is appointed to consult with the NASC on behalf of the NYL.

AGENDA ITEM V—SELECTION OF THREE DELEGATES AND TWO ALTERNATE DELEGATES FROM MEMBERS OF THE NEVADA YOUTH LEGISLATURE TO SERVE AS NONVOTING YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE COMMISSION ON INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Chair Walsh:

We are moving on to Agenda Item V—the selection of three delegates and two alternate delegates for members of the NYL to serve as nonvoting youth representatives for the

Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education. You should have been given a document describing the duties of a delegate on this Commission (Agenda Item V A-1).

Senate Bill 425 was passed during the 2023 Legislative Session (Agenda Item V A-2). This bill sets up a Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education. The Commission does not call for student representation, but members of the Commission have requested student representation in a nonvoting capacity. Your participation as a student representative for the Commission includes focused listening, active participation, and inclusionary communication and connection. The Commission meeting dates, as well as some considerations that are important to these positions, are listed on the document titled, *Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education*. We will vote for one northern delegate to participate in the virtual meetings, two southern delegates, and two southern alternate delegates.

We will begin with the vote for the northern delegate. Nevada Youth Legislators, please raise your hand if you are interested in serving as a youth representative for the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education in the North.

Youth Legislator Chong:

I would like to run as delegate and so would Youth Legislator Reganti.

Chair Walsh:

Is there anyone else in the North besides Youth Legislators Chong and Reganti? Youth Legislator Reganti and Youth Legislator Chong would like to be considered to be the northern youth representative for the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education.

Ms. Creamer, please take the vote.

- Youth Legislator Allen—Youth Legislator Reganti
- Youth Legislator Alvarez Flores—Youth Legislator Reganti
- Youth Legislator Breeden—Youth Legislator Reganti
- Youth Legislator Cain—Youth Legislator Reganti
- Youth Legislator Chong—Youth Legislator Chong
- Youth Legislator Cohen—Youth Legislator Reganti
- Youth Legislator Conyers—Youth Legislator Reganti
- Youth Legislator Coughlin—Youth Legislator Chong
- Youth Legislator McCarthy—Youth Legislator Reganti
- Youth Legislator Nguyen—Youth Legislator Reganti
- Youth Legislator Obstgarten—Youth Legislator Reganti
- Youth Legislator Park—Youth Legislator Reganti
- Youth Legislator Reganti—Youth Legislator Reganti
- Youth Legislator Rios—Youth Legislator Reganti
- Youth Legislator Rosas—Youth Legislator Chong
- Youth Legislator Villatoro—Youth Legislator Reganti
- Youth Legislator Walsh—Youth Legislator Reganti
- Youth Legislator Wolf—Youth Legislator Reganti

[Youth Legislators Chang, Chen, and Perry were absent for the vote.]

Youth Legislator Reganti is appointed to be a northern youth representative for the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education.

We will move on to the vote for two southern Youth Legislators. Please raise your hand if you are interested in serving as youth representatives for the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education—Youth Legislators Villatoro, Cohen, Obstgarten, Cain, Nguyen, and myself. I would like to be considered as the southern youth representatives for the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education—also, Youth Legislator Rios. Is there anyone else who would like to be considered?

Ms. Creamer, please take the vote.

Youth Legislator Allen—Youth Legislator Villatoro
Youth Legislator Alvarez Flores—Youth Legislator Villatoro
Youth Legislator Breeden—Youth Legislator Walsh
Youth Legislator Cain—Youth Legislator Cain
Youth Legislator Chong—Youth Legislator Walsh
Youth Legislator Cohen—Youth Legislator Cohen
Youth Legislator Conyers—Youth Legislator Villatoro
Youth Legislator Coughlin—Youth Legislator Nguyen
Youth Legislator McCarthy—Youth Legislator Nguyen
Youth Legislator Nguyen—Youth Legislator Nguyen
Youth Legislator Obstgarten—Youth Legislator Rios
Youth Legislator Park—Youth Legislator Rios
Youth Legislator Reganti—Youth Legislator Walsh
Youth Legislator Rios—Youth Legislator Cohen
Youth Legislator Rosas—Youth Legislator Walsh
Youth Legislator Villatoro—Youth Legislator Villatoro
Youth Legislator Walsh—Youth Legislator Walsh
Youth Legislator Wolf—Youth Legislator Cohen

[Youth Legislators Chang, Chen, and Perry were absent for the vote.]

Chair Walsh:

Youth Legislators Villatoro and Walsh are appointed to be youth representatives for the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education in the South.

We will now move on to the alternate delegates who also must be from the South. If you ran for the two main ones, you can run for the alternates—if you would put that out there. Please raise your hands if you are interested in running for the two alternates in the South, and I will take note. Youth Legislators Nguyen, Cain, Rios, Cohen, Conyers, and Alvarez Flores would like to be considered in serving as an alternate delegate for the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education. If anyone else would like to be considered, please raise your hand now.

Ms. Creamer, please take the vote.

Youth Legislator Allen—Youth Legislator Nguyen
Youth Legislator Alvarez Flores—Youth Legislator Rios
Youth Legislator Breeden—Youth Legislator Nguyen
Youth Legislator Cain—Youth Legislator Cain
Youth Legislator Chong—Youth Legislator Nguyen

Youth Legislator Cohen—Youth Legislator Cohen
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Youth Legislator Reganti—Youth Legislator Rios
Youth Legislator Rios—Youth Legislator Cohen
Youth Legislator Rosas—Youth Legislator Rios
Youth Legislator Villatoro—Youth Legislator Conyers
Youth Legislator Walsh—Youth Legislator Cain
Youth Legislator Wolf—Youth Legislator Rios

[Youth Legislators Chang, Chen, and Perry were absent for the vote.]

Chair Walsh:

Youth Legislators Rios and Nguyen have been selected as the two alternate delegates for the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education.

AGENDA ITEM VI—PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Walsh:

I will now open the second period of public comment.

[Chair Walsh called for public comment; however, no testimony was presented.]

We are now ready to adjourn. This concludes our business for today.

AGENDA ITEM VII—ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Nevada Youth Legislature, the meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tina Ashdown
Constituent Services Analyst/Program
Facilitator

APPROVED BY:

Youth Legislator Alexa Walsh

Date: _____

MEETING MATERIALS

AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER/ENTITY	DESCRIPTION
Agenda Item IV	Tina Ashdown, Constituent Services Analyst/Program Facilitator, Constituent Services Unit (CSU), Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB)	<i>Nevada Revised Statutes</i> 385.021
Agenda Item V A-1	Tina Ashdown, Constituent Services Analyst/Program Facilitator, CSU, Research Division, LCB	Handout on Delegates and Alternates to the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education
Agenda Item V A-2	Tina Ashdown, Constituent Services Analyst/Program Facilitator, CSU, Research Division, LCB	Senate Bill 425 (2023)

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