



# **NEVADA LEGISLATURE NEVADA YOUTH LEGISLATURE**

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## **MINUTES**

**April 11, 2024**

The third meeting of the Nevada Youth Legislature for the 2023–2024 Interim was held on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 2 p.m. in Room 4412, 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 Sophie Cain  
Youth Legislator Matthew Chen  
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 G'Yanna Perry  
Youth Legislator Sebastian Rios  
Youth Legislator Hannah Villatoro  
Youth Legislator Toren Wolf

### **YOUTH LEGISLATORS PRESENT IN CARSON CITY:**

Youth Legislator Owen Chang  
Youth Legislator Jordan Chong  
Youth Legislator Sitara Reganti

Youth Legislator Phillip Rosas

**YOUTH LEGISLATOR ABSENT:**

Youth Legislator Kyle Allen (excused)

Youth Legislator Tyler Breeden (excused)

**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,  
Research Division

Barbara Dimmitt, Constituent Services Principal Analyst, Constituent Services Unit, Research  
Division

Lisa Creamer, Senior Research Policy Assistant, Research Division

Seana McManus, 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**

### ***Vice Chair Nguyen:***

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

Will the Secretary to please call the roll? [Roll call is reflected in Members present.]

## **AGENDA ITEM II—PUBLIC COMMENT**

### ***Vice Chair Nguyen:***

Agenda Item II is public comment. Public comment may be provided in several different ways, all of which are listed on the agenda. At this time, if anyone would like to provide public comment, please identify yourself for the record. Is there anyone wishing to testify in Las Vegas? It appears that there is no one. Is there anyone wishing to testify in Carson City? Broadcast and Production Services (BPS), is there anyone on the line to make public comment?

### ***BPS:***

Vice Chair, your public line is open and working, and you have no callers at this time.

### ***Vice Chair Nguyen:***

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

## **AGENDA ITEM III—APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 6, 2024**

### ***Vice Chair Nguyen:***

It is time to address Agenda Item III, approval of the minutes from the meeting on February 6, 2024. Copies of the meeting minutes have been provided to you. I will now accept a motion to approve the minutes for this meeting.

YOUTH LEGISLATOR PERRY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON  
FEBRUARY 6, 2024.

YOUTH LEGISLATOR CHANG SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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## **AGENDA ITEM IV—ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE NYL FOR THE SECOND YEAR OF THE 2021–2023 TERM**

### ***Vice Chair Nguyen:***

That brings me to Item IV, the election of the Chair and Vice Chair of the NYL for the second year of the 2023–2025 Term. ([Agenda Item IV](#))

Youth Legislator Walsh's term as Chair of the Nevada Youth Legislature expires on May 31, 2024, as does my term as Vice Chair. Therefore, we need to select the Chair and Vice Chair who will serve from June 1, 2024, to May 31, 2025. Youth Legislator Allen and Youth Legislator Rios have expressed an interest in serving as the NYL Chair for the second year of the 2023–2025 Term. Please raise your hand if you would also like to be considered for this volunteer position. Anyone in the north? Youth Legislator Allen, Youth Legislator Rios, and Youth Legislator Chang would like to be considered to serve as the Chair of the NYL. We will take two votes. The first vote will provide the names of our top two candidates. The second vote will determine our Chair. I will open it up for comments from our candidates for Chair.

We will begin with Youth Legislator Allen, who was unable to join us today. He shared the following information:

Henry Ford once said, "Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." We all know from a young age collaboration is key. In our setting, we will all have to come through soon to decide on the BDR (bill draft request) that we, as a Committee, want to carry through. For that BDR to get passed, we will have to be in unison to fight for its passage. Long hours will be spent in this building or in front of a computer making edits. But the biggest push will be how we advocate for this bill, how we advocate for the people that put us in these seats. I am ready to be our voice, to advocate for our bill, and to advocate for the amazing youth of Nevada. When the session hits, we will need Youth Legislators in this very room. I know that any Northern Nevada Youth Legislator would sacrifice their time for our bill. At this moment in my career, I am ready to make the commitment to the prosperity and success of our bill, whatever it takes. Nevada Youth Legislature, I am ready to be our next Chair.

We thank Youth Legislator Allen for sharing his thoughts. We will move on to Youth Legislator Rios. Please share your thoughts about leading the NYL during the second year of the 2023 to 2025 NYL term.

### ***Youth Legislator Rios:***

Thank you, Madam Vice Chair. My fellow Youth Legislators, I would like to express my deep appreciation for having this opportunity to run for Chair today. To begin, we all have a wonderful responsibility to represent the youth community here in Nevada. I believe that for this work to reach its highest level of success, teamwork and communication are vital. What has been evident through this first year of the NYL is there is a wide variety of issues to address. There are various ways those issues affect youth in different areas or locations across our State. We need to ensure that in finding solutions, we keep the entirety of the Nevada youth community in mind. As Chair, I would work diligently to ensure each voice is heard, each idea is considered, and each perspective is understood. I would work to find new ways for us to share our ideas and the ideas of those we represent. I would put teamwork and collaboration at the forefront to ensure the second year of the NYL is

navigated in a manner that aligns with the priorities we set as a group. To conclude, I would work to build an environment where, as a united team, we are truly accomplishing the mission of representing the youth community and elevating their voice. I humbly ask for your consideration of me for the position of the NYL Chair. Thank you.

***Vice Chair Nguyen:***

Thank you, Youth Legislator Rios. Next, we will hear from Youth Legislator Chang.

***Youth Legislator Chang:***

My name is Owen Chang, and I would like to be your next Chair for the NYL. Over my time here in Nevada, I have learned the importance of service. As an employee of the University of Nevada, I learned the value of helping Nevadans face their problems. I am ready and excited to help you with your problems as well. As a two-time speech and debate nationals qualifier, I am excited to use my communication skills to advance the BDR of the Nevada Youth Legislature as well as to advance the agenda we set forward to build a better future for Nevadans everywhere. Finally, as Chair, I am ready to step forward and bring together north and south. Though we may be divided by space and by technology, we can come together as one and work together to create a strong future for the youth of Nevada. Thank you.

***Vice Chair Nguyen:***

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

***Chair Walsh:***

I would like to say as current Chair and as we are going out, all three of these candidates are very good. I hope the rest of the Youth Legislators will take into consideration what they have said as we move into the next year, which is important as we present our bill draft. They are all great; we have already spent a year with them. I wish you all the best of luck.

***Vice Chair Nguyen:***

Thank you, Madam Chair. We will now start the process of voting.

Youth Legislator Alvarez Flores—Youth Legislator Allen  
Youth Legislator Cain—Youth Legislator Rios  
Youth Legislator Chang—Youth Legislator Chang  
Youth Legislator Chen—Youth Legislator Rios  
Youth Legislator Chong—Youth Legislator Allen  
Youth Legislator Cohen—Youth Legislator Rios  
Youth Legislator Conyers—Youth Legislator Rios  
Youth Legislator Coughlin—Youth Legislator Rios  
Youth Legislator McCarthy—Youth Legislator Rios  
Youth Legislator Nguyen—Youth Legislator Rios  
Youth Legislator Obstgarten—Youth Legislator Rios  
Youth Legislator Park—Youth Legislator Rios  
Youth Legislator Perry—Youth Legislator Rios  
Youth Legislator Reganti—Youth Legislator Allen  
Youth Legislator Rios—Youth Legislator Rios  
Youth Legislator Rosas—Youth Legislator Chang

Youth Legislator Villatoro—Youth Legislator Rios  
Youth Legislator Wolf—Youth Legislator Rios  
Youth Legislator Walsh—Youth Legislator Rios

[Youth Legislators Allen and Breeden were absent for the vote.]

***Senator Wiener (Ret.):***

A point of legal consideration. Mr. Nauss, I believe if there is more than a majority in the initial vote, that would be the result of the election rather than going to a second round of voting.

***Mr. Nauss:***

I believe you are correct, yes.

***Senator Wiener (Ret.):***

I believe that is how it is done in Nevada. As I recall, if it is determined in a primary election with a majority or more, the election is determined. Does that apply here as well?

***Mr. Nauss:***

Yes, I would think so.

***Senator Wiener (Ret.):***

What is the final tally, Madam Secretary?

***Ms. McManus:***

Youth Legislator Allen has three votes. Youth Legislator Chang has two votes. Youth Legislator Rios has 14 votes.

***Vice Chair Nguyen:***

Youth Legislator Rios will serve as the Chair of the NYL for the second year of the 2023-2025 Term. Congratulations.

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 with those two nominees. Before taking the vote, I will open it up for comments from our candidates for Vice Chair. Would anyone like to run for Vice Chair?

***Youth Legislator Cohen:***

I would like to run.

***Youth Legislator Reganti:***

I would also like to run.

***Youth Legislator Wolf:***

Youth Legislator Wolf.

***Youth Legislator Alvarez Flores:***

I would also like to run.

***Vice Chair Nguyen:***

Would anyone else like to run for the Vice Chair position? We will begin with Youth Legislator Alvarez Flores for Vice Chair.

***Youth Legislator Alvarez Flores:***

Last semester, I became a part of the associated student body; however, our committee president was not responsible for their duties, and the deadlines for the haunted house were fast approaching. Being a newcomer to organizing student events, it was a hassle for me, and I was scared about my ability to organize it. I created a vital plan. In a moment of desperation, I asked myself, what can I do? I decided I would take a bold step and took charge by working tirelessly after school for the next two weeks. I created a comprehensive game plan and connected with my colleagues who were also disillusioned with our president. Despite the time constraint, our event was a resounding success. Apart from this, I have been an active member of the community outside of the NYL and have established a successful extracurricular activity that was not present in my school, Equipo Academy. I have gained the attention of many alumni and parents who have donated and engaged themselves in my extracurricular activity. With the same drive and initiative, I am confident I will bring the same level of uniqueness to the NYL as your Vice Chair.

***Vice Chair Nguyen:***

Thank you, Youth Legislator Alvarez Flores. We will now hear from Youth Legislator Cohen.

***Youth Legislator Cohen:***

Good afternoon, and thank you for your consideration for Vice Chair. Now, on to business. Other candidates up for this position are going to talk about volunteer service or some other commendable deed they have done. I did not want to spend too much time glazing over accomplishments or my track record because we all contribute good into our society. Personally, I feel the position of Vice Chair is more important than how many service hours you do. Why is it that we only meet as a coherent group once a month? Why is it that we have to wait months and months to submit a BDR, our chance to make a real difference, instead of banding together now to make a difference? How this will be actualized, only time will tell, but time will only tell if there is a clear strategy to implement this within the NYL and our districts, northern or southern, rural or urban. It does not matter. I sense and I am sure you have sensed it too, that some Youth Legislators are friendly with one another. But I was honest with myself, and I am challenging you to be honest with yourself too. Look around the room. Do you consider yourself close with everyone you want to be close with—someone who you can work with to make a difference in your communities? We are given a beautiful opportunity in the NYL to finally let adults take youth seriously and to make a real difference in the future of hundreds of thousands of young Nevadans. As Vice Chair, not only will I work with the Chair to implement policies that unify and mirror this, but I will ask you to work with us as well. I humbly ask for your vote because you are not just voting me in, you are voting in a chance to make change now. Thank you.

***Vice Chair Nguyen:***

Thank you, Youth Legislator Cohen. We will now hear from Youth Legislator Reganti.

***Youth Legislator Reganti:***

Good afternoon, fellow Youth Legislators. My name is Youth Legislator Reganti. Although it may seem far, February 2025 is fast approaching. I know we all want to be a united front because once February arrives, it will not be an easy challenge to face. How do I plan to make it easier for us? First, I would like to create an open email. If I am Vice Chair, I would send out an email letting you all know you can always run ideas through me or simply talk—whether it is a BDR or an experience you have had in the Youth Legislature that you would like to discuss. I have experience in creating comfortable spaces and a sense of unity among my peers. I started a club at my school called Girls for Women, which helps target low-income families and help them get the help they need. Along with being mock trial captain and student representative for student government at my school, I have had lots of experience in making sure we are a united front when approaching teachers or organizations or, in this case, when we are testifying in February. I hope we have a fantastic new season as the time to create BDRs arrives and testify. I know we are all going to do an amazing job. I hope I can provide you all a space that is comfortable and allow you to run any ideas you want through me. I know BDRs are a difficult task to come up with, let alone write. I want to be there to help you every step of the way. Thank you.

***Vice Chair Nguyen:***

Thank you, Youth Legislator Reganti. We will now hear from Youth Legislator Wolf.

***Youth Legislator Wolf:***

Good evening. I hope you are having a great day. Let us get to business. As Vice Chair, I will make sure all Nevada Youth Legislators are working as a team. This is not an individual—working as a team to create a common goal. That is to provide a BDR that will help the Nevada youth. What is the Nevada youth? The Nevada youth are the youth we are representing. We are their voice and their silence. Our goal, as a whole NYL, is to make sure we are providing for them just as the people in the White House provide for us. If you are asking what leadership positions I have, I may have none but just because you have a leadership position does not mean you are a good leader. My goal as Vice Chair is to make sure we are adapting to challenges, persevering through the BDR to make sure we are providing for the Nevada youth. Thank you.

***Vice Chair Nguyen:***

Thank you, Youth Legislator Wolf. Does any Youth Legislator have comments or questions before we take a vote? It appears not.

Ms. McManus, please take the vote.

Youth Legislator Alvarez Flores—Youth Legislator Alvarez Flores  
Youth Legislator Cain—Youth Legislator Reganti  
Youth Legislator Chang—Youth Legislator Reganti  
Youth Legislator Chen—Youth Legislator Cohen  
Youth Legislator Chong—Youth Legislator Reganti  
Youth Legislator Cohen—Youth Legislator Cohen  
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Youth Legislator Park—Youth Legislator Cohen  
Youth Legislator Perry—Youth Legislator Reganti  
Youth Legislator Reganti—Youth Legislator Reganti  
Youth Legislator Rios—Youth Legislator Cohen  
Youth Legislator Rosas—Youth Legislator Reganti  
Youth Legislator Villatoro—Youth Legislator Cohen  
Youth Legislator Wolf—Youth Legislator Cohen  
Youth Legislator Walsh—Youth Legislator Cohen

[Youth Legislators Allen and Breeden were absent for the vote.]

***Vice Chair Nguyen:***

We will take another roll call vote to select either Youth Legislator Cohen or Youth Legislator Reganti to serve as Vice Chair. The member with the highest number of votes will serve as the Vice Chair. Before taking the vote, I will once again open for discussion. Does any Youth Legislator have any comments or questions before we take a vote? It appears not.

Ms. McManus, please take the vote.

Youth Legislator Alvarez Flores—Youth Legislator Reganti  
Youth Legislator Cain—Youth Legislator Reganti  
Youth Legislator Chang—Youth Legislator Reganti  
Youth Legislator Chen—Youth Legislator Cohen  
Youth Legislator Chong—Youth Legislator Reganti  
Youth Legislator Cohen—Youth Legislator Cohen  
Youth Legislator Conyers—Youth Legislator Reganti  
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Youth Legislator Reganti—Youth Legislator Reganti  
Youth Legislator Rios—Youth Legislator Cohen  
Youth Legislator Rosas—Youth Legislator Reganti  
Youth Legislator Villatoro—Youth Legislator Cohen  
Youth Legislator Wolf—Youth Legislator Cohen  
Youth Legislator Walsh—Youth Legislator Cohen

[Youth Legislators Allen and Breeden were absent for the vote.]

***Vice Chair Nguyen:***

Youth Legislator Cohen will serve as Vice Chair of the NYL for the second year of the 2023-2025 Term.

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

### ***Vice Chair Nguyen:***

Next, Senator Wiener (Ret.) will provide information about the content to be included in the annual report from the NYL to the Governor and the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Benefit to Administer the Nevada Youth Legislature. Senator Wiener, whenever you are ready.

### ***Senator Wiener (Ret.):***

First, it is a thrill to be up north and to experience these amazing Youth Legislators in three dimensions. Thank you for being here today. What an extraordinary demonstration of leadership by all those who ran. Thank you for putting your names forward and what you shared would be your vision. I am grateful, being in my position, to have so many amazing leaders stand forward to do just that, lead. We look forward to working with the team that was elected.

The annual report is required in statute. It is created annually and presented to the Governor by May 30. We are a bit on crunch time right now. We meet the deadline every time. You should have in your packet a copy of the two year ago annual report which mirrors the activities you have had the first year. ([Agenda Item V](#)) This is the opportunity for all Youth Legislators to share focal points or things you would like to see included in this year's annual report that will be delivered by Youth Legislators. Generally, we have established a tradition that Northern Nevada Youth Legislators, as a committee, actually present it to the Governor. We make it a nice ceremony. What would Youth Legislators like to see? I loved hearing some of your thoughts as you shared moments ago. What would you like to see included, highlighted, or focused on in the annual report that will capture your first year in the program?

I finished writing a digest for the nonprofit I work with outside the Youth Legislature. One thing that makes it rich that I have added to the digest are quotes. What we could do is have Youth Legislators—I do not think we are violating anything if we have Youth Legislators submit quotes, impressions, or things they would like to see. We could quote them in the [annual report]. I am not guaranteeing we would, but we would have it to work with. Would that be ok to put in an [annual report] if we were to solicit quotes from the Youth Legislators?

### ***Mr. Nauss:***

[*Nevada Revised Statutes*] 219A.210, subsection 6 is the authority for the report. It is broad, so something like that would certainly be fine as long as we are talking about the activities of the Youth Legislature during the preceding year. It is broad for whatever you all want to include in it.

### ***Senator Wiener (Ret.):***

As long as it is Youth Legislature-related, something they learned here through what their first year looked like and what it embraced?

**Mr. Nauss:**

Yes.

**Senator Wiener (Ret.):**

That would be a thought for—it will be Chair Walsh writing this. Would that be something that would work for you as you are crafting the annual report to be submitted to the Governor? Would that work for you, Chair Walsh, if we solicited some quotes from your colleagues?

**Chair Walsh:**

Yes, that would definitely work. If it happened during a meeting, we could always check what they said in the meeting minutes. That would work.

**Senator Wiener (Ret.):**

Thank you. Because of the deadline—we have other internal deadlines for this. The Chair would have to get a draft to us. We review it and clean it up. There is a lot of back and forth. It is not “we are done,” and then we are done. It is a process to create this. I will work with Ms. Ashdown and maybe send out more details about quotes you might want to include and be memorialized in the annual report to the Governor with your impressions and maybe some ideas about what that might look like. Ms. Ashdown, you and I can work on a framework for that and a deadline for those to be submitted. That might be something that we can include in the annual report. Are there any highlights or specific things—as Members of the NYL, this is your platform—that you would like to be focused on or highlighted in this year's annual report to the Governor?

**Youth Legislator Perry:**

I second the notion that we should have quotes. If there can be a section dedicated to Youth Legislator testimonies or a thematic connection as to what we learned through the trainings or what we learned when interacting with peers, I feel like that would be a nice, necessary section within the report.

**Senator Wiener (Ret.):**

One suggestion might be you take a specific training or specific learning opportunity you have had in the program. Let us say it is on presentation skills, and there might be something that stood out about that particular training. That might be where you say, “I want to say something about how that has changed my life or what that has meant to me in school or in my leadership opportunities and how I have elevated my experience in the program.” We could also take specific quotes to put them where they fit in the annual report, so they personalize and humanize what that information is about. That is one possibility as well. Is there any specific subject matter that any of you would like? For example, this was a year we added something for Northern Nevadans. That was a social hosting training. You all were amazing and welcomed delegations from other countries. That is something that might be highlighted that you might want to say something about. Is there anything else you might want to include?

***Youth Legislator Reganti:***

I thought it was an interesting experience when we were meeting with international delegates, and we did on multiple occasions. I think that would be interesting to include in the annual report.

***Senator Wiener (Ret.):***

Thank you. We were quite thrilled with how well you did. I am hundreds of miles away, and I was soaring with great joy to know how amazing the northern Youth Legislators were in their hospitality, their generosity, and their authenticity. You all were amazing, and it rang loud and clear to all of us in the south as well. Thank you for representing yourselves and our organization at the highest level because they came here to see you, not a building, and you outperformed any expectations anyone from anywhere else could have had. Thank you for that.

***Youth Legislator Rios:***

I would recommend to perhaps include information on the paired activities. I did notice in the 2021–2022 report, they talked about how paired activities were a new addition to the NYL. I think perhaps providing information and testimony from Youth Legislators about those could be a great positive to the report.

***Senator Wiener (Ret.):***

Thank you. Another thing—if I may input to this—based on something we were in the evolutionary process with—we started it at your last training. Instead of having you do assigned scenarios, and two Youth Legislators are here role playing in front of everybody else, it would be one team up here and two in the south. Last time, we created that activity where all of you do it. Your town hall meeting, when you met, everybody got to share an introduction and a conclusion. That is the first time we have done that. We realized that is probably way bigger than what we have been doing. That is something that has evolved through the training experience. Maybe that is something that could be included as well.

***Youth Legislator Cohen:***

Maybe we could include something about our town halls or how our perceptions of how they went and maybe how the people we met with were impacted by our town halls, so we could have something showing how we advocated already in our first year instead of having to wait until we submit the BDR.

***Youth Legislator McCarthy:***

I also think that it was important. It is mentioned in the example we have here, but definitely emphasizing the importance of the meetings we had with current or former Legislators who came and talked to us in individual groups. I think it especially prepared us on how to address an audience because even though we were there to ask questions, every single experience I had they asked questions back; they reciprocated. They wanted to hear from us as well. It was an equal relationship. There was no uneven power dynamic. That is an important lesson for us to use in our town halls when we are in a position where we do have, in a way, more power than our peers because we are the ones leading it to make sure that we all feel on a level playing field.

***Chair Walsh:***

Since we are all talking about personal experiences, testimonies, and what the Youth Legislators would like to see going forward in this report, I would like to extend a hand and say, since we want to include that, please talk to me. I do not know what happened at your town halls, and I do not know what you have thought specifically in your own head about certain things. That especially goes for those in the north, since we cannot see each other in person, and I have not seen you since August of last year. Please reach out. Do not feel the need to be scared or anything. Obviously, I will have to discuss everything I put in the report with Senator Wiener. But again, moving forward with the personal experiences and testimonies, please come and talk to me about that.

***Senator Wiener (Ret.):***

Your feedback is so relevant and energizing. It sounds like there is a fire that has been lit for each of you to make this personal and share something that resonated with you—an experience through a training or an activity, please share it with us. Ms. Ashdown and I will get together and get an email out to you soon about deadlines when we need to have it, so we can provide that to the Chair and determine where in the report it might fit the best—probably aligned with whatever that subject matter is. What I would recommend as you are all processing it—because you will all now have a voice in the report, which is lovely. This becomes part of an official record of our program as well as in the Governor's Office. It is nice that you get to be part of history going forward. You leave a legacy with what it is you share. You also help grow this program bigger because of what you personally experience that we can express in this. I would suggest to take time to read the report. The annual report you have mirrors what Youth Legislators learned two years ago—the mirrored year of the two-year term. Please take a look and see what might trigger in your own experience that you might want to comment on. It sounds like there is a lot of energy and a lot of enthusiasm. What a lovely way for each of you to have a voice in the annual report through the creative writing skills of the Chair who will produce it on your behalf.

**AGENDA ITEM VI—PUBLIC COMMENT**

***Vice Chair Nguyen:***

I will now open the second period of public comment. Is there anyone wishing to testify in Las Vegas? It appears not. Is there anyone wishing to testify in Carson City? BPS, is there anyone on the line to make public comment?

***BPS:***

Vice Chair, your public line is open and working, and you have no callers at this time.

***Vice Chair Nguyen:***

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 VII—ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Nevada Youth Legislature, the meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Seana McManus  
Research Policy Assistant

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Tina Ashdown  
Constituent Services Analyst/Program  
Facilitator

APPROVED BY:

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Youth Legislator Sebastian Rios, Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## MEETING MATERIALS

AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER/ENTITY	DESCRIPTION
<a href="#">Agenda Item IV</a>	Senator Valerie Wiener (Ret.), Chair, Board of Directors for Corporation for Public Benefit for the Nevada Youth Legislature (NYL Board)	Handout—Chair and Vice Chair Responsibilities
<a href="#">Agenda Item V</a>	Senator Valerie Wiener (Ret.), Chair, NYL Board	Handout—Annual Report 2021–2022

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