Roles and Responsibilities of NYL Leadership



It is a special honor and duty to serve as the Chair or Vice Chair of the NYL. These positions elicit substantial respect from members of the NYL and members of the public, who officially engage with the NYL. However, these positions also require extensive commitment and significant engagement. Therefore, each Youth Legislator should carefully consider these duties before seeking the position of Chair or Vice Chair of the NYL.

Responsibilities of the Chair

Important responsibilities include, without limitation:

- Participating in leadership training with Senator Valerie Wiener (Ret.), Chair, Board of Directors for Corporation for Public Benefit for Nevada Youth Legislature (NYL Board);
- Learning the rules for conducting a hearing. Such rules will be provided to the NYL officers prior to their training;
- Conducting each meeting of the NYL in accordance with the rules described above. Specifically, the Chair is responsible for calling the meeting to order, conducting the business of the meeting, and adjourning the meeting;
- Ensuring that Youth Legislators follow proper procedures and protocols during meetings;
- Making a strong effort to be inclusionary by checking the monitor or screen regularly to determine if Youth Legislators, wherever and however they are attending, have questions or comments. The Chair should regularly ask, "Are there any questions?" or "Would any Youth Legislators like to make a comment?" to ensure all members are able to participate;
- Inviting all Youth Legislators to engage in the meetings, trainings, and activities. Sometimes, a handful of Youth Legislators can dominate the meeting and/or training with questions and/or comments. The Chair should include others with phrases such as, "It is important for all of us to participate, and I would invite other Youth Legislators to ask a question or share their ideas." to encourage and solicit participation;
- Working closely with Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) staff on various issues, including, without limitation, developing agendas for meetings of the NYL;
- Representing the NYL appropriately before the public, media, and the Nevada State Legislature; and
- Writing the statutorily required *NYL Annual Report, 2025–2026*, and submitting it to the NYL Board Chair and LCB staff by May 9, 2026, for transmission to the Governor by May 30, 2026.

Responsibilities of the Vice Chair:

The Vice Chair will also participate in the leadership training with Senator Wiener (Ret.). The Vice Chair will lead at least one predetermined NYL meeting and assume the duties of the Chair if the Chair is absent or is otherwise unavailable to perform their duties.