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The third meeting of the Nevada Youth Legislature for the 2025–2026 Interim was held on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 2 p.m. in Room 2135, Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 165 of the Nevada Legislature Office Building, 7230 Amigo Street, Las Vegas, Nevada.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT IN CARSON CITY:

Chair Melody Song
Vice Chair Agnes Hart
Youth Legislator McKenna Kiely
Youth Legislator Colin Sullivan
Youth Legislator Jillian Wagoner

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT IN LAS VEGAS:

Youth Legislator Nylah Barzoni
Youth Legislator Zizi Boulware
Youth Legislator Tania Fakharian
Youth Legislator Dmitri Grimmett
Youth Legislator Chloe Kim
Youth Legislator Zoe Kristosik
Youth Legislator Stella Lee
Youth Legislator Landers Lin
Youth Legislator Jeizmy Meza Ocampo
Youth Legislator Cason Noll
Youth Legislator Yuma Ogawa
Youth Legislator Kian Parikh
Youth Legislator Gabriel Rios
Youth Legislator Krish Sharma

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Youth Legislator Evalyn Aguirre
Youth Legislator Melany Carmenaty-Martinez

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

Senator Valerie Wiener (Ret.), Chair
Zhan Okuda-Lim, Ph.D.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU STAFF PRESENT:

Tina Ashdown, Constituent Services Analyst/Program Facilitator, Constituent Services Unit, Research Division
Craig Hoffecker, Manager of Constituent Services, Constituent Services Unit, Research Division
Timothy Gibbs, 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.
[Indicates a clarification.]

AGENDA ITEM I—OPENING REMARKS

Chair Song:

Good afternoon, everyone. I would like to call this meeting to order. Thank you for being here, and welcome to this meeting of the Nevada Youth Legislature. Before we get started, I would like to ask the Secretary to please call the roll.

[Roll call was taken and indicated in Members Present.]

Thank you, Mr. Gibbs. Now, I would like to cover some housekeeping reminders. Please remember to turn the microphone on and identify yourself for the record each time you speak. Turn the microphone off when you are done speaking. I would also like to ask everyone to turn off their cell phones. Also, this meeting is being recorded and uploaded to the legislative website. Please keep that in mind as we discuss the business of the Nevada Youth Legislature.

AGENDA ITEM II—PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Song:

Our next agenda item 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 remember to identify yourself for the record.

Is there anyone wishing to testify in Carson City? [There were none.]

Is there anyone wishing to testify in Las Vegas? [There were none.]

AVH [Audio Visual and Hearings Unit], is there anyone on the line to make a public comment?

AVH, Information Technology Services, Administrative Division, LCB

Chair, the public line is open and working. There are no callers at this time.

Chair Song:

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 5, 2026

Chair Song:

It is time to address approval of the minutes from the meeting on February 5, 2026. Copies of the meeting minutes have been provided to you. I will now accept the motion to approve the minutes for this meeting. Would anyone like to make a motion?

YOUTH LEGISLATOR NOLL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 5, 2026.

YOUTH LEGISLATOR WAGONER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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AGENDA ITEM IV—ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE NEVADA YOUTH LEGISLATURE FOR THE SECOND YEAR OF THE 2025–2027 TERM

Chair Song:

That brings me to Agenda Item IV, the election of the Chair and Vice Chair of the NYL [Nevada Youth Legislature] for the second year of the 2025–2027 term.

My term as Chair of the Nevada Youth Legislature expires on May 31, 2026, as does the term of Youth Legislator Hart as Vice Chair. Therefore, we need to select the Chair and Vice Chair (Agenda Item IV A) who will serve from June 1, 2026 to May 31, 2027. Youth Legislators Barzoni, Lee, Lin, Noll, and Rios have expressed an interest in serving as the NYL Chair for the second year of the 2025–2027 term. Please raise your hand if you would also like to be considered for this volunteer position.

Ms. Ashdown:

We have a withdrawal from the South. Please mark Cason Noll off of your ballots.

Chair Song:

Are there any other hands in the South who would like to run for Chair? [There were none.]

We will vote by written ballot today. (Agenda Item IV B) You will find four ballots with your name on them in your meeting folder—two for Chair and two for Vice Chair. Please find the two ballots for Chair now. After brief presentations from each of our candidates, we will be given three minutes for this first round of voting to reflect on the information given by the candidates and mark our ballots. When time is up, please cast your ballot by folding it and pass it to your right. You must correctly complete the ballot in the time allotted, or it will not be counted. For you to correctly complete your ballot, completely fill in the box next to the person's name you are voting for to be our next Chair. Please consider this like a Scantron test and fully fill in the box. If you wish to change who you are voting for before the end of the allotted time, you must clearly erase the box you have filled in and fill in the box next to the name of the person you do wish to vote for instead. If the representative of the Legislative Counsel Bureau cannot determine who you intended to vote for, your ballot will not be counted. You can only use your ballot to vote. You cannot vote on someone else's ballot. Once the time is up, you cannot change, correct, or cast a ballot. Absent Youth Legislators cannot vote. Representatives of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, Tina Ashdown and Craig Hoffecker, will read the ballots out loud in each location. If one candidate receives a majority, the new Chair will be announced. If no candidates receive a majority, the top two finalists will be given another opportunity to speak before we mark the second ballot. We will have two minutes to reflect on the information given by the candidates and mark our ballots for the second round of voting.

I will now open the meeting for comments from our candidates for Chair. We will begin with Youth Legislator Barzoni.

Youth Legislator Barzoni:

My passion for service started when I was five-years-old reading about Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. What stood out to me was not just what she accomplished, but how she used her voice to lift others up and break barriers. One thing she said that has always stuck with me is, "Fight for the things that you care for, but do it in a way that leads others to join you," and that is the type of leadership that I believe in. I have learned that leadership starts with listening. Something that makes me unique is my ability to understand people—not just hear them, but make them feel heard because when people feel respected, they are more confident to speak up, share ideas, and make an impact. I want to amplify voices that are often overlooked and create a space where every member feels supported, valued, and empowered to lead. I am not running for this position just to hold a title; I am running to take action, to follow through, and to lift others up along the way. I cannot promise that everything will be perfect, but I can promise that I will listen; I will serve; and I will show up consistently with integrity and commitment to this community. Leadership is not just about one voice; it is about making sure everyone has one, and for this reason, I am asking for your vote. Thank you.

Chair Song:

Thank you, Youth Legislator Barzoni. Now, we will move on to Youth Legislator Lee.

Youth Legislator Lee:

Growing up in North Las Vegas, I learned that sometimes the issue that seems small to the outside world are the ones that matter most to the community. While volunteering at a low-income senior home seven years ago, I met a resident who told me that the hardest part of getting older was not the physical challenges, it was feeling invisible, and that moment ended up becoming the framework to how I approach leadership today. It is what inspired me to start a service organization and learn that leadership is about recognizing where initiative has not been taken yet, and it is what allows us all to act on it. I believe that that same idea applies here. Each Youth Legislator came here with ideas, perspectives, and a passion for representing young people across Nevada, and the role of Chair is to make sure that those ideas are heard and turned into something meaningful. So, if elected Chair, my focus will be to ACT; A—amplify voices from both northern and southern Nevada, C—connect our ideas so we learn from each other and work in harmony, and T—turn those ideas into a meaningful action because the future of Nevada should not be shaped by the loudest voice. It should be shaped by all of us. Thank you.

Chair Song:

Thank you, Youth Legislator Lee. Next, we will hear from Youth Legislator Lin.

Youth Legislator Lin:

Right now, I am proud to run today as a candidate for the Chair of the Nevada Youth Legislature. I am running today because I care about what we do here and care about the ideas and thoughts that we all have. I care about the impact for the future of Nevada. Everyone here is a leader in some way. You all chose to apply, speak, lead, and represent for yourself, for your district, within Nevada. To me, that is really important. As Chair, I will make sure that none of these leaders like you all go unnoticed or unheard.

Of course, experience is important. I have personally had experience in debate and co-leading a volunteering organization. But what I believe is more important is that someone, whether myself or another candidate, has the right mindset going into the position. Leadership is connecting to everyone, no matter the position. Leadership should be for growth, so I am going to embody these roles as Chair. I will be committed to action. We need to work collaboratively. I will listen to what students, and their perspectives have to say. When we write our bills, I will help organize and lead everyone into making an impact, where they can confidently say, "I helped write a bill," because what everyone does here is meaningful one way or another. So, let us challenge each other; let us raise the standard; and let us have a Legislature we can be proud of. Let us make this a space where everybody knows they made an impact on the Youth Legislature for every meeting and every day. I am ready to lead with everything I have. Thank you, everyone, for considering my vote.

Chair Song:

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

Youth Legislator Rios:

Youth Legislators, I would like to begin by expressing my deepest gratitude for this opportunity to run for Chair. Our state is one of a kind. Nowhere else in the entire world offers a program for the youth to not only have a voice, but an opportunity to submit a real bill to the Legislature with intentions to impact the entirety of our state. This responsibility is what will be brought forth onto the Youth Legislators this upcoming year. We have learned about speaking and presentation skills, message accountability, active listening, and more. It is now at this critical time that we work to put our core lessons into action.

From this first year, I have heard about the many ideas coming from the fellow Youth Legislators. Whether it is about supporting our youth programs; school safety; or beyond, the intentions from our group have been nothing but the best. I wish we had the opportunity to pass them all, but we only have one which can formally be brought forth to the Legislature. As Chair, I pledge to work at my highest capacity to ensure that the voice of the Youth Legislators are heard. The perspectives of all provided are vital to this, and during every second of the final year of our term, I will put forth in collaborating, teamwork, and unity among the Youth Legislators.

Chair Song:

Thank you, Youth Legislator Rios. Does any Youth Legislator have any comments or questions before we take a vote? [There were none.]

We will now vote on who will serve as the Chair of the NYL for the second year of the 2025–2027 term. We have three minutes to consider what we heard from the candidates and mark our ballots. Ms. Ashdown will give us a one-minute signal before time is up. When time is up, please fold it and pass it to Tina Ashdown in the South and Craig Hoffecker in the North.

Ms. Ashdown:

One minute.

Time.

Mr. Hoffecker, are you ready to read them?

Mr. Hoffecker:

I am. I had trouble pushing the microphone button. Youth Legislator McKenna Kiely votes for Naya Barzoni. Youth Legislator Colin Sullivan votes for Youth Legislator Nylah Barzoni. Youth Legislator Melody Song votes for Youth Legislator Nylah Barzoni. Youth Legislator Agnes Hart votes for Youth Legislator Nylah Barzoni. Youth Legislator Jillian Wagoner votes for Youth Legislator Nylah Barzoni.

Ms. Ashdown:

The votes from the South are as follows: Youth Legislator Rios—Youth Legislator Rios. I am just going to go with the last names. Grimmett voted for Rios. That is two for Rios. We had Youth Legislator Lin voted for Youth Legislator Lin. Parikh voted for Lin. Meza Ocampo voted for Lin. That is three for Youth Legislator Lin. Ogawa voted for Youth Legislator Lee. Lee voted for Lee. Kim voted for Lee, and Sharma voted for Lee. That is four for Youth Legislator Lee. Fakharian voted for Barzoni. Kristosik voted for Barzoni. Ogawa voted for Barzoni. Boulware voted for Barzoni. Barzoni voted for Barzoni, and Noll voted for Barzoni. We have 11 votes for Youth Legislator Barzoni.

Chair Song:

Youth Legislator Barzoni will serve as Chair of the Nevada Youth Legislature for the second year of the 2025–2027 term. We will now move forward with the selection of the NYL Vice Chair. Once again, we will vote by written ballot in the same way which we voted for Chair. Please find the two ballots for Vice Chair. After brief presentations from each of our candidates, we will be given three minutes to reflect on the information given by the candidates and mark our ballots. After the time is up, please fold it and pass it to your right. If one candidate receives a majority, the new Vice Chair will be announced. If no candidates receive a majority, the top two finalists will be given another opportunity to speak before we mark our ballots. Youth Legislators Aguirre, Boulware, Carmenaty-Martinez, Kim, Kristosik, and Sullivan have expressed an interest in serving as the NYL Vice Chair for the second year of the 2025–2027 term.

Ms. Ashdown:

We have a problem. Houston, we have a problem. We had one Youth Legislator who voted twice, and that is not legal. So, let us talk to Legal. Should we have that Youth Legislator decide who he is voting on, or what do we do?

Mr. Nauss:

The instructions—

Ms. Ashdown:

One of his votes was cast for Barzoni. The other vote was cast for Lee.

Mr. Nauss:

Thank you, Ms. Ashdown. The instructions, as given, and as in the written materials, state that you are to vote for the next Chair on a ballot, and I believe the instructions as given in the materials state each Youth Legislator can only vote on the ballots with their name on them. The ballot has to be for one person, and so I think this would be a ballot for two people and therefore would not be a valid vote, and both would not be counted.

Ms. Ashdown:

So, we do not have a majority. Wait, yes, we do.

Senator Wiener (Ret.):

A question to our Counsel. We have two people missing today—

Ms. Ashdown:

Yeah, so we have 19; so 10 would be a majority.

Senator Wiener (Ret.):

Just for clarification, is that majority a majority of total membership, or is that a majority of members present?

Mr. Nauss:

That is a majority of members present.

Ms. Ashdown:

So we still have a majority, and we still have a new Chair. Thank you.

Senator Wiener (Ret.):

For clarification, going forward, this is a procedure, again, that we are initiating today, and this will be the procedure that we will use going forward in voting. The reason that you have the two pieces of paper in there—and it can be confusing—was not to vote for two; but that was for the possibility that there was a second round of voting for the top two if no one had gotten a majority. That is why you had two pieces of paper for that office in your folder. You were only supposed to vote with one. It was for a second round if we indeed needed to engage that—just to make that clear.

Ms. Ashdown:

Sorry, Chair. Please continue.

Chair Song:

Youth Legislators Aguirre, Boulware, Carmenaty-Martinez, Kim, Kristosik, and Sullivan have expressed an interest in serving as the NYL Vice Chair for the second year of the 2025–2027 term. Please raise your hand if you would also like to be considered for this volunteer position.

Ms. Ashdown:

Please. We have two Youth Legislators who have asked to be removed from the ballot for Vice Chair. They are Youth Legislator Carmenaty-Martinez and Youth Legislator Kristosik.

Chair Song:

Thank you. I will open up for comments from our candidates for Vice Chair. We will begin with Youth Legislator Aguirre.

Ms. Ashdown:

She is absent today.

Chair Song:

Then we will move on to Youth Legislator Kim.

Youth Legislator Kim:

Over the past few years, I found myself consistently stepping into roles where my job is not just to lead, but to support and bring people together. I currently serve as the Vice President of Rho Kappa, my school's history honor society, and I am also running to be the Senior Class Vice President. Through these experiences, I have learned that being in a Vice role is not about standing in the background; it is about making sure everything and everyone moves forward together. Through starting a nationwide nonprofit, I have learned that real impact does not happen from one person; it happens when people are aligned, supported, and working toward the same goal. To me, this position is about strengthening how we function as a team. It is about making sure that every person in this room feels like their voice matters.

I am someone who values collaboration deeply. I care about this organization, and I care about the impact we are trying to make. If elected as Vice Chair, I will work to support each of you, strengthen our collaboration, and help turn our ideas into meaningful action. Thank you.

Chair Song:

Thank you, Youth Legislator Kim. Now, we will move on to Youth Legislator Boulware.

Ms. Ashdown:

The next speaker would be Youth Legislator Sullivan.

Youth Legislator Sullivan:

Hello, Youth Legislature. Before I begin, I just want to say, wow, look at how far we have come. Like no matter how you found us, whether it was from a friend recommending it to you, or you are just a nerdy guy like myself who found it in the corner of the Youth Legislature website. We have done a lot, and we are going to do even more next term—or next year should I say. But there is one more thing I think can make us even better; it is to unite the North and the South. Previously, we have been cliquey with each other, however, we have had a hard time getting to know each other across the regional border. We have gotten together sometimes, but in order to truly be productive, we need not only give individuals a voice, but we need to unite the regions also. What I will do if I am elected is I will get to know everyone and ask for their opinions, but not only that, I will expand email and texting communication between the North and the South. The reason for this is because we need everyone's voice to write a bill. Twenty of us is not good enough; nor is nineteen or anything less. We need everyone, and I will be dedicated to work with the Chair to ensure that that happens, along with learning from the Chair in case I ever need to take this role over. Thank you for considering your vote.

Chair Song:

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

Youth Legislator Noll:

I would just like to verify the candidates that are still eligible for voting. It is Youth Legislator Aguirre, Youth Legislator Kim, and Youth Legislator Sullivan. Is that correct?

Ms. Ashdown:

Yes.

Youth Legislator Noll:

Thank you.

Chair Song:

We will now vote on who will serve as Vice Chair of the NYL for the second year of the 2025–2027 term. We will have three minutes to consider what we heard from the candidates and mark our ballots. Ms. Ashdown will give us a one-minute signal before the time is up. When the time is up, please fold it and pass it to Tina Ashdown in the South and Craig Hoffecker in the North.

Ms. Ashdown:

One minute.

Time.

Mr. Hoffecker:

Youth Legislator Wagoner votes for Youth Legislator Kim. Youth Legislator Song votes for Youth Legislator Kim. Youth Legislator Hart votes for Youth Legislator Kim. Youth Legislator Kiely votes for Youth Legislator Kim. Youth Legislator Sullivan votes for Youth Legislator Sullivan. That is four votes for Youth Legislator Kim; one vote for Youth Legislator Sullivan in the North.

Ms. Ashdown:

Kristosik voted for Youth Legislator Sullivan. Grimmett voted for Sullivan. Noll voted for Sullivan. Meza Ocampo voted for Sullivan, with a total of five votes for Sullivan. Kiely voted for—oh, I am sorry. You already told me that. Sorry, we are going to move on. Lin voted for Kim. Lee voted for Kim. Fakharian voted for Kim. Kim voted for Kim. Rios voted for Kim. Ogawa voted for Kim. Barzoni voted for Kim. Boulware voted for Kim. Parikh voted for Kim, and Sharma voted for Kim. That is a grand total of 14 votes for Kim.

Chair Song:

Youth Legislator Kim will serve as Vice Chair of the Nevada Youth Legislature for the second year of the 2025–2027 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

Chair Song:

Next, Senator Weiner (Ret.) will provide information about the content to be included in the Annual Report from the Nevada Youth Legislature, which will be delivered to both the Governor and the Board of Directors for the Corporation for Public Benefit to Administer the Nevada Youth Legislature. This report will also be transmitted to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education and to the 2027 Legislative Session. Senator Weiner (Ret.) when you are ready.

Senator Wiener (Ret.):

Thank you, Chair Song. I believe Tina—Ms. Ashdown—did you not send a copy? Or to—would you just send it to me, or am I reviewing what they have already received? A copy of the report two years ago.

Ms. Ashdown:

They have a copy of the report two years ago. (Agenda Item V)

Senator Wiener (Ret.):

Okay. That is why I want to highlight what they have already had the opportunity to review. This is an important requirement that we have had, that we have always included in the program, that allows this body of the Nevada Youth Legislature to report to the decision makers who would be influential in the kinds of work that you are doing, including, of course, the Governor. Historically, we have had different ways of delivering it by deadline day; sometimes very quickly to get there by 5 p.m., but in recent years, we have actually had a committee from the Youth Legislature schedule an appointment and meet with the Governor, answer questions, and share their interpretation and impression of their first year of the two-year term. You will see in the materials that you have been provided what mirrors the first year of a two-year term, and it does reflect the sentiments of the Chair who is the signoff person from the Youth Legislature for this particular annual report, and it does review the year chronologically and substantively as well. So, this is an essential piece of history that also is preserved in the records of the Nevada Youth Legislature, and it gives decision makers the opportunity to experience in writing what you have experienced in person. And so this, are there any questions from the body about what might go into the report? Madam Chair, may I call on a Youth Legislator in the South? Please.

Youth Legislator Kristosik:

Given that we have not discussed a lot about the actual, you know, bill-making process and what issues might affect—

Senator Wiener (Ret.):

That is second year.

Youth Legislator Kristosik:

Yeah. Oh, so the report is only for the second year.

Senator Wiener (Ret.):

That will be in next year's report.

Youth Legislator Kristosik:

So there is nothing—

Senator Wiener (Ret.):

We are talking about Year One right now.

Youth Legislator Kristosik:

Yeah, so my question is, given that all that happens in the second year, what exactly do we talk about in the first year?

Senator Wiener (Ret.):

What you have learned, and how you have grown through the different meetings and trainings. So, it really is capturing a snapshot of the first year, and when you look at the report, it goes month by month or training by training and a synopsis of what you learned, and what we embraced in the instructional portion of the first year. And so, this is the opportunity for, and I am poised to plant the seed and then the Chair can go from here, this is where you can—and we encourage it—provide any ideas about what else you might want to see in the report, anything that showed up for you that is very important for us as a body, the Youth Legislature, to include in the Annual Report. But again, the bill drafting part will be next year's report.

Youth Legislator Kristosik:

That was Youth Legislator Kristosik for the record.

Senator Wiener (Ret.):

Thank you. Youth Legislator Noll.

Youth Legislator Noll:

This question is geared more towards LCB, and Ms. Ashdown, and Ms. Wiener, but I guess my question is, can we discuss some shortfalls or some unexpected changes that happened during this term of the NYL in the Annual Report, or is it supposed to be more positive things and things we are able to complete, because I do think it would be important for the Governor's Office consideration to understand how we change our voting process, as well as some other mishaps like the canceled meeting along the way.

Senator Wiener (Ret.):

This is about including whatever you would like to see in the report. And again, this is a program that evolves. Sometimes, if you pay attention to us, you see Ms. Ashdown and I look at each other and go like this—because we grow with it in real time. So, whatever the Youth Legislators would like to see included in the report, this is for consideration, as your Chair is drafting the report for delivery to the Governor by the deadline date. Yes, identify yourself, please.

Youth Legislator Lin:

This is Youth Legislator Lin for the record. I am just curious who will be the ones actually contributing to the report? Is it all Legislators, or is it the Chair primarily writing it, or who is it?

Senator Wiener (Ret.):

The Chair is counting on Youth Legislators to provide essential input—and that is what we are doing right now—of things that you would like to see in the report. So, as Youth Legislator Noll has suggested, example, the new voting procedure. So, anything that is essential, that is what we are talking about right now because it is the report of the body, not just the Chair.

Youth Legislator Lin:

Okay, thank you.

Senator Wiener (Ret.):

Thank you. Youth Legislator Noll.

Youth Legislator Noll:

I am looking at the 2023–2024 Annual Report, (Agenda Item V) and I do see that there are some testimonies and blurbs of previous Youth Legislators and what they thought about specific trainings. How are those inputted? How are those reported? Are they taken specifically from those, like directly from what they said in those meetings, or are we reporting them in those statements right now?

Senator Wiener (Ret.):

Likely, you will note that some of those are based on activities, outside activities, and those are comments that come directly from the reports that we received.

Ms. Ashdown:

[Inaudible]

Youth Legislator Noll:

So in that case, my question is, will there be an opportunity for us to provide written feedback to the Annual Report through email?

Senator Wiener (Ret.):

Ms. Ashdown has something else, but many of those came from reports. Ms. Ashdown has something else to add.

Ms. Ashdown:

In past years, the Chair requested from the Youth Legislators to please email her your ideas and your thoughts. So, along with today, which this time is supposed to be for you to say what you want in the report, but you do not really have time to think about it, so you would then send an email to the Chair for her to include into the report.

Senator Wiener (Ret.):

And in addition to that—and yes, I recall we did that—or your reports, anything you submit, please note that integrated into that submission is permission to use it as part of something official with the body, so it could be used on the website as a quote or it could be used in the Annual Report, but once you submit, you are giving us permission to also integrate it into official communications of the body.

Chair Song:

Senator Wiener (Ret.), Youth Legislator Wagoner has a question.

Senator Wiener (Ret.):

Please go ahead.

Youth Legislator Wagoner:

Hi. My question relates to; I see on our schedule—I have it right here—it says that on May 7 we are having a virtual conversation. I was wondering if it is fine for me to write down some ideas and then present them then.

Senator Wiener (Ret.):

We are excited whenever you want to share ideas. The virtual conversation we will talk about toward the end, but that is something that you could be processing for this, for the report as well as the conversation that we are going to have then. We do this at the end of every year of your two-year term. We truly are committed to collaboration—you have heard that word a few times—with Youth Legislators to uplevel this program every time we get together through the process of your engagement. Your input—or some say feedback; I like input—is essential to us to grow this program based on your perceptions; your perspectives; and your experiences in it. So, you can certainly bring that to the virtual conversation or offer that up to the Chair in the preparation of the report. The thing is, the report is due to the Governor by May 30—yeah, by the end of May. So, what shows up in the virtual conversation may also be included in the report at the discretion of the Chair.

Youth Legislator Wagoner:

Thank you.

Senator Wiener (Ret.):

Yes, we were going to discuss it later, but it is brought up now. You will each receive an email; a survey; a questionnaire; that will dissect your first year and to give us the impression—not just say, "Gee, this is what I… I cannot remember." We are going to help you remember, and you are going to help us improve as we go forward. So, you are going to have the opportunity to score or evaluate each activity, each meeting, each training, and anything else that shows up for you. You will have that in advance of the virtual conversation. It is not required. We strongly encourage you to participate. This is very important for us to move forward and elevate this program with each cohort that comes in, and your input is extraordinarily valuable and essential to our growing a bigger and better program year by year. We listen very carefully, we pay attention, and integrate the concerns and the ideas that you have. So, you will have a survey or questionnaire in advance for the virtual, but again, the information gathered at virtual could also, at the discretion of the Chair who writes the report, be included in the Annual Report.

Chair Song:

I have a question. When drafting the Annual Report, will there be an opportunity for me to send it to the rest of the Legislature to get group feedback on it?

Senator Wiener (Ret.):

No. Based on timing, what will happen is you will draft it, and I will have the opportunity to review it and have interactions with you—asking questions or maybe getting clarification, but because of the timing, once you get the input and what you write, we move forward because it is the Chair's report to the Governor.

Chair Song:

Thank you, Senator Wiener (Ret.).

AGENDA ITEM VI—PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Song:

I will now open the second period of public comment.

Is there anyone who wishes to testify in Carson City? [There were none.]

Is there anyone who wishes to testify in Las Vegas? [There were none.]

AVH, is there anyone on the line to make a public comment?

AVH:

Chair, you have no callers for public comment at this time.

Chair Song:

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.

This concludes our business for today. The meeting is now adjourned. We will continue with our training as soon as AVH is ready to proceed.

AGENDA ITEM VII—ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Nevada Youth Legislature, the meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED BY:

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Youth Legislator Melody Song, Chair

Date: _____

MEETING MATERIALS

AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER/ENTITY	DESCRIPTION
Agenda Item IV A	Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB)	Handout
Agenda Item IV B	LCB	Handout
Agenda Item V	LCB	*2023–2024 Nevada Youth Legislature Annual Report*

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