

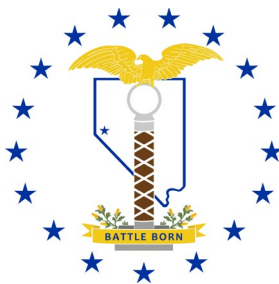


Nevada Legislative Training Academy

**Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada
November 20–22, 2024**

Wednesday, November 20

9:30 a.m. Room 3137	Registration and Meet and Greet Fellow Legislators Enjoy a continental breakfast networking with newly elected members of both Chambers.
10:00 a.m.—10:45 a.m. Room 4100	Welcome and Introductions of Newly Elected Legislators <i>Senator Marilyn Dondero Loop</i> <i>Senate Minority Leader Robin L. Titus</i> <i>Assemblymember Elaine Marzola</i> <i>Assembly Minority Leader Philip PK O'Neill</i> <i>Diane C. Thornton, Acting Director, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB)</i> Putting the Nevada Legislature in Context <i>Jered McDonald, Deputy Research Director, Research Division, LCB</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three branches of State government• How Nevada's Legislature compares to other states
10:45 a.m.—11:00 a.m. Room 4100	Welcome by the Secretary of the Senate and Chief Clerk of the Assembly <i>Brendan Bucy, Secretary of the Senate</i> <i>Bonnie Borda Hoffecker, Chief Clerk of the Assembly</i>
11:00 a.m.—11:15 a.m. Room 4100	Overview of the Nevada Legislature's Nonpartisan Staff and LCB <i>Diane C. Thornton, Acting Director, LCB</i>
11:15 a.m.—11:30 a.m.	Break
11:30 a.m.—Noon Room 4100	Legislator Compensation, Benefits, and Travel <i>Jolanta Astronomo, Chief Accountant, Accounting, Administrative Division, LCB</i> <i>Dalia Angel, Senior Accountant, Accounting, Administrative Division, LCB</i> <i>LuAnn Lehr, Payroll Accountant, Accounting, Administrative Division, LCB</i>
Noon—1:15 p.m. Room 3137	Working Lunch—"What I Know Now That I Wish I Had Known Then" <i>Senator Marilyn Dondero Loop</i> <i>Senator Julie Pazina</i> <i>Assemblymember Shea Backus</i> <i>Assemblymember Rich DeLong</i> <i>Moderator: Haley Proehl, Principal Policy Analyst/GIS Specialist, Research Division, LCB</i>



- Returning members will offer reflections and advice for the new legislators on subjects such as building relationships, managing constituent requests, personal time management, and working with legislative staff.

1:15 p.m.—1:30 p.m.

Break

1:30 p.m.—3:15 p.m.
Room 4100

Staff Services Provided by the LCB

Moderator: Diane C. Thornton, Acting Director, LCB

An explanation of the services provided by the nonpartisan LCB, including audits, fiscal analysis, information technology, legal analysis and bill drafting, and policy analysis and research.

- Administrative Services
Roger Wilkerson, Deputy Director, LCB
- Audit Services
Daniel L. Crossman, Legislative Auditor, Audit Division, LCB
Todd Peterson, Chief Deputy Legislative Auditor, Audit Division, LCB

Break

- Legal Services
Asher Killian, Legislative Counsel, Legal Division, LCB
- Fiscal Analysis Services
Wayne Thorley, Senate Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB
Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB
- Policy Analysis and Research Services
Jennifer Ruedy, Research Director, Research Division, LCB

3:30 p.m.

Individual Legislator Activities (as scheduled with the Accounting Unit, Laptop Distribution, and Photo Identification Key Card)

5:45 p.m.

Transportation Leaves From Legislative Building for Group Dinner
(Gather outside east entrance of Legislative Building for transportation)

6:15 p.m.

Group Dinner

- J.T. Basque Bar & Dining Room, Gardnerville



Thursday, November 21

7:45 a.m.—8:45 a.m. Assembly Breakroom Room 3117	Breakfast Buffet with Legislative Staff
8:45 a.m.—9:00 a.m.	Break
9:00 a.m.—9:45 a.m. Room 4100	<p>Developing Ideas for Bills—The Beginning <i>Asher Killian, Legislative Counsel, Legal Division, LCB</i> <i>Jennifer Ruedy, Research Director, Research Division, LCB</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I have an idea! What should I do about it?
9:45 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Room 4100	<p>Roundtable Discussion—Working With Lobbyists <i>Moderator: Becky Peratt, Senior Policy Analyst, Research Division, LCB</i></p> <p><i>Jessica Ferrato, Owner and President, The Ferrato Company</i> <i>William Horne, Former Assemblymember and Cofounder and President, Western Public Affairs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focus on the role of the lobbyists, expectations lobbyists have of legislators, and the responsibilities of both lobbyists and legislators in their working relationship.
10:30 a.m.—10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m.—11:30 a.m. Room 4100	<p>Roundtable Discussion—Working With the Media <i>Moderator: Patrick Ashton, Senior Principal Policy Analyst, Research Division, LCB</i></p> <p><i>Mitch Fox, President and Chief Executive Officer, Nevada Broadcasters Association</i> <i>Bob Conrad, Ph.D., Publisher, Editor, and Cofounder, This Is Reno, Representing the Nevada Press Association</i> <i>Michelle Rindels, Comanaging Editor, The Nevada Independent, Representing the Nevada Press Association</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focus on how the print and broadcast media cover the legislature, and how legislators can effectively communicate with the media and maintain a good working relationship.
11:45 a.m.—Noon	Freshman Class Photograph (Second Floor Atrium—west side)
Noon—1:15 p.m. Room 3137	<p>Working Lunch—Coordinating With Local Governments</p> <p><i>Moderator: Jen Sturm-Gahner, Senior Principal Policy Analyst, Research Division, LCB</i></p>



*Stacey Giomi, President, Nevada Association of Counties (NACO), and
Commissioner, Carson City
Vinson Guthreau, Executive Director, NACO
Marilyn Kirkpatrick, At-Large Member, Board of Directors, NACO, and
Commissioner, Clark County
Cameron Gresh, Government Affairs Liaison and Public Information
Officer, Carson City*

- Focus on the structure, authority, financial administration, and services provided by local governments.

1:15 p.m.—1:30 p.m.

Break

1:30 p.m.—2:15 p.m.
Room 4100

Roundtable Discussion—Coordinating With the Executive Branch
*Moderator: Jann Stinnesbeck, Senior Principal Policy Analyst, Research
Division, LCB*

*Ryan Cherry, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor
Michawn Nastro, Policy Director, Office of the Governor*

- Focus on the structure and operations of the Governor’s Office during the legislative session and working with state departments and agencies relating to legislation.

2:15 p.m. —2:30 p.m.

Break

2:30 p.m.—3:15 p.m.
Room 4100

Laptop Computers, Electronic Communications, and Public Records
*Tyler Saylor, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Services,
Administrative Division, LCB
Jaime Black, Chief Employment Counsel, Legal Division, LCB
Tara Zimmerman, Senior Principal Deputy Employment Counsel,
Legal Division, LCB*

- Learn “hands-on” how to log on to the legislative network, use email, and other functions and safe computing (adware, spam, spyware, viruses, worms, et cetera).
- Overview of technology and electronic communication—public records.

3:15 p.m.—4:00p.m.
Room 4100

Introduction to the Official Nevada Law Library, Legislature’s Website, Electronic Legislative Tools, and Publications
*Heidi Chlarson, Chief Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division, LCB
Stephanie Heyroth Wilcox, Legislative Librarian, Research Division, LCB*

4:00 p.m.

Individual Legislator Activities (as scheduled)
Adjourn for the Day



Friday, November 22

8:00 a.m.—8:45 a.m. Assembly Breakroom Room 3117	Breakfast Buffet with Legislative Staff
8:45 a.m.—9:00 a.m.	Break
9:00 a.m.—9:45 a.m. Room 4100	Safety and Security Procedures <i>John Drew, Legislative Police Chief, Legislative Police, Administrative Division, LCB</i>
9:45 a.m.—10:15 a.m. Room 4100	Working With Constituents and the Nevada Youth Legislature <i>Craig Hoeffcker, Manager of Constituent Services Unit, Research Division, LCB</i> <i>Tina Ashdown, Constituent Services Analyst/Program Facilitator, Constituent Services Unit, Research Division, LCB</i>
10:15 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Room 4100	Preview of December Policy Briefings and January Academy <i>Diane C. Thornton, Acting Director, LCB</i>
10:30 a.m.—10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m.—11:45 a.m. Room 4100	Overview of the Assembly and Adjournment (Assembly) <i>Bonnie Borda Hoeffcker, Chief Clerk of the Assembly</i>
Senate Chamber	Overview of the Senate and Adjournment (Senate) <i>Brendan Bucy, Secretary of the Senate</i>
Noon	Lunch and Adjournment