



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

**AGENDA
June 9, 2022
7:00 a.m.**

**University of Nevada, Reno
87 West Stadium Way
Reno NV 89557
Joe Crowley Student Union
Rita Laden Senate Chambers, 3rd Floor
(Third Floor)**

MEMBERS: **Matthew Hawn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA
Issac Hernandez, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN
Dionne Stanfill, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN
Yvette Machado, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN
Tessa Espinosa, Nevada State College, NSSA
John Fenton, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA
Zachary Stamp, Great Basin College, SGA
Nicole Thomas, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA
Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD
Office Vacant, Western Nevada College, ASWN**

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1. ROLL CALL

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3. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**INFORMATION ONLY**

NSHE Senior Policy Analyst and NSA Advisor Terina Caserto will introduce herself, provide an overview of the NSA, and welcome the new members and any person participating as a proxy for a member of the NSA. NSA members and any person serving as a proxy will briefly introduce themselves.

4. ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

NSHE Senior Policy Analyst and NSA Advisor Terina Caserto will provide a summary of the process for electing NSA officers and the duties of each of the NSA officers. Past NSA Chair Matthew Hawn will provide comments on his experience during the 2021-22 year. Members or any person serving as a proxy for a member may make nominations for the three 2022-23 NSA officers: Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. A person serving as a proxy may not be nominated or serve as an officer. A nominee for each office must be elected by at least two-thirds of voting representatives at this meeting. No member organization may hold consecutive terms in the same office. The Chair and Vice Chair cannot be from the same member institution. All discussion and voting will be conducted in the presence of all members, including officer nominees.

The 2021-22 NSA Officers were:

Chair: Matthew Hawn, UNR, GSA

Vice Chair: Caren Yap, UNLV, CSUN

Secretary: Austin Brown, UNR, ASUN

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the NSA meeting held on April 7, 2022.

6. 2022 NSA MEETING DATES AND PROXY PROCEDURES**INFORMATION ONLY**

NSHE Senior Policy Analyst and NSA Advisor Terina Caserto will provide a brief overview of the NSA meeting dates for 2022-23 and the procedure for a NSA member to appoint a proxy.

7. NSA CHAIR'S REPORT**INFORMATION ONLY**

The newly elected NSA Chair will discuss with the NSA the contents of the Chair's Report that will be delivered to the Board of Regents later that same day, on June 9, 2022.

8. NEW BUSINESS**INFORMATION ONLY**

Items for consideration at future meetings may be suggested. Any discussion of an item under "New Business" is limited to description and clarification of the subject matter of the item, which may include the reasons for the request, and no substantive discussion may occur at this meeting on new business items in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law (NRS 241.010 *et seq.*).

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UNR, Clark Administration, University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, NV 89557

WNC, Bristlecone Building Lobby, 2201 W. College Parkway, Carson City, NV 89703

System Administration, 4300 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89119-7530

System Administration, 2601 Enterprise Road, Reno, NV 89512

Nevada Public Notice Website - <https://notice.nv.gov>

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Meeting Minutes for April 7, 2022



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)- SPECIAL MEETING

AGENDA
APRIL 7, 2022
2:00 PM

Via Video-Teleconference

Meeting Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/96365737415?pwd=Y3RFMVd6ZjdJQUwwbWdrR2ZoZzI5UT09>

Meeting ID:

963 6573 7415

Passcode:

404002

Telephone:

1 669 900 9128

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA REMOTE TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM (VIDEO-TELECONFERENCE) ONLY PURSUANT TO NRS 241.023, AS AMENDED BY ASSEMBLY BILL 253 OF THE 81ST LEGISLATIVE SESSION (2021), EFFECTIVE MAY 31, 2021. THERE WILL BE NO PHYSICAL LOCATION FOR THE MEETING.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY HEAR, OBSERVE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING VIA THE MEETING LINK OR TELEPHONE NUMBER IDENTIFIED ABOVE.

PUBLIC COMMENT MAY ALSO BE SUBMITTED BY PRERECORDED MESSAGE BEFORE 4:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2022 VIA EMAIL TO TCASERTO@NSHE.NEVADA.EDU OR VOICEMAIL: (775) 784-3442. MESSAGES RECEIVED BY 4:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2022 WILL BE ENTERED INTO THE RECORD DURING THE MEETING.

MEMBERS: **Matthew Hawn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA (NSA Chair) Present**
 Caren Yap, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN (NSA Vice Chair) Present
 Austin Brown, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN (NSA Secretary) Present
 Zachary Johnigan, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN Present
 Lauren Porter, Nevada State College, NSSA Absent
 Darian Richards, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA Present
 Andrea Sanchez de Loza, Western Nevada College, ASWN Absent
 Zachary Stamp, Great Basin College, SGA Absent
 Nicole Thomas, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA Present
 Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD

GUESTS:

- **NSHE Officer In Charge, Crystal Abba**
- **NSHE Deputy General Counsel, Yvonne Nevaraz-Goodsen**
- **NSA Advisor, Terina Caserto**
- **CSUN Presidential Candidate, Issac Hernandez-Alcaraz**
- **CSUN Presidential Candidate, Zachary Billot**
- **ASUN Senator, Olivia Ngo**

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Called to Order at 2:01 pm.

1. ROLL CALL

NSA Secretary Austin Brown will take the roll call of members and any persons serving as a proxy for a member and ask any members of the public to identify themselves verbally so their names may be recorded in the minutes.

Quorum established.

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There is no public comment.

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3. DISCUSSION WITH THE NSHE OFFICER IN CHARGE INFORMATION ONLY

NSA members will meet with NSHE Officer in Charge Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor of Academic & Student Affairs and Community Colleges, to discuss updates regarding leadership of the System.

Officer in Charge & Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba provided the NSA members with updates surrounding the change in leadership of the NSHE. She also discussed her priority list as Officer in Charge.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the NSA meeting held on March 3, 2022 and the NSA meeting held on March 4, 2022.

Member Johnigan moved to approve the minutes for the NSA meeting held on March 3, 2022 and the NSA meeting held on March 4, 2022. Member Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A VOTING STUDENT MEMBER ON THE NSHE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Chair Matthew Hawn will lead a discussion and review of a proposed NSA resolution in support of engaging in the necessary legislative and/or legal requirements to amend the Nevada Constitution to add a voting student member to the NSHE Board of Regents. The NSA will discuss the proposed resolution and suggest modifications to the draft. The proposed resolution may be approved or returned at a subsequent meeting for formal action by the NSA.

NSA Secretary Brown gave a presentation of the proposed resolution in support of a voting student member on the NSHE Board of Regents. Member Johnigan moved to approve the resolution in support of a voting student member on the NSHE Board of Regents. Member Yap seconded the motion. The motion passed with one "nay" and five "yay".

6. NSA CHAIR UPDATE INFORMATION ONLY

Chair Matthew Hawn will provide an update on the objectives and goals of NSA for the 2021-22 year.

Chair Hawn gave remarks to the NSA members surrounding transition of officers.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

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Zachary Johnigan CSN Student Body President– I just want to say thank you to NSA for voting to approve this resolution in support of adding a student regent to the Board of Regents. What a way to go into spring break. Proud of NSA. Thank you.

Meeting adjourned at 2:26 pm

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CONSTITUTION OF THE NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE

Effective 5-11-18

ARTICLE 1 - The Association

Section 100 This association shall be named the Nevada Student Alliance (NSA).

Section 110 The purpose of the Nevada Student Alliance shall be:

- 110.1 To promote, foster, advance, represent, and protect the interests and welfare of the students of the Nevada System of Higher Education;
- 110.2 To give the students of the Nevada System of Higher Education a unified voice before all systems and legislative bodies;
- 110.3 To aid in the enactment of legislation for the common good, as well as the good of students; and
- 110.4 To aid member schools' student governments in the attainment of their goals without undue interference in their internal affairs.

ARTICLE 2 - Membership

Section 200 Each of the ten student governments (undergraduate and graduate) in the Nevada System of Higher Education (University of Nevada, Reno, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Nevada State College at Henderson, College of Southern Nevada, Truckee Meadows Community College, Western Nevada College, Great Basin College and Desert Research Institute) shall be members of the Nevada Student Alliance.

Section 210 Each Student Government Organization shall have one voting representative on the Nevada Student Alliance.

- 210.1 Each president of the student governments shall act as or appoint a voting representative to serve on the Alliance.
- 210.2 Voting representatives shall be the only persons eligible for the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary.

Section 220 Each president of the student governments may appoint an ex-officio representative to serve on the Alliance.

220.1 Officers from the member student governments shall be the only persons eligible to serve as ex-officio representatives.

Section 230 A representative serves one full year, to correspond with his or her respective institutional term of office, unless the representative resigns, is impeached and removed, or is removed by their respective student legislative body.

ARTICLE 3 –Meetings, Officers and Voting

Section 300 Meetings of the Nevada Student Alliance may coincide with meetings of the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents and shall be held in compliance with Chapter 241 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

300.1 A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the members of the Nevada Student Alliance.

In case of a member abstaining from voting, the necessary quorum and number of votes necessary to act shall be reduced as though the member abstaining were not a member of the body.

300.2 Any decision by the Alliance requires approval from at least a simple majority of voting members present, unless otherwise stipulated in this constitution.

300.3 The meetings will be facilitated by a chairperson. The chair shall be elected by at least two-thirds of the Alliance's voting representatives at the first meeting.

300.31 The chair will serve one term consisting of one year, to correspond with his or her respective institutional term of office.

300.32 No member organization shall hold consecutive terms as the chair.

300.33 The chair and vice-chair cannot be from the same member institution.

300.4 The chairperson has the following rights and duties:

300.41 The right to vote;

300.42 The responsibility for preparing agendas and submitting minutes for the next meeting;

300.43 The responsibility to run each meeting according to the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order; and

300.5 A vice-chairperson shall be elected by at least two thirds of the Alliance's voting representatives at the first meeting.

300.51 The vice-chair will serve one term consisting of one year, to correspond with his or her respective institutional term of office.

300.52 No member organization shall hold consecutive terms as the vice-chair.

300.53 The chair and vice-chair cannot be from the same member institution.

300.6 The vice-chair shall have the following rights and duties:

300.61 The right to vote;

300.62 The responsibility to fill the position and duties of the chair in the event of said chair's absence, resignation or impeachment; and

300.63 The responsibility to oversee outreach efforts of the Alliance, including social media, or delegate an Alliance member to do so.

300.7 A secretary shall be elected by at least two thirds of the Alliance's voting representatives at the first meeting.

300.71 The secretary will serve one term consisting of one year, to correspond with his or her respective institutional term of office.

300.72 No member organization shall hold consecutive terms as the secretary.

300.8 The secretary shall have the following rights and duties:

300.81 The right to vote;

300.82 The responsibility to take minutes at every meeting and to ensure that the minutes are in a format ready for distribution with the agenda for the subsequent meeting; and

300.83 If not able to attend a meeting, the responsibility to secure a substitute from the Alliance membership to take notes at that meeting and to obtain said notes and ensure that the minutes are in a format ready for distribution with the agenda for the subsequent meeting.

Section 310 Provisions for Proxy

310.1 Each representative shall have the right to send a proxy in his/her place if unable to attend. This person shall have the right to vote.

310.11 Any member of the Alliance wishing to exercise the right to a proxy shall, in advance of the meeting, notify the Alliance Chair in writing of the person designated to be his/her proxy and for which specific meeting. At commencement of the meeting the Chair shall, on the record, introduce the proxy by name and indicate for which member he/she is acting as proxy.

ARTICLE 4 - Amendment

Section 400 Amendment of this constitution shall require the following procedures:

400.1 Any voting member may propose a revision to the Nevada Student Alliance Constitution.

400.11 A constitutional revision shall be introduced initially at a meeting of the Alliance as an information item.

- i. A final draft of the amended constitution shall be transmitted to each member of the Alliance.
- ii. Each member of the Alliance shall distribute a final draft of the amended constitution to his/her student legislative body.

400.2 Action on said revision may not be taken by the Alliance earlier than at the immediately subsequent meeting. A two-thirds vote of all voting members of the Alliance is necessary for approval of any amendment of this constitution.

400.3 Once approved by the Alliance, any amendment to this constitution shall not be effective until approved by the Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education.

ARTICLE 5 - Impeachment

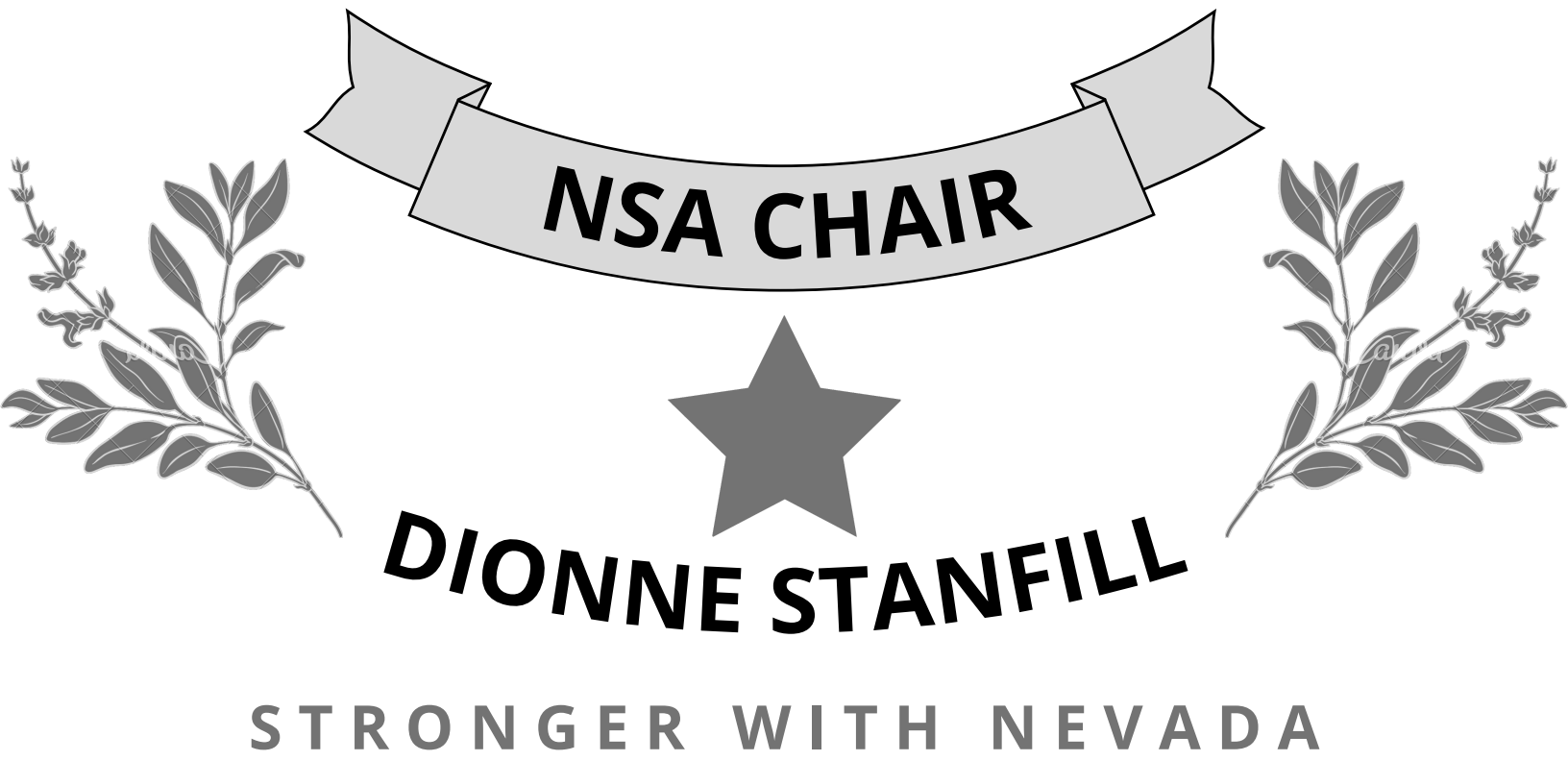
Section 500 Impeachment and removal of any member shall require the following procedures:

- 500.1 Any voting member of the Alliance, including the chair and vice-chair, shall have the right to bring impeachment charges against a fellow voting member for violation of the NSHE Code of Conduct, gross negligence of duties, and/or malfeasance of any kind.

In order for impeachment proceedings to commence, each Alliance member must receive a brief report from the Chair explicitly stating the alleged wrongful actions on the part of the member in question. The member in question has the right to submit a rebuttal report. Both reports must be distributed to the full Alliance prior to impeaching proceedings

Impeachment proceedings shall take place during the next scheduled meeting. The member in question has the right to be present for all discussions and will be given an opportunity to address the Alliance.

- 500.2 A two-thirds vote of the Alliance members shall be required to impeach the representative.
- 500.3 In the event of an affirmative two-thirds vote for impeachment, the impeached member shall be immediately removed from office.



To the 2022-23 NSA Members,

In my representation of Nevada higher education students, I live out the Stronger with Nevada motto, which aims to unify all corners of the diverse Silver State.

Qualifications

- **Well versed in NOML**
- **Agendizing meetings**
- **Nevada FFA**
- **Parliamentary Procedure**
- **Roberts Rules of Order**
- **NSHE Board of Regents**
- **Every branch student government**
- **Intern Senate, Chief Justice, Exec.**
- **Criminal Justice Major**
- **Communication Studies Major**
- **Blue Key Honor Society**
- **Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Frat.**
- **All things Nevada!**



Goals

Extra-Nevada Student Alliance

- Create a list of legislative priorities for the year
- Keep Nevada students at the forefront of our actions
- Emphasize the diversity of the Nevada
- Be involved at the Academic, Research, and Student Affairs quarterly meetings and beyond
- Know the line between institution goals and NSA goals

Board of Regents

- Establish unity in NSA priorities and be a force to NSHE
- Inform NSHE leaders of who we are
- Be knowledgeable in agendas and engaged at meetings
- Voice student opinions and concerns at meetings as institution student body presidents and representatives
- Extend engagement within our own institutions to encourage involvement and public comment from students

Intra-Nevada Student Alliance

- Share with NSA what other institutions are doing
- Encourage other students/association officers to report
- Integrate involvement from Vice Chair and Secretary
- Good communication and organizational skills- working with Terina and being close to the systems office
- Personal relationships with all NSA members and be a personable chair

Nevada Student Alliance Meeting Dates for 2022-23

NSA – Monthly Videoconferences

Except as otherwise provided below, NSA monthly video meetings generally occur the second Friday of the month beginning at 9:00 a.m. This is an NSA business meeting that ends no later than 11:00 a.m. The NSHE Chancellor attends schedule permitting. See specific dates and locations below. NSA members are expected to attend each monthly meeting or appoint a proxy to attend on his or her behalf. Please follow the established NSA proxy communication protocol in advance of the meeting (see bottom of this document for details). In the event a meeting is cancelled or changed, updates are emailed to the Student Body Presidents and posted on the NSA webpage:

<https://nshe.nevada.edu/administration/academic-student-affairs/students/nevada-student-alliance/>

- January 13, 2022
- February 11, 2022
- July 8, 2022
- August 12, 2022
- October 14, 2022
- Proposed: November 10, 2022 (note: this meeting falls on the second Thursday of the month as the federal holiday of Veterans Day falls on Friday)
- January 13, 2023
- February 10, 2023

Board of Regents and NSA –Quarterly In Person Meetings

NSA meets twice during the regular quarterly Board of Regents meetings. The first meeting of NSA is on the Thursday of the regular quarterly Board meeting with a typical start time of 7:00 a.m. This meeting is an NSA Business meeting. The second meeting of NSA is on the Friday morning of the regular quarterly Board meeting, typically with a 7:15 start time. This meeting is attended by NSA members, Officers of the Board of Regents, and the NSHE Chancellor. All NSA members are expected to attend the quarterly meetings in person or appoint a proxy to attend on his or her behalf. Please follow the established NSA proxy communication protocol in advance of the meeting (see the bottom of this document for details).

- March 3-4, 2022/Nevada State College
- June 9-10, 2022/University of Nevada, Reno
- September 8-9, 2022/Great Basin College
- December 1-2, 2022/University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- March 9-10, 2023/College of Southern Nevada, North Las Vegas Campus

Procedures for Proxy

Per the NSA Constitution, NSA members must notify the NSA Chair in writing in advance of the meeting. Members are asked to email this information to the NSA Chair using the following wording:

I, [VOTING MEMBER'S NAME], [TITLE] of the Nevada Student Alliance, hereby designate as my proxy [NAME OF STUDENT TO WHOM YOU ARE GIVING YOUR PROXY], to cast my vote(s) at the Nevada Student Alliance Meeting taking place on [DATE]. - [SIGNATURE & DATE]

Please also copy the NSA Secretary as well as the NSHE Senior Analyst Terina Caserto, who serves as the System liaison to NSA (contact information below).