



**NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)  
MINUTES**

**March 4, 2021  
7:00 a.m.**

**<https://bluejeans.com/878007725>**

**CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 AM**

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE ONLY PURSUANT TO SECTION 1 OF THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DIRECTIVE 006 ("DIRECTIVE 006"), AND EXTENDED BY DIRECTIVES 016, 018, 021, 026, 029, AND 033, ISSUED BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE STATE OF NEVADA. THERE WILL BE NO PHYSICAL LOCATION FOR THE MEETING.

PUBLIC COMMENT MAY BE SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL TO [TCASERTO@NSHE.NEVADA.EDU](mailto:TCASERTO@NSHE.NEVADA.EDU) OR VOICEMAIL: (775) 784-3442. MESSAGES RECEIVED BY 4:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021 MAY BE ENTERED INTO THE RECORD DURING THE MEETING. ANY OTHER EMAILED PUBLIC COMMENT AND/OR VOICEMAILS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING WILL BE TRANSCRIBED AND INCLUDED IN THE PERMANENT RECORD.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO VIEW THE MEETING MAY DO SO VIA:  
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**MEMBERS:**

- Gabrielle Clark, Western Nevada College, ASWN (NSA Chair)**  
***Present***
- Will Carrasco, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA (NSA Co-Chair)**  
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- Karli McFarling-Kelly, College of Southern Nevada (NSA Secretary)**  
***Present***
- Alyssa Fromelius, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA**  
***Present***
- Dominique Hall, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN**  
***Present***
- Sidath Kapukotuwa, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA**  
***Present***
- Katie Dempsey, Great Basin College, SGA**  
***Absent***
- Joshua Padilla, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN**  
***Present***

**Suman Randhawa, Nevada State College, NSSA**  
***Present***  
**Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE AGENDA AND PUBLIC MEETING**

NOTE: Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered. Notification is hereby provided that items on the agenda may be taken out of the order presented, two or more agenda items may be combined for consideration, and an agenda item may be removed from the agenda or discussion relating to an item on the agenda may be delayed at any time.

The agenda and any supporting material may be accessed on the Internet by visiting the NSA page of the NSHE website: <http://www.nevada.edu/studentgov/>, or by calling Terina Caserto in the NSHE Office of Academic and Student Affairs at (775) 784-3442, or emailing her at [tcaserto@nshe.nevada.edu](mailto:tcaserto@nshe.nevada.edu).

Pursuant to Sections 5 and 6 of Directive 006, and extended by Directives 016, 018, 021, 026, 029 and 033, the requirement contained in NRS 241.020(3)(c) that physical locations be available for the public to receive supporting material for public meetings has been suspended and copies of the reference material and any additional support materials that are submitted to the NSA after the posting of this agenda but before the meeting, will be made available upon request by calling Terina Caserto at (775) 784-3442.

Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate physically disabled persons attending the meeting. Please call the Academic & Student Affairs Office in advance at (775) 784-3442 so that arrangements may be made.

**1. ROLL CALL**

NSA Secretary Karli McFarling-Kelly will take roll call of members and ask guests to identify themselves verbally so their names may be recorded in the minutes.

*Quorum is met: 7 voting members*

*\*Note: Voting changes to 8 at 7:07 AM; Will C. enters meeting.*

*Members in attendance can proceed with scheduled meeting.*

*Terina Caserto, SGA Vice President Candidate Darian Richards, NSHE Legal Counsel Yvonne Nevarez-Goodson were also in attendance.*

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**INFORMATION ONLY**

Public comment will be taken during this agenda item. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person. Persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name. The NSA Chair may elect to allow additional public comment on a specific agenda item when that agenda item is being considered.

Pursuant to Section 2 of Directive 006, and extended by Directives 016, 018, 021, 026, 029 and 033, members of the public may participate in the meeting without

being physically present by submitting public comment via email to [tcaserto@nshe.nevada.edu](mailto:tcaserto@nshe.nevada.edu) or voicemail: (775) 784-3442. Messages received by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 may be entered into the record during the meeting. Any other emailed Public Comment and/or voicemails received prior to the adjournment of the meeting will be transcribed and included in the permanent record.

In accordance with Attorney General Opinion No. 00-047 (April 27, 2001), as restated in the Attorney General's Open Meeting Law Manual, the NSA Chair may prohibit comment if the content of that comment is a topic that is not relevant to, or within the authority of, the NSA, or if the content is willfully disruptive of the meeting by being irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers.

*Public comment submitted by Kate Torres on behalf of Every Voice Nevada is attached. Please see attached file for reference.*

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Request is made for approval of the minutes of the NSA meeting held on February 12, 2021.

*Will C. motions to approve agenda item #3.*

*Joshua P. seconds the motion.*

*Motion passes 8-0-0.*

### 4. NSA CHAIR'S UPDATES

### **INFORMATION ONLY**

NSA Chair Gabrielle Clark will present the contents of the Chair's Report that will be delivered to the Board of Regents at its public meeting later the same day (on March 4, 2021).

*Chair Clark speaks about email sent to all presidents regarding the listening forum that Chancellor Rose is host either in late March or early April. Though the current NSA Board will not have an NSA meeting in April or May, Chair Clark will still contact the NSA members directly (via email) to ask for our input on how the listening forum should be structured.*

*Alyssa F. has already sent Chair Clark feedback in agreeance with the discussion points mentioned.*

### 5. MEMBER UPDATES

### **INFORMATION ONLY**

Chair Gabrielle Clark will ask members to provide an update of their respective campuses' planned activities and events.

*NSA student leaders give updates of their organization/institution.*

## 6. 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.*).

*There is no new business.*

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PURSUANT TO SECTION 3 OF DIRECTIVE 006, AND EXTENDED BY DIRECTIVES 016, 018, 021, 026, 029, AND 033, THE REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN NRS 241.020(4)(a) THAT PUBLIC NOTICE AGENDAS BE POSTED AT PHYSICAL LOCATIONS WITHIN THE STATE OF NEVADA HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED.

PURSUANT TO SECTION 4 OF DIRECTIVE 006, AND EXTENDED BY DIRECTIVES 016, 018, 021, 026, 029, AND 033, THIS AGENDA HAS BEEN ELECTRONICALLY POSTED ON THE NSA PAGE OF THE NSHE WEBSITE: <http://www.nevada.edu/studentgov/> AND ON THE NEVADA PUBLIC NOTICE WEBSITE (<http://notice.nv.gov/>) IN ACCORDANCE WITH NRS 232.2175.

*There is no other public comment.*

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:28 AM**

## **Public Comment on behalf of Every Voice NV bill (currently BDR #34-237)**

Nevada students have been working since last June to write and file a student-and-survivor-written bill aimed at **preventing campus sexual violence** and **supporting survivors**. The Every Voice NV bill is being sponsored by Senator Melanie Schieble and has received widespread, bipartisan support from students, legislators, community organizations, and experts.

The Every Voice NV bill encompasses best-practice methods to prevent campus sexual violence and support survivor and ensures that all students across all campuses have:

1. **Free access to medical and legal support services** for students through Memorandum of Understanding partnerships between universities and rape crisis centers.
2. **Amnesty policy** that prevents students from being punished for reporting due to alcohol or drug use at the time of an assault.
3. **Confidential advising services** for students to make clear their rights and options.
4. **Collect public data** on sexual violence through **campus climate surveys** to increase transparency, measure progress, and improve policy.
5. **Provide annual, evidence-based prevention and response training** for all students and staff.

A similar version of this bill has been passed in New Hampshire (July 2020) and Massachusetts (January 2021) and there are currently 5 other similar Every Voice bills in legislatures across the country. This legislation does not conflict with Federal Title IX policies and indeed compliments the existing federal regulations and current existing NSHE policies.

### **NSHE INFO:**

“The Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) is committed to providing a place of work and learning free of sexual harassment, including sexual violence. The NSHE “Policy Against Discrimination and Sexual Harassment; Complaint Procedure” is found in the Board of Regents Handbook, [Title 4, Chapter 8, Section 13](#).

Where sexual harassment is found to have occurred, the NSHE will act to stop the harassment, to prevent its recurrence, to remedy its effects, and to discipline those responsible in accordance with the NSHE Code or, in the case of classified employees, the *Nevada Administrative Code*. Sexual harassment, including sexual violence, is a form of discrimination; it is illegal.

No employee or student, either in the workplace or in the academic environment, should be subject to unwelcome verbal or physical conduct that is sexual in nature. Sexual harassment does

not refer to occasional compliments of a socially acceptable nature. It refers to behavior of a sexual nature that is not welcome, that is personally offensive, and that interferes with performance”.

**We are asking everyone here today-- Student Representatives, Chancellor Rose and others-- for your help in passing our Every Voice NV bill in order to support students and survivors in Nevada and ensure Nevada is a leader in the country both in our standard for higher education and in our standard for addressing the epidemic of campus sexual violence.**

**Student Representatives**, please join your fellow Student Representatives (we've already received support from CSUN, ASUN and WNC) in writing a letter of endorsement on behalf of our Every Voice NV bill. Please reach out [ktorres.everyvoice@gmail.com](mailto:ktorres.everyvoice@gmail.com) for more information on how to do this.

**Chancellor Rose**, we ask for your help in showing NSHE's support for students and survivor. We ask you help us by:

1. Publishing a public letter on your social media and websites endorsing the Every Voice NV bill signed by yourself and each NSHE school president
2. Send the letter to Legislative Leadership to show your support for students and survivors in NV

In case you would like any more information about the Every Voice NV bill, we emailed you this public comment yesterday and we'd love to set up a meeting to discuss more soon! In the meantime, please reach out to [ktorres.everyvoice@gmail.com](mailto:ktorres.everyvoice@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Together, we can create safer communities across all NV campuses and work together to end campus sexual violence. Thank you all for support.**