

Meeting Minutes



NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

AGENDA
July 8, 2022
9:00 AM

Via Video-Teleconference

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Call to Order: 9:30

Guests:

Tina Russom, NSHE Deputy General Counsel
Terina Caserto, NSA Advisor
Amanda Vaskov, Public Guest
Jacque Veloso, Public Guest

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MEMBERS:

P Tessa Espinosa, Nevada State College, NSSA
P John Fenton, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA
P Matthew Hawn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA
P Issac Hernandez, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN
P Yvette Machado, College of Southern Nevada,
ASCSN **Left the meeting at 10:31 a.m.**
A Zachary Stamp, Great Basin College, SGA
P Dionne Stanfill, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN
P 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

NSA Advisor and NSHE Senior Analyst Terina Caserto 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 present with seven members.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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No public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the NSA meetings held on June 9 and 10, 2022.

Fenton: Motion to approve the minutes of the June 9th and 10th NSA Meetings.

Second: Thomas

No further discussion.

Unanimous approval.

4. ELECTION OF NSA 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. 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.

NSHE Senior Policy Analyst Terina Caserto provided a summary of the duties of each NSA Officer position. Chair Matthew Hawn provided comments of his experience of being NSA Chair during the 2021-22 year. NSHE Deputy General Counsel Tina Russom provided information according to the NSA constitution of the 2/3 required number of votes to satisfy an election.

Nominations were taken from the floor for NSA Chair. Member Fenton nominates Member Stanfill. Stanfill accepts nomination. Member Hernandez nominates Member Thomas. Member Thomas respectfully declines nomination. Member Stanfill provides comments on her abilities to carry out duties of NSA Chair and takes questions from the membership.

Hawn: Motion to elect Dionne Stanfill as Chair of NSA for the 2022-23 year.

Machado: Second.

No further discussion.

Roll Call vote taken.

Unanimously approved.

Nominations taken from the floor for Vice Chair. Member Machado nominates Member Hernandez. Member Hernandez accepts nomination. Member Stanfill nominates Member Fenton. Member Fenton Accepts nomination. Each candidate provides comments as to their ability to carry out the duties of NSA Vice Chair. Each candidate took questions from the membership.

Candidates: Issac Hernandez and John Fenton

Thomas – Motion to call for the votes to elect an NSA Vice Chair.

Stanfill - Second.

No further discussion.

Roll call vote taken. Members state which candidate they cast vote for.

Neither candidate elected with 2/3 vote, vote must be retaken. Question answer period opened again for each candidate.

Second roll call vote taken.

Fenton passes with 2/3 of roll call vote.

Nominations taken from the floor for NSA Secretary. Member Machado nominates herself. Member Espinosa nominates Member Hernandez. Member Hernandez honored but declines nomination. No other nominations. Member Machado provides comments as to her ability to carry out the duties of NSA Secretary and took questions from the membership.

Hawn: Motion to elect Yvette Machado for the position of NSA Secretary for the 2022-23 year.

Thomas: Second.

Further discussion occurred.

Roll call vote taken.

Unanimously approved.

5. NSA PRIORITIES FOR THE 2022-23 YEAR

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

The newly elected NSA Chair will facilitate a conversation for NSA members to share the top priorities of their respective institutions for the 2022-23 year. Based on that discussion, the body may then discuss and determine what the priorities of the NSA should be for the year.

Chair Stanfill request each member to share their top priorities for the year to help inform what NSA priorities should be. Each member shared the top priorities established with their governments.

Stanfill recaps the general topics gathered from each members' priorities. Stanfill asks for a motion.

Hawn: Make a motion to adopt the NSA priorities for the 2022-23 year as follows:

- Increasing graduate student stipends;
- Providing mental health resources as a system and to the different institutions;
- Proving childcare for the different institutions;
- Looking at sustainable resources throughout the NSHE;
- Addressing food insecurity and affordable housing for each of the institutions; and
- Focusing on resources for non-traditional students as for the legislative priorities for the NSA for the 2022-23 year.

Fenton: Second
No further discussion.
Vote: Unanimously approved

6. NSA CHAIR COMMENTS

INFORMATION ONLY

The newly elected NSA Chair will provide comments on their leadership of NSA for the upcoming year.

Stanfill reminds members to not create walking quorum outside of the NSA meetings and to please refrain from discussing NSA business or items through email or phone, too.

Stanfill gives comments regarding priorities and upcoming legislative session as well as voting registration competition.

7. 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.*).

Member Hernandez – calls into question an unequal practice of celebrating federal holidays, specific to Juneteenth. Recognizing federal holidays equally in the way they are celebrated is desired.

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No public comment.

Adjourn at 10:49 a.m.

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