

## Meeting Minutes



### NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE (NSA)

#### AGENDA June 8, 2023 7:45 a.m.

University of Nevada, Reno  
Joe Crowley Student Union  
Rita Laden Senate Chambers, Room 356  
1664 N. Virginia Street, Reno, NV

#### MEMBERS:

**Absent -excused** Makayla Franklin, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, CSUN  
**P** Brayson Gomez, Truckee Meadows Community College, SGA  
**P** Boris Guerra, University of Nevada, Reno, ASUN  
**P** Matthew Hawn, University of Nevada, Reno, GSA  
**P** Kevin Osorio Hernández, Nevada State College, NSSA  
**P** Pio Rejas, College of Southern Nevada, ASCSN  
**Absent** Zachary Stamp, Great Basin College, SGA  
**P** Suzanna Stankute, Western Nevada College, ASWN  
**Proxy- Teresa Marie** Nicole Thomas, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, GPSA  
Office Vacant, Desert Research Institute, GRAD

#### Guests:

Isabella Hatt; Zipporah Nixon; Alexia Rivera; Alicia Carr; Alyssa Butler; Benny Buchanan; Heather Rikalo; Jane Neitz-Singleton; Dionne Stanfill; Terina Caserto (NSHE); Carrie Parker (NSHE)

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE AGENDA AND PUBLIC MEETING

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<https://nshe.nevada.edu/system-administration/departments/asa/students/nevada-student-alliance/>, 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). Any supporting materials provided to members of the NSA at the meeting will be posted to

the NSA website within 24 hours after the conclusion of the meeting.

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**Call to Order: 7:46 a.m.**

**1. ROLL CALL**

Roll call of members and any persons serving as a proxy for a member will be taken.

**Quorum established – 7 members present.**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**INFORMATION ONLY**

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Dionne Stanfill – Hello! My name is Dionne Stanfill and I formerly served as the President of ASUN and the chair of NSA. Last year we had very strong goals in advocacy across the state of Nevada. I am proud of our efforts that made NSA visible to the board of regents and to Nevada students. I am here today to show my support for president Suzanna Stankute. She is the only candidate that has reached out to me and we have met and worked closely in discovering this role and her goals. She will share with you her three goals, which are wonderful and will carry on the legacy of NSA. One of the biggest challenges that I have witnessed that NSA experiences is that we start our roles, we learn how to work, and then before we know it, our terms are over. We are lucky that Suzanna has already served a term and had strong goals in continuing previous years legacies and knows how to serve as chair. I am most excited for her goals in continuing the access to the agenda passion project that NSA started last year. Students have always had passion, and I am thrilled for Suzanna to foster that and continue to be a strong front as students of Nevada. Thank you, and welcome. I wish you nothing but the best of luck!

**3. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

**INFORMATION ONLY**

NSHE Senior Policy Analyst and NSA Liaison 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. Members and any proxy will briefly introduce themselves.

Senior Policy Analyst and NSA Liaison Terina Caserto introduced herself and her role at Nevada System of Higher Education. She then welcomed all members of NSA and recognized proxies standing in for the meeting. She asked members to quickly introduce themselves by name.

**4. 2023 NSA MEETING DATES AND PROXY PROCEDURES** **INFORMATION ONLY**

NSHE Senior Analyst and NSA Liaison Terina Caserto will provide an overview of the NSA meeting dates for 2023-24 and the procedure for a NSA member to appoint a proxy.

Senior Policy Analyst and NSA Liaison Terina Caserto provided the dates of the NSA meetings for the 2023-24 year and discussed the importance of members assigning a proxy should they be unable to attend meetings.

**5. ELECTION OF NSA OFFICERS** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

NSHE Senior Analyst and NSA Liaison Terina Caserto will provide a summary of the process for electing NSA officers and the duties of each of the NSA officers. Members or any person serving as a proxy for a member may make nominations for the three 2023-24 NSA officers: Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.

The 2022-23 NSA Officers were:

Chair: Dionne Stanfill, UNR, ASUN

Vice Chair: Chanikan Buntha, TMCC, SGA

Secretary: Yvette Machado, CSN, ASCSN

Senior Policy Analyst and NSA Liaison Terina Caserto provided a summary of the process for elections taking place at the meeting. She discussed the role of each officer position. She then took nominations from the floor for NSA Chair. Nominations included member Suzanna Stankute and member Kevin Osorio Hernández. Each candidate discussed their qualifications and took questions from the floor. Roll call vote was taken and member Suzanna Stankute received two-thirds votes electing her as Chair. Terina Caserto then took nominations from the floor for NSA Vice Chair. Nominations included member Kevin Osorio Hernández and member Pio Rejas. Each candidate discussed their qualifications and took questions from the floor. A roll call vote was taken and member Kevin Osorio Hernández received two-thirds votes electing him as Vice Chair of NSA. Lastly, Terina Caserto took nominations from the floor for NSA Secretary. Member Boris Guerra nominated himself, gave comments and took questions. A roll call vote was taken and Boris Guerra was unanimously elected for NSA Secretary.

The meeting was handed over to newly elected Chair Stankute to run the remainder.

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

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the NSA meetings held on March 9 and 10, 2023.

Chair Stankute called for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 9 and 10, 2023 NSA Meetings.

Motion made by Matthew Hawn

Second by Boris Guerra

Call for discussion – none

Vote: Unanimous approval

**7. MEMBER UPDATES****INFORMATION ONLY**

Members may provide information on the goals of their respective student governments and updates regarding their respective campuses' planned activities and events.

Due to time constraints of the meeting Chair Stankute pulled this item and asked members to individually email her any campus updates they would like included in her Chair Report that she will give to the Board on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**8. NSA CHAIR REPORT****INFORMATION ONLY**

NSHE Senior Analyst and NSA Liaison Terina Caserto will provide an overview of what the NSA Chair Report generally consists of. The NSA Chair may ask for suggestions from the membership of what to include in the contents of the Chair's Report that will be delivered to the Board of Regents on June 9, 2023.

Senior Analyst and NSA Liaison Terina Caserto provided an overview of what the NSA quarterly Chair Report consists of and that the first Chair Report would be the next day at the Board of Regents meeting on June 9, 2023. Chair Stankute then again requested that members email her individually with any items they would like her to consider including in the upcoming Chair Report.

**9. 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.*).

No new business items.

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No public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 a.m.

**Attachments of materials handed out at the meeting: Suzanna Stankute flier; Kevin Osorio Hernández flier.**

Posted in accordance with Nevada Open Meeting Law (NRS Ch. 241), at the following locations:

CSN, Building D, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 6375 W. Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89146-1124

DRI, Maxey Building, 2215 Raggio Parkway, Reno, NV 89512-1095

DRI, Southern Nevada Science Center, 755 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89119-7363

GBC, Berg Hall, 1500 College Parkway, Elko, NV 89801

NSC, Great Hall, 1125 Nevada State Drive, Henderson, NV 89015

TMCC, Red Mountain Building (RDMT 200) 7000 Dandini Blvd. Reno, NV 89512

UNLV, Flora Dungan Humanities 9 (FDH), 1<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Floors, 4505 Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89154-1001

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

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NSHE NSA Website - <https://nshe.nevada.edu/system-administration/departments/asa/students/nevada-student-alliance/>



VOTE FOR

KEVIN

OSORIO

HERNÁNDEZ

NEVADA STUDENT ALLIANCE CHAIR

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### ➤ QUALIFICATIONS

NSA Experience - 2022 to current  
Well-versed in Robert's Rules of Order  
and parliamentary procedure  
Regularly attends Board of Regents  
meetings  
Well connected with the majority of  
sitting regents

### STUDENT GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

- ASWN Senator - 2021
- ASWN Secretary - 2022
- ASWN President - 2022/2023 Term  
and Re-elected to 2023/2024 Term

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Member  
Deaf Studies Major  
English/Communication Studies Major  
Second Female Eagle Scout in NV

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### INFINITE OPPORTUNITY

As I serve and represent Nevada's students,  
I stand by the Infinite Opportunity motto.  
By supporting and advocating for each  
other, Nevada students can achieve  
anything.

# SUZANNA STANKUTE

President, Associated Students of  
Western Nevada

## GOALS FOR NSA

### ➤ VISIBILITY

Invite different regents to our meetings  
to receive updates on their work for  
NSHE and our students, and in turn,  
update them on what NSA is working on  
collectively.

Host a campaign organized by NSA across  
all of our campuses that would promote  
NSA and benefit our institutions.

Prioritize NSA-focused tabling and  
outreach at our respective institutions to  
educate students about NSA and the  
Board of Regents.

### ➤ INSIDE NSA

Prioritize relationships between members  
without breaking OML.

Create a transition guide for outgoing  
officers and members with advice,  
procedures, etc.

Encourage members to be more included  
in creating NSA agendas by sending out a  
call for agenda items before monthly  
meetings.

### ➤ BOARD OF REGENTS

Discuss and re-present the  
*Resolution In Support Of Amending  
The Board Of Regents Handbook to  
Allow The Nevada Student Alliance  
Chair Access to the Agenda.*

Be united as an alliance to give  
public comment at the Board of  
Regents meetings.

Encourage other students to give  
public comment - support this by  
holding a public comment workshop  
for students and campus organizations.