



NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS

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Nevada Association of Student Councils State Board Meeting
June 8 and 9, 2025
Cimarron-Memorial High School
Las Vegas, Nevada

I. Call to Order

President **Nala Williams** called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM on June 9th, 2025.

II. Roll Call

All board members are in physical attendance, excluding Ms. Gabica, one of the state conference advisors. Our guest member, the National Student Council Rep is to be appointed June 27th.

III. Approval of Minutes

N/A

IV. Officer Reports

A. President: **Nala Williams**

Nala concluded her term as NIAA Liaison and attended her final NIAA meeting.

B. Vice Presidents

1. Division 1A Vice President: **Charlize Simon**

Charlize had nothing to report.

2. Division 2A Vice President **Cristina Guillermo-Melendez**

Cristina had nothing to report.

3. Division 3A Vice President **Nolawi Shewangzaw**

Nolawi worked alongside previous 3A Vice President Joseph Keller to meet with Moapa Valley High School to promote NASC within their council.

4. Division 4A1 Vice President: **Olivia Saliba**

Olivia worked on reviewing practice goal packets from the 4A1 schools.

5. Div 4A2 Vice President: **Yousif Yousif**

Yousif worked on reviewing practice goal packets from the 4A2 schools.

6. Div 5A Vice President: **Christina Fakoya**

Christina worked on reviewing practice Goal Packets from the 5A schools.

C. Regional Officers

1. Region Representatives

a) Northern Region Representative: **Daniela Luna**

Daniela had nothing to report.

b) Southern Region Representative: **Johana Gamez**

Johana worked on planning the south service fair, which is on September 6th. She also drafted updates to the Southern Star Award criteria.

c) Western Region Representative: **Natalia-Marcella Aguon**

Tali drafted updates to the Wild West Award criteria. She also planned 2 student body presidents “hangouts” in the west, the upcoming one including senior class presidents as well (June 12).

2. NIAA Liaisons

a) NIAA Liaison North: **Emerson Wendell**

Emerson had nothing to report.

b) NIAA Liaison West: **Trey Lundeen**

Trey attended the NFHS National Student Advisory Council meeting.

c) NIAA Liaison South: **Elsie Moore**

Elsie attended the April NIAA meeting. She also received an email from a Liberty High School student seeking involvement in the NIAA. She is looking into hosting a training session with student-athletes to bring student voice to the NIAA.

D. Communications Directors

1. Communications Coordinator: **Nora Baltera**

Nora updated the Instagram highlights, has been working on creating member instagram posts, and has facilitated the recent Instagram takeovers.

2. Webmaster: **Cassidi Moore**

Cassidi has worked on staging the website and adding the State 2026 conference links.

3. Secretary: **Jackson Hohnholz**

Jackson took meeting minutes for the June Board Meeting. He has also added all takeover dates sent in by Nora to the NASC calendar.

E. Student Member to the Board of Education: **Evana Lan**

Evana is attending her first board of education meeting on June 25th and will attend her second meeting on July 30th. She plans to prepare blogs for both that will be ready by the august board meeting.

F. State Conference Co-Chairs: **Kyle Allen & Leah Vasquez**

The conference co-chairs shared some state 2026 updates. They have their guest speakers laid out, catering decided, schedule complete, and are starting decorations on Thursday, June 12.

G. State Conference Advisor: **Ms. Cramer**

Ms. Cramer had nothing additional to report about the conference.

H. Executive Directors

1. Northern Exec. Director: **Ms. Topholm**

Ms. Topholm has begun coordinating with White Pine high school for the northern Midlevel conference. She has been in contact with the Northern Regional Conference Advisors, as well as contacting all northern region advisors.

2. Southern Exec. Director: **Mrs. Ginger**

Mrs. Ginger has met with Johana to discuss southern regionals, met with new advisors from the southern region, and she attended the NFHS meeting with Nala and Trey. The southern Midlevel host school has been selected as well: Bonanza High School.

3. Western Exec. Director: **Mrs. Perez**

Mrs. Perez is moving to Nebraska. The Western region Advisors decided to have her continue as Exec until State 2026. She has worked with Tali on modifying the wild west award, she is attending the Vision conference, and has booked the discovery museum and got a meeting room at University of Nevada, Reno for our August board meeting.

- I. National Association of Student Councils Nevada Representative (Guest): **TBD**
The NSC representative is to be announced on June 27th.

President **Nala Williams** called a recess at 9:47 AM.

President **Nala Williams** called the meeting back to order at 10:00 AM.

- V. Old Business
N/A

VI. New Business

A. Presidential Goals

1. Foster statewide collaboration between innovation and stronger student connections.

The board discussed providing a “hub” for student leaders on the website that would include opportunities to share different service opportunities, school events, and ask questions, where NASC or other councils could help answer them. Including a drop-down menu could help provide easy access to specific ideas. Members can be encouraged to check the website by providing updates through the NASC instagram. The board plans to collaborate with other states at the upcoming Vision and NSLS conferences to see how to best tackle this plan.

Nolawi Shewangzaw made the motion to approve Nala Williams’ first presidential goal.

Seconded by **Nora Baltera**

All were in favor

2. Empower early leadership by building strong foundational skills at all levels.

After acknowledging the importance of empowering early leadership at the middle and elementary school levels, the board discussed doing activities with feeder schools to promote NASC, as well as creating bonds with young leaders through simple tasks.

Nora Baltera made the motion to approve Nala Williams’ second presidential goal.

Seconded by **Kyle Allen**

All in favor

The board recommended rewording the goal.

Kyle Allen made the motion to rescind the previous motion.

Seconded by **Nolawi Shewangzaw**

All were in favor

The board felt that it was best to put our focus on middle schools at the moment, as it is a closer link to high school. The goal was reworded to “Empower early leadership by building strong foundational skills at the middle school level.”

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Kyle Allen made the motion to approve Nala Williams' revised second presidential goal.
Seconded by **Nora Baltera**
All were in favor

3. Promote responsive leadership by aligning NASC programs with students' evolving needs.

After some concerns with the goal being too vague, President Williams clarified that it was vague purposefully in order to include a variety of issues rather than one specific one. She felt it was important to keep the goal more open-ended in order to not confuse councils. Giving advisors resources to share with their councils and student body was discussed. Williams reworded the goal to "Provide responsive leadership by aligning NASC programs with students' evolving needs."

Olivia Saliba made the motion to approve Nala Williams' third presidential goal.
Seconded by **Kyle Allen**
All were in favor

- B. Switching statewide service theme to awareness campaign

Switching the statewide service theme to an awareness campaign was discussed.

- C. Service Theme

1. Area of Concentration and Tagline

After presenting several service topic proposals, the board had two final topics to consider: mental health and veterans. The board discussed several opportunities to serve veterans in all three regions, and after concern over rural areas access to serve, the topic was broadened to active duty military and veterans. Though there was careful consideration of the many opportunities that come with a mental health service theme, the board felt that a veteran/active duty topic would better serve Nevada.

Kyle Allen made the motion to make the service area of concentration active duty military/veterans.

Seconded by **Natalia-Marcella Aguon**
All were in favor

2. Instagram and website updates

The board presented several ideas on how to share and provide updates on our service theme. First, it was recommended that the board promoted the theme within their councils. Second, it was noted that adding the service focus and different resources could be added to the website. Finally, it was suggested to post on different veteran holidays on instagram to further promote our focus.

3. Awareness and promoting

The board discussed multiple opportunities to promote our service theme. It was suggested to do a "week of recognition" with guest speakers or to host a write-in within schools/councils.

- D. Setting a State CFC Goal

1. Goal Amount

After consideration of the previous year's CFC goal, the board recognized the *Dedicated in unifying the state through effective communication and assisting all Nevada Student Councils in achieving their goals.*

importance of raising our CFC goal in order to push councils to contribute to the goal. They decided to raise the goal slightly from last year.

Nolawi Shewangzaw made the motion to make the 25-26 CFC goal \$135,000.
Seconded by **Elsie Moore**
All were in favor

2. Reporting Periods

The CFC reporting periods align with the sister school contact periods: 7/1-9/30, 10/1-1/10, and 1/11-3/1.

3. Promotion of Goal

The board noticed how the CFC goal was not promoted much the previous year. The division vice presidents proposed adding CFC reminders to goal packet emails.

E. Impact and Campaign

The board proposed setting a service goal and keeping track of how many member schools are doing service projects pertaining to the service topic and how many people they are impacting. A goal of three-quarters of the NASC member schools doing a veteran/active duty-centered service project during the year was deemed reasonable by the board, as it is similar to the state conference attendance. They thought that a goal for the amount of people impacted of 17,500 people was reasonable as well. The goal is open-ended, and can be either just for the board or shared with councils across the state.

Kyle Allen made the motion to set the 25-26 service-impact goal at 17,500 people impacted.
Seconded by **Nora Baltera**
All were in favor

Evana Lan made the motion to set the service project goal at 75% of active members completing a service project throughout the year pertaining to our service theme.
Seconded by **Charlize Simon**
All were in favor

President **Nala Williams** called a recess at 11:27AM.

President **Nala Williams** called the Meeting back to order at 12:02 PM.

F. Virtual presence meetings

1. Town Hall Meetings

The board discussed selecting a new name for the NASC town hall meetings.

Kyle Allen made the motion to change the name “Town Hall” to “NASC Forum” and title our guest speaker our “Spotlight.”

Seconded by **Elsie Moore**
All were in favor

The board also discussed NASC Forum meeting dates and topics, which are as follows:

- September 9, 2025 - Road Safety
- November 18, 2025 - Structure in Student Council 101

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- February 10, 2026 - Substance Abuse
- 2. Senior Class Presidents Meetings
 - August 27, 2025
 - February 25, 2026
- 3. Statewide Presidents Meetings
 - October 15, 2025
 - January 14, 2026
 - March 11, 2026
- 4. Ambassador Meetings

The board discussed dates and topics for the 25-26 Ambassador meetings, which are as follows:

 - September 18, 2025 - Calendering your year with NASC + Crash Course (Repeat)
 - October 28, 2025 - NASC Regional Conferences
 - December 11, 2025 - State 101
 - February 12, 2026 - Supporting your Middle Schools
- 5. NIAA Liaison Meetings
 - September 2, 2025
 - January 12, 2026
 - March 2, 2026

G. Safe Routes to School Presentation

H. Center for the future of Learning Mentorship Opportunities

The board discussed the Center for the Future of Learning, a nonprofit started by NASC Alumni which helps promote the portrait of a learner. This is a chance for board members to reflect on themselves as a person and how they will grow as a leader, and overall is an opportunity for board members seeking personal leadership development.

I. Winter Gear

The board decided on quarter-zips for the 25-26 winter gear.

J. VP Realignment

At State the advisors discussed the option of realigning the NASC divisions so they are more balanced. The board is considering new names for when the new NASC divisions are created in order to reduce confusion with NIAA divisions.

K. Vision

The Vision conference is June 27-29, 2025 at Santa Fe South High School in Oklahoma city, Oklahoma.

L. NSLS

The National Student Leadership Summit is hosted by the NFHS and is July 13-17 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

M. State 2026

The state co-chairs shared some updates for the State 2026 Conference. They are working on finalizing their schedule and have picked out catering options. They have their guest speakers selected and special guests from the state senate and assembly. They are planning off-site activities at the capitol complex with rotations in the amphitheater and state legislature. They will also have an optional Friday “Fun Night” at the community center with bounce houses, obstacle courses, and movies. They have a meeting with the capitol complex on June 10 and will have their first Super Saturday on June 19.

President **Nala Williams** adjourned the meeting on June 9, 2025 at 12:26 PM.

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