



NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS

A Division of the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association
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Nevada Association of Student Councils State Board Meeting
August 2 and 3, 2025
The Discovery
Reno, Nevada

I. Call to Order

President ***Nala Williams*** called the meeting to order at 11:22 AM on August 2nd, 2025.

II. Roll Call

All board members, executive directors, and state conference advisors are in physical attendance excluding Daniela Luna, the Northern Region Representative.

III. Approval of Minutes

Jackson Hohnholz made the motion to approve the June meeting minutes.

Seconded by ***Emerson Wendell***

All were in favor

IV. Officer Reports and Goals

A. President: [Nala Williams](#)

B. Vice Presidents

1. Div. 1A: [Charlize Simon](#)
2. Div. 2A: [Cristina Guillermo-Melendez](#)
3. Div. 3A: [Nolawi Shewangzaw](#)
4. Div. 4A1: [Olivia Saliba](#)
5. Div. 4A2: [Yousif Yousif](#)
6. Div. 5A: [Christina Fakoya](#)

C. Regional Officers

1. Region Representatives
 - a) Northern Representative: [Daniela Luna](#)
 - b) Southern Representative: [Johana Gamez](#)
 - c) Western Representative: [Natalia-Marcella Aguon](#)
2. NIAA Liaisons
 - a) NIAA Liaison North: [Emerson Wendell](#)
 - b) NIAA Liaison West: [Trey Lundeen](#)
 - c) NIAA Liaison South: [Elsie Moore](#)

D. Communications Directors

1. Communications Coordinator: [Nora Baltera](#)
2. Webmaster: [Cassidi Moore](#)

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3. Secretary: [Jackson Hohnholz](#)
- E. Student Member to the Board of Education: [Evana Lan](#)
- F. State Conference Co-Chairs: [Kyle Allen](#) & [Leah Vasquez](#)
- G. State Conference Advisors: Ms. Cramer and Ms. Gabica
- H. National Student Council Nevada Representative (Guest): Mattie McCarthy
Mattie attended her first national student council zoom meeting.
- I. Executive Directors
 1. Northern Exec. Director: [Ms. Topholm](#)
 2. Southern Exec. Director: [Mrs. Ginger](#)
 3. Western Exec. Director: [Mrs. Perez](#)

V. Old Business

A. Presidential Goals

1. Foster statewide collaboration through innovation and stronger student connections.
The board revisited the “Idea Hub” on the NASC website. They discussed including 7 tabs where ideas would be listed: bonding, fundraising, spirit, decorations, service, conferences, and appreciation, in addition to a help/questions tab. President Williams suggested having an officer record a video biweekly to post on the instagram in order to promote this hub. Cassidi is set to publish this by September 1st. The board approved this with no objections.
2. Empower early leadership by building strong foundational skills at the middle school level.

The board presented several ways to get middle schools involved in NASC. They discussed inviting the southern middle schools to the south service fair, as well as having a meeting for middle schools where officers would talk about NASC and encourage them to apply for the Spirit of Nevada award.

Nolawi Shewangzaw made the motion to create a meeting for middle schools regarding NASC and the Spirit of Nevada award.

Seconded by ***Charlize Simon***

All were in favor

3. Provide responsive leadership by aligning NASC programs with students’ evolving needs.

While the board recognized that our virtual presence meetings, including our NASC forums tackle this goal by addressing relevant issues for students, State Co-Chair Kyle Allen recommended issuing a “press release” after any major tragic events that involve Nevada students to address the event, express our concern, and spread awareness. After discussion from the board, they decided it was most appropriate to send a personal email to the school that the student goes to in order to show our support for the school, the student, and the student’s families and bring awareness to the incident.

Kyle Allen made the motion to have NASC respond to major tragedies involving students in the state by emailing schools and providing further support if necessary.

Seconded by **Leah Vazquez**

All were in favor

B. Service Theme - All For Our Country: Serving Those Who Serve

1. Instagram and Website Updates

Communications Coordinator Nora Baltera presented a proposed service theme logo. The Southern NIAA Liaison Elsie Moore presented some proposed logos as well. After discussion from the board, they decided that neither logo was fit for our service theme and decided to revisit the idea later. The board also discussed creating a profile picture that would be uploaded to the NASC instagram during the week of service and during holidays regarding our service theme.

2. Recognition and Promotion

The board discussed doing something every day during the week of recognition to give service ideas and inspiration to councils. This week will follow a similar format as past NASC weeks of service. A committee was made with several board members who will create videos for the instagram each day during the week.

Nolawi Shewangzaw made the motion to create a week of recognition October 20-24 and approve the instagram profile picture idea.

Seconded by **Kyle Allen**

3. Resources

The board discussed including ideas under the service tab in the idea hub to provide resources to councils.

President **Nala Williams** called a recess at 12:25 PM.

President **Nala Williams** called the meeting back to order at 1:33 PM.

C. CFC Goal

1. Goal Amount: \$135,000

President Nala Williams reminded the board of the CFC goal amount.

2. Reporting Periods

The CFC reporting periods are as follows:

- July 1st - September 30th
- October 1st - January 10th
- January 11th - March 3rd

3. Promotion of Goal

a) Instagram/Website Updates and Recognition

The board discussed having the secretary send out monthly emails to promote the CFC goal as well as having the division vice presidents include reminders in their goal packet emails. The board also proposed having the vice presidents congratulate schools in their divisions through their monthly

goal packet emails that have hit their CFC goal or are close to their goal. The progress bar on the website will be updated weekly and posted on the NASC instagram after each reporting period. The board also suggested having the communications coordinator post on the Instagram story often to further promote the CFC initiative.

Kyle Allen made the motion to have the instagram story updated regularly with CFC reminders.

Seconded by **Cristina Guillermo-Melendez**

D. Virtual Meetings

President Nala Williams addressed the board, explaining that the board members must communicate with one another if they need someone to cover for the meeting they are hosting.

E. Impact and Campaign

Our service impact goal is 17,500 people impacted and the member school participation goal for our service theme is 75% of member schools. The purpose of these goals are to see how many people are actually participating in our service theme and making impacts across Nevada.

VI. New Business

A. Summer Takeaways

1. Share a Summer Takeaway

President **Nala Williams** - Nala met Lamarr Womble at Vision. He presented about setting goals, doing the smallest things with intent, and reminding yourself that as a leader, people are inspired by you so make sure that everything you do is respectful and intentional. Nala attended NSLS, where she was a group leader, and her time as a group leader taught her that everyone is human.

NIAA South Liaison **Elsie Moore** - Elsie attended NSLS where Omari Pearson presented about social media presence and how it will influence your future which gave her a different perspective on social media. She also went on a 3-day retreat at Mt. Charleston where she was able to spend time with people in her council who she hadn't previously before, which showed her to not judge a book by a cover.

Student Member to the Board of Education **Eva Lan** - Eva went to speech and debate nationals and learned that you can take inspiration from those who succeed before you, including your predecessors and that imitating what you see from them can help bring you success.

Communications Coordinator **Nora Baltera** - Nora went to Vision and was able to bond with people from other schools across Nevada.

Division 2A Vice President Cristina **Guillermo-Melendez** - At the last state board meeting, Cristina got to learn a little bit about everyone's councils and learned that everyone has different leadership experiences.

Division 5A Vice President **Christina Fakoya** - Christina went to vision and played Loteria bingo over zoom, which taught her that we can use what we have to the best of our abilities and still be successful.

Division 4A1 Vice President **Olivia Saliba** - At the last meeting Olivia recognized that our state has so many different voices and diverse opinions. She learned that it's good that we have this diversity on our board.

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Southern Region Representative **Johana Gamez** - At Vision, Johana got to bond and connect with different student body presidents from the south, specifically Spring Valley's student body president, and teach them about NASC.

Webmaster **Cassidi Moore** - Cassidi took away from her council's retreat that they don't know much about NASC. She wants to do more officer requests to teach other councils about NASC.

Secretary **Jackson Hohnholz** - While at Vision and NSLS, Jackson learned that as student leaders it's ok to have fun with each other because that will bring our board closer together and ensure our success.

Western Region Representative **Natalia-Marcella Aguon** - Tali hosted several presidents meetings and hangouts over the summer and noticed disconnects about NASC. She wants to show presidents that the state board is a resource to people and that we need to be the connections between schools.

B. State 2026

The state co-chairs and advisors shared some updates about the 2026 State Conference. They have been coordinating tour activities and logistics at the capital complex rotations, Friday during school hours, councils will meet at the legislature. Half the JCs will be giving tours at the legislative building and half will be rotating between the service project, listening to PK O'Neill, and doing a scavenger hunt. There are potential downtown tours in JC groups. The co-chairs and advisors met with Visit Carson City and acquired some sponsorships with rooming and lifeguards at Friday fun night. They hosted the first State super Saturday and had a great turnout. Super Saturday dates have been shared with the Board. They met with potential production companies for music options and tech for general sessions. They have been working with Topholm to navigate copyright concerns. They also completed the master decoration list and gave out assignments for decorations to several western region schools. They have sent out forms for potential volunteers to western officers. Any volunteers must be approved by the district. Any volunteer under 18 needs to be accompanied by an approved adult. They have also established different levels of sponsorships, including program, social media or general session shoutouts. They will provide a list of late night food options available in Carson City. The advisors have been working with community outreach. They met with the Carson City Board of Supervisors about state and the community is super excited to have this conference. They are working with at least 3 hotels to set aside blocks of rooms for cheap, specifically for councils. Prices range from \$140 to \$160 a night per hotel, with many alternative hotels available, all of which are only a 5-10 minute drive to Carson High School.

C. Nevada Week of Respect

1. Promotion

Nevada Week of Respect is September 29th through October 3rd. The board discussed making a profile picture for the board and councils as well as wearing the dude be nice shirts throughout the week to promote the Week of Respect. The board also discussed promotion through the Instagram Stories "add yours" feature, where you can tag and "nominate" other councils. This gives councils the opportunity to highlight ideas and respect events they have on their campus. The board discussed having different colored variations of the profile picture but after voting, they decided on one profile picture, with no objections. The board presented the hashtag "#NVWeekOfRespect25" and the tagline "How Does NASC Show Respect"

Charlize Simon made the motion to approve the Nevada Week of Respect insta promotion with the hashtag “#NVWeekOfRespect25” and the tagline “How Does NASC Show Respect.”

Seconded by **Olivia Saliba**

All were in favor

D. Proposal for NASC Feedback System

Southern Region Representative Johana Gamez recommended that we implement a feedback system into NASC so we can get feedback from NASC councils on the different events that NASC does. The board discussed several options, including using a google form that can be accessed through the linktree, having a general board questions area and officer specific questions on the website, and adding a FAQ section on the website. After discussion, the board decided on including a feedback section specifically to our virtual meeting check-in google form.

Nolawi Shewangzaw made the motion to add a “suggestions” section to the NASC virtual meeting check-in google form.

Seconded by **Joahna Gamez**

All were in favor

E. Region Award Criteria

1. North - Ms. Topholm

The Northern Region Executive Director, Ms. Topholm presented the golden nugget criteria on behalf of Daniela, the Northern Region Representative. Daniela made a proposed change to the Golden Nugget Award criteria. She added three mental health “Wellness Wednesday” check-ins which will align with the brother school contacts.

Kyle Allen made the motion to approve the Golden Nugget Award criteria.

Seconded by **Charlize Simon**

All were in favor

2. West - Tali

The Western Region Representative made some proposed changes to the Wild West Award criteria. First, she proposed adding attendance at 4 of 8 student body presidents meet-ups. Second, she proposed a region-wide community service event. Third, she proposed requiring 50 cumulative hours of community service per council. Fourth she proposed requiring attendance at 2 of 3 meetings at each of our statewide digital participation opportunities. After discussion with the board, and some concern with the attainability of the award, it was decided to revisit the Wild West Award criteria.

3. South - Johana

The Southern Region Representative made some proposed changes to the Southern Star Award criteria. She proposed having two contacts with middle schools or elementary schools (one must be a middle school contact), as well as allowing the school-wide service event to be done in cooperation with another group on campus. She also proposed replacing the meet-me monthly with the southern social and adding a Midlevel share leader as a choice under the “School Choice” section on the award.

Olivia Saliba made the motion to approve the Southern Star Award Criteria.
Seconded by **Cassidi Moore**
All were in favor

President **Nala Williams** called a recession at 3:17 PM.

President **Nala Williams** called the meeting back to order at 8:52 AM on August 3rd.

After discussion amongst the new service committee, they decided on posting 2 videos a day during the week of service to share ideas regarding our service theme the week of October 20th through the 24th.

Yousif Yousif made the motion to approve the week of service and promotion proposed by the Service Committee.

Seconded by **Olivia Saliba**
All were in favor

After discussion amongst the western region officers and executive director, some changes were made with the proposed Wild West award criteria. The proposed attendance at two of three at each of the three statewide digital participation was changed to attendance at one of each of the opportunities. A “Council Choice” section was created, requiring one of the following: schoolwide kindness activity, charitable financial contribution, 50 cumulative hours of community service, and attending the regional community service event. The student body presidents meet-ups were changed to an additional non-required opportunity, but is still listed on the award criteria.

Elsie Moore made the motion to approve the Wild West Award criteria.
Seconded by **Kyle Allen**
All were in favor

The board revisited President Williams’ 1st goal regarding the website Idea Hub. After discussion, the board decided to add a “Help” tab, combine the spirit and decorations tab, and remove the conferences tab. The tabs are now: bonding, fundraising, events, spirit/decorations, service, appreciation, help, and suggestions. The tabs would each have a google form that will be moderated by both the webmaster and president, where other officers could help if necessary. Specific questions can be answered through a personal email and more broad questions will be added to a “FAQ” section. After questions are left, emails will be displayed so other councils across the state can help answer them.

Olivia Saliba made the motion to approve the changes made to the website Idea Hub tabs.
Seconded by **Kyle Allen**
All were in favor

VII. Privilege of the Floor

Division 3A Vice President Nolawi Shewangzaw brought up concerns with NASC promoting girls state and not boys state. The Executive Directors explained that they were not contacted by Boys State. Nolawi discussed contacting the boys state director and asking them to email NASC to promote it if it doesn't conflict with any NASC events.

Communications Coordinator Nora Baltera presented her updated proposed service theme logo, and the Southern NIAA Liaison Elsie Moore proposed a different logo as well. After discussion, the board decided that the dog tag logo that Nora presented would be better fit for our service theme.

Nolawi Shewangzaw made the motion to approve the dog tag logo for the service theme.

Seconded by *Trey Lundeen*

Executive Director *Mrs. Ginger* made amendments to approve the concept of the logo but allow Nora to make appropriate changes.

All were in favor

Student Member to the Board of Education Eva Lan presented the idea of using instagram as an outlet to survey students on issues that they face while in school.

After discussion, the board decided on standard fleece quarter zips for the winter gear.

VIII. Adjournment

President *Nala Williams* adjourned the meeting on August 3rd, 2025 at 9:54 AM.