



NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS

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Nevada Association of Student Councils State Board Meeting

Nov 8 and 9, 2025

Las Vegas, Nevada

I. Call to Order

President **Nala Williams** called the meeting to order at 10:02am on November 8th, 2025.

II. Roll Call

All Executive Directors are in physical attendance. All board members are in physical attendance except Trey Lundeen and Natalia-Marcella Aguon, who are joining virtually. Ms. Cramer, one of our state conference advisors, is in physical attendance. Our other state conference advisor, Mrs. Gabica is absent.

III. Approval of Minutes

Kyle Allen made the motion to approve the August meeting minutes.

Seconded by **Nolawi Shewangzaw**

All were in favor

IV. Officer Reports and Goals

A. President: [Nala Williams](#)

Nala has done several officer requests at schools in her region. She has communicated important NASC information with the membership through several emails, such as connections and ambassadors. She hopes to represent all 3 regions of the state appropriately throughout the rest of her term and is excited for the holiday card.

B. Vice Presidents

1. Div. 1A: [Charlize Simon](#)

Simon has been reviewing goal packets from September, October, and November. They got into contact with beaver dam high school in Arizona, and they are looking to join NASC by the end of November. Simon wants to participate in more NASC events and encourage more 1A students to run for the NASC state board.

2. Div. 2A: [Cristina Guillermo-Melendez](#)

Cristina has kept in contact with the 2A student body presidents and has attended several officer requests. She hopes to encourage more

students to run for NASC state board and answer candidate questions they may have.

3. Div. 3A: [Nolawi Shewangzaw](#)

Nolawi has attended several virtual and in-person meetings and has updated the 3A member school list. Additionally, he has organized his google drive. He hopes to track the 3A member schools' engagement to encourage them to participate in more NASC events. He also hopes to encourage more students to run for national student council positions.

4. Div. 4A1: [Olivia Saliba](#)

Olivia has presented at 2 NASC virtual meetings and reviewed goal packets for September, October, and November. Additionally, she has done several officer requests. She hopes to attend more officer requests and improve communication between the division 4A1 schools.

5. Div. 4A2: [Yousif Yousif](#)

Yousif has responded to September, October, and November goal packets. He has also attended several in person and virtual meetings where he presented and has attended 2 officer requests. He hopes to connect with the 4A2 schools further and enhance communication.

6. Div. 5A: [Christina Fakoya](#)

Christina has been communicating with division 5A schools and has attended 3 officer requests. She wants to connect to the western schools while attending the Western Regional conference.

C. Regional Officers

1. Region Representatives

a) Northern Representative: [Daniela Luna](#)

Dani attended an officer request at Lowry High School and has been working with both her brother school Spring Creek High School and other clubs at Elko High School to get their assistance at the Northern Regional Conference. She is looking forward to the Northern Regional Conference and hopes to soon host a region bonding event.

b) Southern Representative: [Johana Gamez](#)

Johnana executed the Southern Service Fair and 2 Southern Socials. She has also communicated important information to her region at regional meetings and through emails. She wants to check in with the vps and is working on the next Southern Social.

c) Western Representative: [Natalia-Marcella Aguon](#)

Tali has led her regional presidents meetings and attended the West Midlevel conference in addition to attending JC training for Western Regionals and West Midlevel. She is looking forward to hosting western regionals and is hoping to attend more officer requests after Western Regionals.

2. NIAA Liaisons

a) NIAA Liaison North: [Emerson Wendell](#)

Emerson did an officer request at Lowry High School and attended the recent NIAA meeting via Zoom. She hopes to attend

the next NIAA meeting in person and hopes to do more officer requests.

b) NIAA Liaison West: [Trey Lundeen](#)

Trey had a meeting with the NIAA in regards to baseball and softball. He hopes to use the NIAA field passes to interview student-athletes and then report back to the NIAA with input.

c) NIAA Liaison South: Elsie Moore

Elsie attended the NIAA board of control meeting and the Speak Up Sports zoom. She has sent our email looking for input regarding the sanctioning of competitive cheer and has received 40 responses. Additionally, she had received NIAA field passes to interview athletes. She hopes to soon do an in-person feedback meeting and is looking forward to Southern Midlevel at Bonanza High School.

D. Communications Directors

1. Communications Coordinator: [Nora Baltera](#)

Nora has increased the instagram page engagement by 6%. She has created several posts and facilitated 12 Instagram takeovers. She hopes to reach 4,000 followers on the NASC instagram by the end of her term.

2. Webmaster: [Cassidi Moore](#)

Cassidi has attended southern workshop training and has launched the idea hub on the NASC website. She has updated the CFC progress bar on the website and she hopes to increase website usage by collaborating with the Instagram page.

3. Secretary: [Jackson Hohnholz](#)

Jackson has finished revising the August meeting minutes and has updated the star progress google sheet with updated CFC reports. Additionally, he has attended all in-person and virtual meetings and hosted the West Midlevel conference at Fernley High School. He hopes to improve the meeting minute completion timeliness.

E. Student Member to the Board of Education: [Evana Lan](#)

Evana has attended the State Board of Education meetings in August and October and created the Ed Made Easy blogs for the instagram and the website. She had 2 NV SAGE meetings, helped appoint and select candidates for the Superintendent of Public Instruction and helped at the West Midlevel conference. She is planning an interview with the new Superintendent of Public Instruction with questions from NASC and her student body.

F. State Conference Co-Chairs: [Kyle Allen](#) & [Leah Vasquez](#)

Kyle and Leah had their State Conference super Saturday and they hope to finish the school signs. Both chairs attended and helped at the West Midlevel Conference. They plan to continue developing the conference program and they want to work on general session scripts and speaker materials.

G. State Conference Advisor: [Ms. Cramer](#)

Ms. Cramer attended several meetings with the state chairs and has secured all guest speakers for the state conference. 20 schools have completed the state conference registration invoice. She is working with middle and elementary

schools in Carson City to assist her council with decorations. She hopes to make promotion videos to get NASC excited for the state conference and is attending all regional conferences to receive feedback from advisors.

H. National Student Council, Nevada Representative (Guest): [Mattie McCarthy](#)

Mattie has presented at an ambassador meeting and has attended several officer requests. She went to capitol hill with the National Association of Student Councils and advocated to keep funding for k-12 education with the other state representatives. She hopes to attend more officer requests and do a National Student Council Representative blog.

I. Executive Directors

1. Northern Exec. Director: [Ms. Topholm](#)

Ms. Topholm has attended several National Association of State Student Council Executive Directors virtual meetings and is traveling to grand rapids for her national conference. She is excited to see that the Northern Regional Conference registration numbers are going up and close to breaking 300 attendees. She is looking forward to having a check in meeting with Northern Regional JCs and workshop presenters attending the Western Regional Conference.

2. Southern Exec. Director: [Mrs. Ginger](#)

Ms. Ginger has attended various meetings on zoom and in person. She is looking to create a group for the National LEAD conference, and currently is on the waitlist.

3. Western Exec. Director: [Mrs. Perez](#)

Mrs. Perez got the opportunity to meet with the guest speaker for Western Regionals and Zone in Omaha and is looking forward to the Western Regional conference and the February board meeting.

V. Old Business

A. Presidential Goals

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

The board discussed the progress made on the first presidential goal. They decided that the goal has been successful so far, but also discussed how we can increase engagement with the new NASC Idea Hub on the website. Officers can encourage others to share their ideas through the google form at the “All About NASC” presentation at the regional conference and the upcoming virtual presidents meetings through a mixer activity. Further, officers should post their idea after the promotional video they make is posted to the instagram throughout the year. After some concern with the regional date, Tali discussed switching video dates with Mattie.

Kyle Allen made the motion to switch Tali and Mattie’s video dates.

Seconded by *Leah Vasquez*
All were in favor

The board also discussed having the Vice Presidents send out reminders to post on the idea hub through their Goal Packet reminder emails. Yousif proposed adding a section to the takeover request google form where schools can submit a description of the event they are sharing in their takeover that can be added to the idea hub.

Nolawi Shewangzaw made the motion to add the idea hub section to the takeover request google form.

Seconded by Kyle Allen
All were in favor

2. Empower early leadership by building strong foundational skills at the middle school level.

The board discussed the progress made on the second presidential goal. They thought that the Spirit of Nevada award virtual meeting and recent officer requests at middle schools were successful. They highlighted the Spirit of Nevada award virtual meeting as one of the most engaging meetings during the breakout rooms. The Spirit of Nevada award is due April 1st. The board thought it would be beneficial to introduce every NASC officer at the upcoming Midlevel conferences to introduce NASC to the middle schoolers. Mrs. Ginger suggested providing resources for councils to do simple activities with their feeder or nearby middle schools that the region representatives can send out to their region. This could count as a middle school/junior high school connection for the silver and blue star awards. Nolawi, Yousif, Olivia, Christina, Nora, Johana, and Jackson will work on these resources. There will be 3 middle school activities sent out to the regions.

Olivia Saliba made the motion for the region representatives to send out an email with resources and activities for middle school connections.

Seconded by *Johana Gamez*
All were in favor

Evana Lan made the motion to have the emails sent out to the regions by January 5th.

Seconded by *Kyle Allen*
All were in favor

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

The board discussed the progress made on the third presidential goal. It was noted that the recent Forum and Ambassador meetings were relevant and engaging presentations that align with students' needs. The board suggested having more guest speakers at upcoming presidents meetings. It was also suggested to have Idea Hub submissions on the instagram story that could then be sent to Cassidi to add directly to the idea hub. The board also thought it would be beneficial to have workshops at Northern and Western Regionals submit their workshop to the idea hub with permission. The executive directors plan to check with them at the conference. One officer from each region would look at these submissions - Emerson in the north, Eva in the west, and Mattie in the south.

Charlize Simon made the motion to have Emerson, Eva, and Mattie look at regional conference workshop idea hub submissions

Seconded by **Cassidi Moore**

All were in favor

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

1. Instagram and Website Updates

The board discussed doing a week of service recap post on the Instagram. Jackson will send service impact reports to Nora so she can highlight them on the Instagram page. Cassidi added regional service resources to the website. The board thought it would be beneficial to have Nora post the service resources to the Instagram by December 7th.

Cristina Guillermo-Melendez made the motion to have the service theme resources posted to the NASC Instagram.

Seconded by **Olivia Saliba**

All were in favor

2. Recognition and Promotion

Jackson proposed sending out a Veteran's Day email to student body presidents and advisors to promote the service impact initiative.

3. Second IG Week of Service

For the second proposed Week of Service, councils would submit their service that aligns with our service theme to a sticker on the Instagram story rather than have the state officers post videos to the Instagram. The second Week of Service will be February 16th-20th.

Cristina Guillermo-Melendez made the motion to approve the second NASC Week of Service.

Seconded by *Kyle Allen*

All were in favor

4. Resources

The board mentioned the previous discussion of posting the service resources on the NASC instagram having the region representatives send out emails promoting the service resources.

C. CFC Goal

1. Progress: \$29,284.48/ \$135,000

In comparison to last year, we are currently ahead in our progress by \$5,000.

2. Promotion of Goal

a) Instagram/Website Updates and Recognition

The board discussed posting the CFC progress bar to the Instagram and having Jackson send reports to Nora and Cassidi to highlight on the Website and the Instagram. The Vice Presidents also discussed including reminders for CFC reports on their goal packet reminders.

D. Virtual Meetings

1. NASC Forums
2. Senior Class Presidents Meetings
3. Presidents Meetings
4. Ambassador Meetings
5. NIAA Meetings

The board discussed engagement in the recent virtual meetings. It was suggested to have officers shout out good responses that they hear in their breakout rooms to encourage others to share when we go back into the breakout rooms. They also suggested pointing out recent events that councils are having if you notice someone from that council in your breakout room. The board thought it would be beneficial to have small breakout room sizes so members of the room were more inclined to have discussion. Having a short description of the presentation on the reminder email would be helpful to market the meeting to students who would actually be interested.

E. Impact and Campaign

Impact Progress: 2,152/17,500 People

Member School Participation Goal: 35%/75%

The board suggested adding clarification to the google form on the amount of people impacted. Specifying that it is a rough estimate rather than an exact number would be helpful to those submitting.

F. State 2026

The State conference chairs shared some updates on the State 2026 conference. They have decided to use a pipe and drape backdrop instead of a large poster not only to take the burden of making a poster off their council but to create a more sophisticated look. They are looking to receive donations from all three regions of the state. They are excited for councils to participate in the decorating process by designing their own doors prior to the state conference. They have finalized the tentative schedule for the conference. They have been actively working on decorations and are looking to ask the western region schools for their assistance in the decoration making process. Olive Garden, Jersey Mikes, Chick Fil-A, and Food Trucks are on the menu for the conference. They have decided to have to-go boxes so trash can be easily disposed of and to make it easy for delegates to grab their meal. Ms. Cramer asked the state board what their favorite component of a NASC conference is. Nala said that it was seeing the connections between the three regions of Nevada and seeing what each council does differently. Nolawi said that mixer and assembly games because they encouraged delegates to connect in a spontaneous and fun way. Christina liked the 30 in 30 event at the state conference at Centennial High School. Eva suggested that a “clipping” activity would be fun and engaging Nala said that a scavenger hunt would be beneficial to foster connections between councils at the conference. The state scavenger hunt was discussed and the app “Goosechase” was recommended for the hunt. The board also discussed photos at the upcoming region conference. The conference chairs plan to send out a slideshow with the JC characters, which are Monsters Inc. characters to avoid confusion when JCs are planning their outfits and signs. Eva and Olivia will be taking photos at Western Regionals. Dani will be taking photos at Northern Regionals. Nora will be taking photos at Zone.

President *Nala Williams* called a recess at 12:02pm

President *Nala Williams* called the meeting back to order at 1:48pm

VI. New Business

A. Applications

1. “Of the Year” Award Application Process

Executive director Mrs. Ginger sent out the awards process to the officers prior to the meeting.

Advisors of the Year

For the Advisor of the Year awards, students can submit nominations. Advisors will then receive their nomination remarks and the link to apply in an email where they will answer 5 questions and their NASC resume. Members of their council can do a letter of support or a 1-minute video of support. The board discussed changing the application questions. The original questions are as follows:

1. *Share a time when your students inspired you.*
2. *What experiences led you to understanding leadership today?*
3. *How do you measure success as an advisor and how have you demonstrated that as an advisor?*

4. *How do you reflect on the successes and challenges of the student council each year, and what steps do you take to continuously improve your advising approach?*
5. *What is one thing you do behind the scenes at your school, in addition to being a teacher, that some of your colleagues may not know about you?*

The board thought it would be beneficial to create a category for each question: Motivation, Leadership, Impact, Personality, and Dedication. This will help guide the questions and make sure we can see five different aspects of an advisor's career. The new questions are as follows:

1. *Motivation: Share a time when your students inspired you.*
2. *Leadership: How has a unique experience shaped your outlook on leadership?*
3. *Impact: What legacy do you hope to leave on your school's community?*
4. *Personality: What quote do you best identify with and why?*
5. *Dedication: What is one thing you do behind the scenes at your school, in addition to being a teacher, that some of your colleagues may not know about you?*

The board decided to change the 1-minute video of support to now be a continuous, unmodified video (no graphics, special effects, or edits) student testimonial (1 minute video).

Yousif Yousif made the motion to approve the changes for the Advisor of the Year award requirements.

Seconded by ***Johana Gamez***
All were in favor

Admin of the Year

The board decided to have the requirements for the 1-minute video be the same as the Advisor of the year application: now a continuous, unmodified video (no graphics, special effects, or edits) student testimonial (1 minute video).

SMBOE Application Update

The current Student Member to the Board of Education brought up concerns with the appointment timeliness and thought that having an earlier SMBOE application deadline would be beneficial.

President ***Nala Williams*** called a recess at 3:00pm.

President ***Nala Williams*** called the meeting back to order at 3:15

B. Goal Packet and CFC Appeals

1. Procter R. Hug Goal Packet Appeal (4A2 October)

Division 4A2 Vice President Yousif Yousif presented a goal packet appeal for October from Hug HS. On their initial submission, they

provided the agenda from their council meeting but did not provide the meeting agenda, meaning it was incomplete. The student body president from Hug HS realized that the minutes were left out of the goal packet and started the appeal process. The board discussed how the goal packet reminder emails sent out by the vice presidents clearly state that minutes from a council meeting are required rather than the meeting agenda, and therefore denied the appeal.

Kyle Allen made the motion to deny Procter R. Hug High School's goal packet appeal for October.

Seconded by **Charlize Simon**

All were in favor

2. Desert Pines Goal Packet (5A October and November)

Division 5A Vice President Christina Fakoya sent out a goal packet reminder to 5A schools on November 5th. She checked the submissions on November 7th and Desert Pines hadn't submitted either goal packet from October or November. Christina sent an email to them expressing her support but stated that they were no longer eligible for the Silver Star award. Desert Pines sent screenshots that showed that the goal packet was submitted, but it was sent through a Clark County School District account. The board mentioned that it clearly says on the goal packet to not turn it in through a school account, including CCSD accounts because the Vice President will not receive it. Christina recognized that she could have reminded them to submit after they missed the October goal packet, but if they had only missed that one they still would have been eligible for the Silver Star award. Further, the student body president has not been in contact with Christina otherwise.

Kyle Allen made the motion to deny Desert Pines High School's goal packet appeals for October and November.

Seconded by **Evana Lan**

All were in favor

3. Sierra Vista Goal Packet Appeal (5A November)

On November 7th, Sierra Vista High School's Student body President sent President Nala Williams a message through Instagram that her email got hacked, and therefore couldn't submit the goal packet in time. She then sent an email from her advisor's email to provide the information formally and submit her appeal. The board noted that if she knew her account was hacked, she could've communicated that earlier.

Christina Fakoya made the motion to deny Sierra Vista High School's goal packet appeal for November.

Seconded by **Olivia Saliba**

All were in favor

4. Galena HS Goal Packet (4A1 October and November)

Division 4A1 Vice President Olivia Saliba sent a check-in email on November 6th reminding Galena HS to submit their goal packer for November. In October, she had received an email from their advisor saying their president hasn't been receiving emails, and then Olivia added her to the email list. The advisor has been on the email list since June. Galena High School's Student Body President said she saw the email sent out on the 6th of November but hadn't received any prior emails. She expressed her concern for missing any prior goal packets. Olivia said that although she hadn't received the emails, her advisor had, so they still could have submitted the goal packets. The board discussed that since the advisor was on the email list, Olivia had done everything she could to encourage them to submit their goal packets. Further, it was noted that the Student Body President had been in attendance at the regional presidents meeting on September 4th where there was a goal packet reminder.

Nolawi Shewangzaw made the motion to deny Galena High School's goal packet appeals for October and November.

Seconded by **Charlize Simon**

All were in favor

C. Star Criteria for 26-27

1. Update/Review

The board looked over the current Star award criteria. They decided to discuss changes at the February board meeting.

D. State 2027 Bids (South)

1. Timeline

State Conference bids for 2027 will be due the 15th of January. If nobody from the region bids, the bid will be reopened to all regions. Applications will be sent to southern schools on November 14th. Schools will be selected to present to the board based on what is submitted in the initial application. The board decided to review up to six total presentations at the February meeting. There is no minimum number of bids that will be selected to present, but there will be no more than six. Board members will have until January 29th to score the presentations based on the rubric. Finalists will be announced on February 1st.

Olivia Saliba made the motion to accept up to six final bid presentations, with no minimum amount for the State 2027 conference.

Seconded by **Kyle Allen**

All were in favor

Johana Gamez made the motion to approve the timeline for the State 2027 Conference bids.

Seconded by **Nolawi Shewangzaw**

All were in favor

2. Procedure

Presenters will be given 10 minutes to present with a visible timer on the screen. There will then be a 5 minute questioning period followed by a 5 minute period for the NASC board to discuss privately.

Kyle Allen made the motion to approve the procedure for the State 2027 Conference Bids.

Seconded by **Evana Lan**

All were in favor

VII. Privilege of the Floor

Charlize Simon addressed an officer request that they had noticed Eureka High School submit from the Northern Region. The northern officers saw the request, but there was some conflict as the selected date is during their Christmas break. They are in contact with Eureka's advisor and are looking to work out the logistics.

Nolawi Shewangzaw suggested that we write down recommendations and suggestions for next year's state board with Nala and Jackson.

Evana Lan suggested the promotion of Nevada reading week and possibly working with NV Sage to facilitate that.

President **Nala Williams** called a recession at 4:52pm on Saturday, November 8th.

President **Nala Williams** called the meeting back to order at 1:25pm on Sunday, November 9th.

The board reviewed the rubric for the State 2027 bids and ensured that it reflected the changes discussed on Saturday before approval.

Nolawi Shewangzaw made the motion to approve the timeline and rubric for the State 2027 Conference bids.

Seconded by **Kyle Allen**

All were in favor

VIII. Adjournment

President **Nala Williams** adjourned the meeting on November 9th, 2025 at 1:26pm.