

Special Committee on Food Insecurity

Senate of the Associated Students 93rd Session
Agenda for Tuesday, October 21st 2025 at 12:00 PM
Conference Room 317 found in the Joe Crowley Student Union
<https://unr.zoom.us/j/8194353742?omn=89587345426>

Meeting ID: 819 435 3742

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1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

2. **COMPLIANCE WITH NEVADA OPEN MEETING LAW**

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4. **ROLL CALL**

The Secretary must list roll call.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)**

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6. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

- a. 10/07/25

7. **AUDIO OR MINUTES MISSING FOR PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF THIS BODY THAT DO NOT MEET 30 DAY POSTING OF NEVADA OPEN MEETING LAW**

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There are no minutes to be corrected at this time.

8. REPORTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

- a. Guest Speaker regarding the facilities of Pack Rides — Justin Berger

9. OLD BUSINESS (INFORMATION ONLY/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

There is no old business to discuss at this time.

10. NEW BUSINESS (INFORMATION ONLY/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

- a. Distribution of Assembly Members and State Senators for Committee Members:

- i. Assembly Member Steve Yeager
- ii. Assembly Member Jill Dickman
- iii. Assembly Member Gregory Hafen
- iv. Assembly Member Alexis Hansen
- v. Assembly Member Sandra Jauregui
- vi. Assembly Member Daniele Monroe Moreno
- vii. Assembly Member Natha Anderson
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- xix. Assembly Member Joe Dalia
- xx. Assembly Member Rich Delong
- xxi. State Senator Nicole Cannizzaro
- xxii. State Senator Ira Hansen
- xxiii. State Senator Roberta Lange
- xxiv. State Senator Edgar Flores
- xxv. State Senator Angela Taylor
- xxvi. State Senator Lisa Krasner

11. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

- a. Committee member reports
 - i. Chair Saporito
 - ii. Vice Chair Houghtelling
 - iii. Senator Atkinson

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- iv. Senator Levy
 - v. Senator Issa
 - vi. Senator Villa
- b. Liaison changes and additions
- c. Guest Speaker from Pack Provisions — Atlas Simpson
- d. Guest Speakers: Briefing on How to Contact Legislators — Michael Flores, Sheila A Bray

12. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

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13. ADJOURNMENT

NOTES:

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[MINUTES FOR]

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1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

- The meeting was called to order on October 7th, 2025 in Conference Room 317 within the JCSU and on Zoom at 12:04 PM.

2. **COMPLIANCE WITH NEVADA OPEN MEETING LAW**

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4. **ROLL CALL**

The Secretary must list roll call.

- Chair Saporito — Present
- Vice Chair Houghtelling — Present on Zoom
- Senator Atkinson — Present
- Senator Levy — Present on Zoom
- Senator Issa — Present
- Senator Villa — Present

A quorum was present for the meeting.

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- There was no public comment held at this time in person, on Zoom, or written via letter.

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

There are no minutes to be approved at this time.

7. AUDIO OR MINUTES MISSING FOR PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF THIS BODY THAT DO NOT MEET 30 DAY POSTING OF NEVADA OPEN MEETING LAW

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For Possible Corrective Actions:

- a. 6/20/2025 — Uploaded Audio (For Possible Corrective Action)
 - These minutes were approved for Possible Corrective Action

8. REPORTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

- a. Report of FISH Touring Event — Alexander Saporito
 - The FISH Touring session had 10 attendees and provided valuable insights into how FISH facilities are operated. The tour went well, and Senator Issa will continue communication with Jim Peckham, Executive Director of the nonprofit.
- b. Presentation for the facilities of Pack Rides — Justin Berger
 - There was no presentation as Justin Berger could not come to the meeting to present on Pack Rides

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There is no old business to discuss at this time.

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- All Assembly Members and State Senators were passed unanimously through on this bill, with exception to line items 23 and 25, State Senator Dalla Harris and State Senator Scott Hammond. These two State Senators were denied on the basis that they had both resigned earlier in the year.

11. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

- a. Committee member reports
 - i. Chair Saporito
 - Discussed and promoted current Pack the Pantry Event (Oct. 6 - Oct. 10). Asked the table to help assist with the upcoming tabling event Pack Provisions is hosting on October 11th. Senator Atkinson: Wants to schedule a tour for the Food Bank of Northern Nevada; has contacts with them already
 - ii. Vice Chair Houghtelling
 - No report to give at this time
 - iii. Senator Atkinson
 - Discussed interest in establishing a touring event for FBNN.
 - iv. Senator Levy
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 - Further contact with Executive Director Jim Peckham, of FISH (Friends in Service Helping). Will gather statistics on organization.
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Atlas Simpson, Student Director of Pack Provisions:

- Pack the Pantry is a collaboration with Athletics. Bins are collected daily around 4 PM. Volunteers needed.
- Tailgate event on October 11th at Jensen Plaza; meet at the pantry at 3:30 PM that day.
- Amy Koeckes is the new contact following Bridget Tevnan's resignation.

Freah, Young Democratic Socialists of America on Campus:

- Passionate about tackling food insecurity on campus.
- Interested in improving food variety and possibly starting a student-run grocery store to help.
- Chair Saporito is meeting with President Aglubat to discuss expanding space for Pack Provisions.

13. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned on October 7th, 2025 in Conference Room 317 within the JCSU and on Zoom at 12:41 PM.

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Assembly Member Presentation

Overview:

Senator Saporito provided a detailed review of significant bills sponsored and co-sponsored by Assembly members during the 2025 legislative session. The presentation highlighted the diverse policy areas addressed, including healthcare, education, housing, veterans' services, and public transparency, reflecting the priorities and collaborative efforts within the legislature.

Key Legislative Highlights:

1. **Health Care and Insurance:**
 - Important bills like AB169 (speech therapy protections for minors) and AB382 (coverage for biomarker testing) were discussed.
 - Funding allocations such as SB280 directed resources toward UNLV's pediatric dental services.
 - Medicaid modernization (SB234) and health provider protections (SB352) also featured.
2. **Education:**
 - Reforms including school conversion to charter status (SB224), funding for early childhood programs (AB212), and improved transparency and student aid (AB345) were presented.
 - Expansion of civic education (SB245) and higher education access via fee waivers (SB308) were noted.
3. **Housing and Homelessness:**
 - Bills promoting affordable housing development (AB241), supportive housing funding (AB366), and land release for housing (AJR10) were covered.
 - Homelessness initiatives like AB263 were also highlighted.
4. **Veterans and Community Services:**
 - Infrastructure projects for veterans (AB300, SB232) demonstrated a commitment to veteran support and community engagement.
5. **Public Transparency and Governance:**
 - Measures to enhance transparency in legislative finances (AB267), improve government communication (AB125), and constitutional amendments for accountability (AJR3) were addressed.
6. **Additional Initiatives:**
 - The establishment of Financial Literacy Month (SCR4) and efforts to combat food insecurity (AB159, SB282) were noted.

- Mental health legislation, including forensic mental health treatment (AB467), was also discussed.

Conclusion:

Senator Saporito highlighted how individual legislators' bill sponsorships aligned with their policy goals, emphasizing bipartisan collaboration on key issues such as healthcare, education, housing, and transparency. The session's legislative activity, as presented by Senator Saporito, reflects a strong commitment to advancing Nevada's health, education, housing, and governance through targeted policies and cooperation across the Assembly. This multifaceted approach aims to address critical state challenges effectively.

Key Contacts and Highlights:

- **Steve Yeager:** Sponsored AB 169 on Health Insurance revisions
- **Jill Dickman:** AB122 expands who can request personal info
- **Gregory Hafan & Alexis Hansen (UNR alum):** SB224 on education provisions
- **Sandra Jauregui:** Established reproductive health rights in Nevada
- **Daniele Monroe Moreno:** Speaker Pro Tempore, NV Senate; enjoys spoiling grandchildren
- **Natha Anderson:** Assistant Majority Whip, Assembly
- **Heather Goulding & Selena La Rue Hatch:** Student advocates; Hatch had a meeting with Chair Saporito
- **Erica Roth:** Sponsored healthcare bills; supports graduate med students
- **Reuben D'Silva:** Supports Southern Nevada; funded Digital Wolf Pack Initiative
- **Tanya Flanagan:** Advocates socialist workforce policies
- **Jovanotti Jackson:** Writes Clark County bills
- **Heidi Kasama:** Worked on affordable healthcare revisions
- **Duy Nguyen:** Promoted Veterans Community Center; funded UNLV dental care
- **Erica Mosca & Rebecca Edgeworth (UNR alum):** Co-sponsored homelessness and education bills
- **P.K. O'Neil:** Funded White Pine elementary school
- **Joe Dalia:** Stanford grad, bowling enthusiast
- **Rich Delong:** Sagebrush protector

State Senators:

- **Nicole Cannizzaro:** Food insecurity and graduate medical school provisions
- **Ira Hansen:** Mail ballots; has 24 grandchildren
- **Roberta Lange:** Assistant Majority Leader; grandmother of Student Assistant Director of Pack Provisions
- **Edgar Flores:** Street food OSHA compliance
- **Angela Taylor:** Early childhood literacy funding; NSHE fee waivers
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Public comment (Agenda Item 12)

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