



Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement

Senate of the Associated Students, 93rd Session
Agenda for Friday, December 5th, 2025 at 5:30 PM
Rita Laden Senate Chambers, Joe Crowley Student Union, 3rd floor, 1664
North Virginia St., Reno, NV 89557

Zoom link:

<https://unr.zoom.us/j/84899948085?pwd=jWINQmB3DrxEq5NLiyMgUSqBuVnEKW.1>

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

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

- a. Was the agenda posted three full working days by 9 am, not including the meeting date?
- b. Is the meeting taking place on the day of the week, month, day, year, at the time and location listed on the agenda?
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3. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

“We acknowledge that the University of Nevada, Reno is situated on the traditional homelands of the Numu (Northern Paiute), Wašiw (Washoe), Newe (Western Shoshone), Nuwu (Southern Paiute) peoples. These lands continue to be a gathering place for Indigenous Peoples and we recognize their deep connections to these places. We extend our appreciation for the opportunity to live and learn on their territory.”

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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. 11/07/2025
- b. 11/21/2025

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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No missing audio or minutes were identified.

8. REPORTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

- a. Report from the Director of Government Affairs, Isabelle Hatch
- b. Committee member reports
 - i. Chair Issa
 - ii. Vice Chair Radtke — Department of Government Affairs
 - iii. Senator Atkinson — Office of Service Learning and Civic Engagement
 - iv. Senator Barrus — Coordinator of Student Engagement Outreach
 - v. Senator Burrows
 - vi. Senator Castro — President's Office of Government Relations and Community Engagement
 - vii. Senator Dayton — Associate Director of Student Engagement
 - viii. Senator Evans — Department of Campus and Public Relations
 - ix. Senator Saporito — Veterans Services

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

There is no old business to be discussed at this time.

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

- a. S.R. 93 - A Resolution to Condemn the Elimination of Telephonic Public Testimony in the Nevada State Assembly During the 36th Special Session

11. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

- a. Liaison changes and additions

12. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

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13. ADJOURNMENT

NOTES:

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***Written Minutes* — Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement**

Senate of the Associated Students, 93rd Session

Agenda for Friday, November 7th, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Rita Laden Senate Chambers located in the 3rd floor of the Joe Crowley
Student Union

https://unr.zoom.us/j/84899948085?pwd=jWlNQmB3DrxEq5NLiyMgUSqB_uVnEKW.1

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Issa called the meeting of the Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement to order at 5:32 p.m. in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers and on Zoom.

2. COMPLIANCE WITH NEVADA OPEN MEETING LAW

- b. Was the agenda posted three full working days by 9 am, not including the meeting date?
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All Nevada Open Meeting Law Conditions were met.

3. ROLL CALL

The Secretary must list roll call.

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Chair Issa — Present
Vice Chair Radtke — Present
Senator Atkinson — Present
Senator Barrus — Present
Senator Castro — Present
Senator Dayton — Absent Excused
Senator Evans — Present
Senator Saporito — Present

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

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No public comment was submitted.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

- a. 09/26/2025
- b. 10/10/2025

Chair Issa sought a motion to approve Agenda Items 5A and 5B by unanimous consent.

- Motion: Senator Barrus
- Second: Senator Evans

There was no dissent.

Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

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No missing audio or minutes were identified.

7. REPORTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

- b. Report from Interim Director of Government Affairs, Isabelle Hatch

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Director Hatch provided a report including:

8. Rescheduled Financial Insecurity Panel with the Board of Regents for November 20 at 5:00 p.m.
9. Preparation for a potential Nevada Legislative Special Session concerning SNAP benefits and the Governor's Crime Bill.
10. Development of a non-partisan federal shutdown informational campaign.
11. Anticipated NSHE Board of Regents December agenda, expected to include pricing programs and credit card fees.
12. Proposed public comment workshop for early December.
13. Attendance at the NSHE Task Force on Gun Violence meeting as student representative for UNR and UNLV.

There were no questions for Director Hatch.

b. Committee member reports

i. Chair Issa

- Announced that Matthew Little from the Office of Service Learning & Civic Engagement is scheduled to present at the November 21 meeting.
- Working with Kathy Castro to obtain a list of engagement events.
- Noted intent to place Veterans Spring Event planning on a future agenda.

ii. Vice Chair Radtke – Department of Government Affairs

- Reported continued coordination with Director Hatch following Kennedy Taylor's resignation.
- Planning a meeting to discuss Government Affairs collaboration with DCE.

iii. Senator Atkinson

- No report.

iv. Senator Barrus

- Assisted in multiple Veterans Week events including Coffee & Grab, Flags on the Joe, and the Veterans Luncheon.
- Confirmed budget and planning notes were archived for future senators.

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- v. Senator Castro – President’s Office of Government Relations and Community Engagement
 - Continued correspondence with liaison Austin Daly.
 - Assisted with the Veterans Luncheon.
- vi. Senator Dayton
 - Absent Excused.
- vii. Senator Evans – Department of Campus and Public Relations
 - Upcoming meeting regarding a lab coat donation drive.
 - Participated in the Veterans Luncheon.
- viii. Senator Saporito – Office of Service Learning & Civic Engagement; Veterans Services
 - Provided updates on Veterans Week events.
 - Announced upcoming parade, alumni tailgate, and Salute to Service Game.
 - Coordinating banner delivery to Veterans Services.

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

a. Liaison adoptions

- i. Associate Director of Student Engagement
 - Senator Dayton placed by unanimous consent.
 - Motion: Chair Issa
 - Second: Senator Castro

There was no dissent; motion approved unanimously.

- ii. Coordinator of Student Engagement Outreach
 - Senator Barrus placed by unanimous consent.
 - Motion: Senator Barrus
 - Second: Senator Castro

There was no dissent; motion approved unanimously.

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9. NEW BUSINESS (INFORMATION ONLY/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/FOR POSSIBLE CORRECTIVE ACTION)

- a. Liaison adoption – Senator Radtke, Department of Government Affairs (For Possible Corrective Action)
 - Senator Radtke placed through unanimous consent.
 - Motion: Chair Issa
 - Second: Senator Evans
 - Approved unanimously

10. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

- a. Liaison changes and additions
 - Senator Saporito removed himself from the liaison to the Office of Service Learning & Civic Engagement by unanimous consent.
 - Second: Senator Barrus
 - Approved Unanimously

 - Senator Atkinson moved to add herself to the liaison to the Office of Service Learning & Civic Engagement by unanimous consent.
 - Second: Senator Barrus
 - Approved Unanimously

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No public comment was submitted.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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Chair Issa adjourned the meeting at 5:46 p.m. in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers and on Zoom.

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Written Minutes — Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement

Senate of the Associated Students, 93rd Session
Agenda for Friday, November 21st, 2025 at 5:30 PM
Rita Laden Senate Chambers, Joe Crowley Student Union, 3rd floor, 1664
North Virginia St., Reno, NV 89557

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All conditions were met.

3. ROLL CALL

The Secretary must list roll call.

Roll call was conducted by Vice Chair Radtke.

Present:

- Chair Issa
- Vice Chair Radtke
- Senator Dayton
- Senator Castro
- Senator Barrus
- Senator Evans
- Senator Saporito
- Senator Atkinson (via Zoom)
- Senator Burrows

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

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No public comment was submitted.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

There are no minutes to be adopted at this time.

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There are no minutes to be corrected at this time.

7. REPORTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

- a. Report from Interim Director of Government Affairs, Isabelle Hatch

Director Hatch reported the following:

- The Nevada Special Legislative Session had concluded; over 15 bills were tracked.
- The Assembly's ban on telephonic public comment limited ASUN participation.

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- Ongoing coordination with the Office of Government and Community Engagement regarding food insecurity.
- The previously scheduled Financial Insecurity Panel was canceled due to Regents' late cancellations and PAC-LED logistical issues; it will be revisited in January.
- The NSHE December Board of Regents agenda had been released; at least six items were identified for review and potential public comment. Attendees for the Regents meeting will include ASUN leadership and Government Affairs staff.
- Director Hatch was confirmed by Senate as Director of Government Affairs.
- She acknowledged the passage of the UndocuPack resolution.
- Government Affairs interns are beginning their midpoint projects and may participate in Regents public comment.
- Senators were reminded that all public comment given in an ASUN capacity must be coordinated through Government Affairs.

There were no questions for Director Hatch.

b. Committee member reports

- i. Chair Issa
- ii. Vice Chair Radtke – Department of Government Affairs
- iii. Senator Atkinson – Office of Service Learning and Civic Engagement
- iv. Senator Barrus – Coordinator of Student Engagement Outreach
- v. Senator Castro – President's Office of Government Relations and Community Engagement
- vi. Senator Dayton – Associate Director of Student Engagement
- vii. Senator Evans – Department of Campus and Public Relations
- viii. Senator Saporito – Veterans Services

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

No old business was heard.

9. NEW BUSINESS (INFORMATION ONLY/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/FOR POSSIBLE CORRECTIVE ACTION)

- a. Presentation from the Office of Service Learning and Civic Engagement

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The Office provided a comprehensive presentation including:

- Mission and origins of **OSLCE (est. 2012 under the Provost)**
- Commitment to:
 - **Civic Engagement**
 - **Public Service**
 - **Progress and Justice**
- Overview of **Community-Engaged Learning (CEL)**, including:
 - Mutual identification of community needs
 - Integration with coursework
 - Reciprocal partnerships
 - Critical reflection
 - Public-good focused solutions
- Office roles on campus and in the community
- Pathways offered for:
 - **Students** (CEL courses, internships, practicum)
 - **Faculty** (course development, fellowships, grants)
 - **Community Partners** (coalitions, service and volunteerism)
- Ongoing office **rebranding to “Office of Community Engaged Learning and Leadership”**
- Discussion of:
 - Outreach challenges
 - Internship structure
 - Data tracking limitations
 - GivePulse integration planning
 - Faculty participation trends in service-learning designation

Questions were asked by Senators Saporito, Burroughs, and Issa regarding:

- Service-learning committee operations
Internship responsibilities
- Data collection on civic engagement
- Faculty designation trends
- GitPulse reporting systems

The committee thanked the presenters for their detailed presentation.

b. Discussion on Spring Veterans Event

Posted at the ASUN Offices in the Joe Crowley Student Union, Frandsen Humanities Building, the Pennington Student Achievement Center, the Mathewson IGT Knowledge Center, and online at www.nevadaasun.com. ASUN supports providing equal access to all programs for people with disabilities. Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate persons with physical disabilities who wish to attend the meeting. Please call ASUN at (775) 784-6589 in advance so that arrangements can be made conveniently. If you would like a copy of any of the agenda items listed, please contact Senator Issa at senatorIssa@asun.unr.edu.

- The Committee discussed general ideas and stakeholder engagement with the proposed event.
 - Senator Castro suggested collaboration with the American Legion
 - Chair Issa proposed a panel event where members of the border community are invited
 - Senator Barrus likes the idea; suggests outreach to different groups.
 - Senator Saporito concurs; suggests a list of dates and times for the meeting.
 - Senator Burrows suggests reaching out to veteran relatives to see if they are interested in attending such an event.
 - Chair Issa requests Senator Saporito and Senator Barrus to meet with Veterans Services to plan further.

10. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

- a. Liaison changes and additions

No liaison changes or additions were recorded during this meeting.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

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No public comment was submitted.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Issa adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m. in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers and on Zoom.

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[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

93rd SESSION
2025-2026

S.R. 93 -
A RESOLUTION TO CONDEMN THE
ELIMINATION OF TELEPHONIC PUBLIC
TESTIMONY IN THE NEVADA STATE
ASSEMBLY DURING THE 36TH SPECIAL
SESSION

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

NOVEMBER 20TH, 2025

SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BY PARLIAMENTARIAN ISSA
COSPONSORED BY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE MOSS, SENATOR ATKINSON, SENATOR BARRUS, SENATOR CASTRO,
SENATOR EVANS, SENATOR RADTKE & SENATOR SAPORITO

Whereas, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada recognizes civic participation, government transparency, and public accessibility as foundational democratic values that must be upheld by elected officials at every level of government; and

Whereas, the Nevada Legislature customarily provides telephonic and virtual public comment avenues during regular and special sessions, which enable Nevadans across the state—especially those in rural communities, those with disabilities, those who cannot afford to take time off work, and students—to participate directly in the legislative process; and

Whereas, telephonic testimony has become an essential tool in a geographically vast state like Nevada, where many residents live hours away from the Legislature and cannot reasonably access in-person hearings on short notice; and

Whereas, during the 36th Special Session of the Nevada Legislature in November 2025, Assembly leadership, under Speaker Steve Yeager, made the decision to eliminate telephonic public testimony¹, thereby removing a long-standing form of public access and participation; and

Whereas, the State Senate did not restrict telephonic public testimony during the 36th Special Session, and therefore the limitation on remote public comment was imposed only by the State Assembly; and

Whereas, civil-rights and advocacy organizations, including the ACLU of Nevada and other statewide groups, publicly criticized the decision for silencing Nevadans and restricting democratic participation during a critical moment for statewide policymaking²; and

¹ The Nevada Independent:
<https://thenevadaindependent.com/article/second-day-of-nevada-special-session-continues-with-more-hearings-expected>

² ACLU of Nevada:
<https://www.aclunv.org/press-releases/nevada-civil-rights-and-advocacy-groups-decry-assembly-decision-to-preclude-telephonic-testimony-during-special-session/>

Whereas, students at the University of Nevada, Reno are impacted when avenues for public testimony are restricted, because many students lack the financial resources, transportation access, or schedule flexibility to appear in Carson City on short notice; and

Whereas, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada, as the representative body of over 18,000 undergraduate students³, has a responsibility to speak out when government actions undermine participatory democracy and impede students' ability to engage with their state government; and

Whereas, condemning such obstruction of public participation aligns with the Association's commitment to strengthening democratic civic engagement, supporting transparency, and ensuring government bodies maintain accessible channels for public involvement;

³ UNR Data Den: <https://dataden.unr.edu/CommonDataSet>

***THE STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA REPRESENTED IN THE
SENATE, ARE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:***

Be it resolved, that the Associated Students of the University of Nevada formally condemns Speaker Steve Yeager’s decision to eliminate telephonic public testimony during the 2025 Nevada Legislative Special Session as an unnecessary and harmful restriction of democratic access; and

Be it further resolved, that Associated Students of the University of Nevada urges the Nevada Legislature to restore and protect telephonic and remote participation options in future regular and special sessions, ensuring that students and all Nevadans can participate regardless of geography, income, disabilities, or schedule constraints; and

Be it further resolved, that the Associated Students of the University of Nevada reaffirms its commitment to defending accessible, transparent, and participatory democratic processes in the State of Nevada and will continue advocating for public comment processes that allow students to meaningfully engage with their state government; and

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the following individuals:

- Speaker, Nevada State Assembly, *Steve Yeager*;
- Members of the Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections:
 - Chair, Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections, *Erica Mosca*;
 - Vice Chair, Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections, *Cecelia González*
 - Assemblymember, *Sandra Jauregui*;

- Assemblymember, *Brittney Miller*;
- Assemblymember, *Daniele Monroe-Moreno*;
- Assemblymember, *Cinthia Moore*;
- Assemblymember, *Hanadi Nadeem*;
- Assemblymember, *Lisa Cole*;
- Assemblymember, *Jill Dickman*;
- Assemblymember, *Rebecca Edgeworth*;
- Assemblymember, *Brian Hibbetts*;
- Members of the Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections:
 - Chair, Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections, *James Ohrenschall*;
 - Vice Chair, Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections, *Skip Daly*;
 - Senate Majority Leader, Nevada State Senate, *Nicole Cannizzaro*;
 - Senator, Nevada State Senate, *Lisa Krasner*;
 - Senator, Nevada State Senate, *John Steinbeck*;
- President, University of Nevada, *Brian Sandoval*;
- Vice President, Government Relations and Community Engagement, *Michael Flores*;
- Manager of Government Affairs, Government Relations and Community Engagement, *Austin Daly*;
- Vice President, Student Services, *Heather Speed*;

- Director, Center for Student Engagement, *VACANT*;
- Associate Director, Center for Student Engagement, *Amy Koeckes*;
- Associate Director, Student Government, *Luis Aguilar-Herrera*;
- President, Associated Students, *Carmina Aglubat*;
- Vice President, Associated Students, *Ethan McNamara*;
- Director, Department of Government Affairs, *Isabelle Hatch*;
- Speaker, 93rd Senate, Associated Students, *Leaf Acklin*; and
- Chair, Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement, *Jason Issa*