



Written Minutes — 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

Chair Issa called the meeting of the Committee on Democratic Civic Engagement to order at 5:49 p.m. in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers and on Zoom.

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?
- c. Is the Zoom link working and available to the public?

If the answer to any of these questions is no, this meeting must be ENDED IMMEDIATELY unless NOML covers a legitimate correction.

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

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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.”

4. ROLL CALL

The Secretary must list roll call.

Present:

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

Absent Excused:

- Senator Saporito
- Senator Atkinson
- Senator Burrows

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

Items heard under public comment may be for items either on or off the agenda. Action may not be taken on items raised under public comment. The Chair may elect to take public comment on actions on this agenda. The Chair may impose reasonable limits on the length of time members of the public may speak.

No public comment was offered.

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

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

Chair Issa sought unanimous consent to approve the minutes from November 7, 2025 and November 21, 2025.

- Motion: Senator Barrus
- Second: Senator Dayton

There was no dissent. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

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

Minutes or audio files for previous meetings that are missing must be listed here with the date of each meeting.

No missing audio or minutes were identified.

8. REPORTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

- a. Report from the Director of Government Affairs, Isabelle Hatch
 - The report from Director Hatch was skipped due to her attendance at the NSHE Board of Regents meeting.
- b. Committee member reports
 - i. Chair Issa
 - The Chair reported ongoing DCE liaison check-ins, including meetings with Senators Behrs and Dayton, and noted the need to reschedule a meeting with Senator Atkinson and to schedule a meeting with Senator Burroughs. The Chair announced the initiation of drafting a binding resolution to reform and clarify committee liaison duties, including the potential creation of two additional liaison positions. Committee members were invited to participate in drafting.
 - ii. Vice Chair Radtke — Department of Government Affairs
 - Vice Chair Radtke reported meeting with Director Hatch to discuss collaboration between Democratic Civic Engagement and Government Affairs, building upon ideas proposed by former Director Taylor. Discussion included increased coordination, involvement in Department Event Week in late January, and participation in voter engagement and get-out-the-vote efforts.
 - iii. Senator Atkinson — Office of Service Learning and Civic Engagement
 - Absent from the meeting.
 - iv. Senator Barrus — Coordinator of Student Engagement Outreach
 - Senator Barrus reported efforts to connect with liaison Kathy Castro and expressed intent to follow up.
 - v. Senator Burrows
 - Absent from the meeting.
 - vi. Senator Castro — President's Office of Government Relations and Community Engagement
 - Senator Castro reported meeting with Austin Daly to discuss a proposed quarterly event series focused on local government engagement, connecting students with local governing bodies. She also discussed preliminary planning for a veterans-related event and was advised to coordinate with John Pratt from Veterans Services.
 - vii. Senator Dayton — Associate Director of Student Engagement

- Senator Dayton reported ongoing coordination with Justin Berger regarding shuttle logistics for volunteer-related transportation and indicated an update would be provided at the next meeting.
- viii. Senator Evans — Department of Campus and Public Relations
- Senator Evans reported progress on the lab coat donation initiative in coordination with Director Mendoza. Collection bins were expected to arrive imminently, with distribution planned for the following week. The initiative will continue each semester, and a binding resolution related to the program is forthcoming.
- ix. Senator Saporito — Veterans Services
- Absent from the meeting.

No questions were raised regarding committee member reports.

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

Chair Issa presented S.R. 93, outlining concerns regarding the Assembly's decision to eliminate telephonic public testimony during the 36th Special Session. The Chair emphasized the disproportionate impact on students and others unable to travel to Carson City due to financial, transportation, or scheduling constraints. The Chair noted that both President Aglubat and Director Hatch supported the resolution's current wording.

Discussion:

Senator Evans, a co-sponsor, spoke in strong support of the resolution, highlighting the accessibility barriers posed by the elimination of telephonic testimony and sharing personal concerns regarding transportation limitations. No further discussion occurred.

Chair Issa sought unanimous consent to favorably recommend S.R. 93 to the Senate.

- Motion: Senator Barrus
- Second: Vice Chair Radtke

There was no dissent. The motion carried, and S.R. 93 was favorably recommended.

11. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

- a. Liaison changes and additions
 - No liaison changes or additions were reported.

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No public comment was offered.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Issa adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m. in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers and on Zoom.

NOTES:

Agenda items may be considered out of order at the discretion of the Chair. The committee may combine two or more agenda items for consideration. The Committee may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion of an item at any time.