



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SGA)

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

3:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:00 PM

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EXECUTIVE MEMBERS:

STORM RAINE, PRESIDENT PRESENT

JULIA STOKES, VICE PRESIDENT PRESENT

MUHAMMED/DIVINE, INTERIM - SECRETARY PRESENT

SENATORS:

MUHAMMED SALIKHOV, ELKO PRESENT

JULIAN SOSA, ELKO PRESENT

DIVINE JACOBSON, ELKO PRESENT

DAVID BERNADINO-LOPEZ, ELKO PRESENT

CALVIN COWAN, PAHRUMP PRESENT

LIZ NASH, ELY PRESENT

CATHERINE COLE, ONLINE PRESENT

GUESTS:

MATT ASCHENBRENER - INTERIM STUDENT ADVOCATE, Vice President OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

JANA NETTLETON - WINNEMUCCA CENTER DIRECTOR

NIKKI TINGEY - ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II

CAMILA CONTRERAS - STUDENT, WINNEMUCCA SENATOR CANDIDATE

SOFIA MAYORGA - STUDENT, WINNEMUCCA & ONLINE SENATOR CANDIDATE

JOCKSSON CONTRERAS - STUDENT, WINNEMUCCA SENATOR CANDIDATE

PAYTON - STUDENT, WINNEMUCCA SENATOR CANDIDATE

SHAKIRA CHESEBRO - ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT III

LIZABETH DIAZ - WINNEMUCCA SNO REPRESENTATIVE
STACY CROUCH - SNO ADVISOR
DAPHANE TAYLOR - STUDENT, ELKO SENATOR CANDIDATE
ERIKA WRIGHT- STUDENT, ELKO SENATOR CANADIDATE
JAVIER TOVAR - STUDENT, ELKO SENATOR CANADIDATE
DANIELLE KIRKMAN - PUBLIC

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1. ROLL CALL

- Roll call of members and any persons serving as a proxy for a member will be taken.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

POSSIBLE ACTION

A Request is made for approval of the GBC SGA Agenda for the meeting on **9/15/26**.

SENATOR SALIKHOV MOTIONS TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING ON 9/1/26.

SENATOR COWAN MAKES A MOTION TO STRIKE OUT 9/1/26 AND INSERT 9/15/26. SENATOR COLE SECONDS. MOTION PASSED.

SENATOR SOSA SECONDS THE NEW MOTION. MOTION PASSES.

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

POSSIBLE ACTION

A Request is made for approval of the GBC SGA Minutes for the meeting on 9/8/2026.

SENATOR SOSA MOTIONS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON 9/8/26. SENATOR BERNEDENO SECONDS THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSES. ABSTENTIONS: CATHERINE COLE.

SENATOR COWAN MOTIONS TO STRIKE OUT “AGENDA” AND INSERT “MINUTES.” SENATOR BERNEDENO SECONDS. THE MOTION PASSES. (THIS IS FOR LAST WEEKS AGENDA)

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

INFORMATION ONLY

SGA PRESIDENT RAINE will discuss current SGA events and activities as SGA President.

PRESIDENT RAINE: Acknowledges the GBC SGA elections and encourages all participants to stay committed to their endeavors, and that he is excited to meet the new executive board and members. Thanks Senator Sosa and Senator Jacobson for stepping up for the zero suicide 5K walk to pass out waters and promote SGA. Mentions to keep in mind the leadership conference opportunity in Chicago and how he will work with Matt Aschenbrener to secure participants arrival. Finally, he mentions that he is happy with the new student organizations that are starting to appear.

6. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT

INFORMATION ONLY

SGA VICE PRESIDENT STOKES will discuss current SGA events and activities as SGA Vice President.

VICE PRESIDENT STOKES: Reports that she is working on Beats & Bites and that she wishes everyone luck on elections.

SENATOR SOSA: Declares a **point of inquiry**. He asks about the financial standing of SGA budgets.

PRESIDENT RAINE: Answers that he will be meeting with Tammy for more information.

MATT ASCHENBRENER: Answers that he will discuss that in his report.

7. STUDENT ADVOCATE’S REPORT

INFORMATION ONLY

INTERIM STUDENT ADVOCATE will discuss current SGA events and activities as interim student advocate.

MATT ASCHENBRENER: Expresses that he is happy to be in the SGA meeting. He updates SGA on its financial standing saying it’s normal and perhaps elevated due to higher enrollment of the college. He also mentions that he will be meeting with the interim Vice President of Finance Tami Potter, and President Amber Donnelly. He asks SGA to support student organizations through providing leadership such as; How to recruit members, how to establish and run meetings, how to elect and the duties of an executive board. He continues and mentions that Elko Student Housing prices could be raised by 10% and presents supplemental information in regards to that. He mentions a grant has been used for renovations in Building A of the Placer Dorm Hall Apartments and how the raised prices will be used for continued renovations in all student housing buildings.

VICE PRESIDENT STOKES: Asks when the new housing prices begin.

MATT ASCHENBRENER: Answers Fall of 2027.

SENATOR COLE: Mentions that raising housing prices was already proposed by James Kendall (previous student advocate) last year.

SENATOR COWAN: Asks if the SGA account will be used in the Housing Project and if it is possible to have housing in Pahrump.

MATT ASHENBRENER: Answers that SGA accounts will not be used to fund the Housing Project and that housing in Pahrump and Winnemucca has been explored, but due to the high cost, the conversation was not continued.

SENATOR COWAN: Mentions that housing in Pahrump is needed and how student families are willing to work with the college through their contracting businesses. He offers contact information.

PRESIDENT RAINE: Asks about what Housing Income is looking like.

MATT ASHENBRENER: Answers that it depends on occupancy numbers. Offers additional information at a later date. He continues with his report by stating that search for student life coordinator has started and that it will be a full time position. He mentions that interviews will be conducted and that normally this is not an open forum. He also mentions that candidates will be able to have lunch with SGA.

8. SENATOR REPORTS

INFORMATION ONLY

SENATOR COWAN: Thanks President Raine for making sure the awards being sent to Pahrump were done so in a timely manner; he reports that he now has them in his possession. He also gives a shout-out to Shakira Chesebro and Lou. He continues his report by stating that per NRS Chapter 239, anyone can have access to emails per request. He warns about protecting student identities through email. In addition, he introduces a bowling event, located in Pahrump. He also mentions that he will be requesting \$5,000, which was originally promised to Pahrump, from SGA Elko general account for student lounge. He also asks for information on how to furnish student spaces and who to email. He continues his report by mentioning Beats and Bites will be in-house. He also thanks Vice President Stokes for her hard work in serving SGA.

SENATOR COLE: Reports that the Zoom Zoo event will be happening around December. Students will be able to zoom into a fun atmosphere and learn about animals while decompressing from finals. She mentions that the same company from previous years will be hosting.

SENATOR NASH: Reports that the 30th anniversary of Ely campus went well, with a great turn out! She mentions she was able to run a soda bar. She continues to report that a display case has been updated for Hispanic Heritage month.

SENATOR JACOBSON: Reports on the Zero Suicides Elko County 5K walk. She mentions the lack of communication and stresses the importance of finding people to go to an event before volunteering to take part in an event. In addition to this, she reads out a letter written by Jeffrey Hills the Environmental, Health, & Safety Manager. Jeffrey wrote, summarized, both Julain and Divine were punctual, friendly, and professional, and transformed the water station into a welcoming space for participants.

SENATOR SOSA: Reports on the Zero Suicides Elko County 5K walk. He mentions the lack of communication and stresses the importance of finding people to go to an event before volunteering to take part in an event. In addition, he reports on the desire to have SGA help with more mental care advocacy. Finally, he shouts out Senator Nash for the work she is putting into the surveys and Beats and Bites.

SENATOR SALIKHOV: Reports that the pickle ball club logo is on the way through communications. He also mentions that the pickle ball club is working to acquire sponsorships for funding and uniforms.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

INFORMATION ONLY

Chairs of each Committee (Beats and Bites & Constitution and Amendments) will discuss the progress of their committees.

BEATS AND BITES WITH SENATOR NASH: Reports that survey results for the upcoming Online Beats and Bites will be discussed in the upcoming committee meeting on Thursday the 17th. She also mentions that Vice president Stokes and Senator Cowan are working hard on their respective campus Beats and Bites.

CONSTITUTION AND AMENDMENTS WITH SENATOR SOSA: Asks for who is still interested in the committee, Senators Cowan, Jacobson, and President Raine, are still interested. Senator Sosa continues by stating that this committee will be starting from ground zero with reference to some previous work.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

INFORMATION ONLY

No additional updates.

11. UPCOMING ITEMS

A. RAD Student Organization Recognition

POSSIBLE ACTION

- Carly George
- See club packet for more information.

SENATOR COLE MOTIONS TO TABLE 11A. SENATOR COWAN SECONDS. THE MOTION IS TABLED.

B. SNO Student Organization Recognition

POSSIBLE ACTION

- Lizabeth Diaz
 - **Mentions that the SNO Organization has no current need for funding or equipment but will reach out to SGA when needed.**
- Stacy Crouch
 - **Explains that the SNO Organization helps pay for members' stethoscopes, scholarships, uniforms, and stateboards.**
- See club packet for more information.

SENATOR SOSA MOTIONS TO APPROVE 11B. SENATOR SALIKHOV SECONDS. THE MOTION PASSES.

C. D&D Club Recognition

POSSIBLE ACTION

- Storm Raine
 - **Explains that the D&D club is ready to start up again.**
- See club packet for more information.
 - **Club packet not available.**

Senator Nash and Cowan express concerns about online students and students not in the area of a club not being able to access the club. The need for online options was expressed.

SENATOR SOSA MOTIONS TO TABLE 11C. SENATOR SALIKHOVS SECONDS. THE MOTION IS TABLED.

12. NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATION ONLY

Items for consideration at future meetings may be suggested. Any discussion of an item under “New Business” is limited to description and clarification of the subject matter of the item, which may include the reasons for the request, and no substantive discussion may occur at this meeting on new business items in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law (NRS 241.010 *et seq.*).

SENATOR COWAN: Would like to see the Housing Price Increase and Housing Costs as its own agenda discussion item. Additionally, he would like an events committee to be formed.

- **POINT OF CLARIFICATION:** Matt Aschenbrener asks if an email would suffice. Email request denied.

SENATOR NASH: Would like to see the formation of a survey committee.

PRESIDENT RAINE: Would like to see the formation of a student organization committee, in order to provide some checks and balances for student organizations.

13. ELECTION RESULTS

POSSIBLE ACTION

MATT ASCHENBRENER: Asks for President Raine to explain the election process.

PRESIDENT RAINE: Explains that during an SGA election, prospective candidates edit an online page which is then posted. Once these pages are posted, the student body is assigned to canvas classrooms 1-10. The student body was then able to vote from Monday September 7th 9:00AM to Friday September 11th, 5:00PM. Votes were then counted on Friday September 11th, at 4:59 PM. President Raine continues by mentioning the problems with this election: The voting ballot only showed half the participants for a certain amount of time, the election was not handled externally for SGA. He mentions that major protocols during this election were not followed.

SENATOR SOSA: Points out the lack of an election committee, he continues by pointing out inconsistent results due to the votes being counted on Friday September 11th, at 5:00PM, instead of them being counted on September 11th, at 11:59PM. He points out that the canvas classrooms all stated that votes would be totalled on September 11th, at 11:59PM.

MATT ASCHENBRENER: Only has the results that were totaled on September 11th, 5:00PM.

SENATOR COWAN: Expresses concerns that votes were not counted correctly and the length of time students had to vote was not enough. He expresses that a rerun election may be needed.

MATT ASCHENBRENER: Asks for clarification on the voting time for students and if students were able to continue voting past 5:00PM. He was informed that students were able to continue voting but those votes would not be counted due to the early counting time. Offers to check with the Dean of Business to check to full votes at the stated time of 11:59PM.

PRESIDENT RAINE OPENS THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC.

JAVIER TOVAR: Comments on how the student body should know there are deadlines to things.

ERIKA WRIGHT: Comments on how the student body should know there are deadlines to things,

but also mentions how the use of AI could lead to potential mistakes. She would like to see if anything could be fixed. She is not in favor of a full re-run election.

NIKKI TINGEY: Comments on the confusion of the situation and if the previous student advocate is the only one with access to the voting results and the canvas pages, how would those votes be counted. She is informed that Matt Aschenbrener would be able to work with the Dean of Business to pull an electronic record of the data She also mentions that if the vote is delayed, events in Winnemucca could also be delayed.

DAPAHNE TAYLOR: Comments on the situation by mentioning that elections can be messy.

DANNIEL KIRKMAN: Comments on her previous years in SGA elections were never perfect.

PRESIDENT RAINE CLOSES THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC.

SENATOR COWAN: Informs Winnemucca that they can rely on SGA if needed.

SENATOR SOSA: Thinks the results should be shared during this meeting but a recount should be done for the correct stated time on canvas. (September 11th, 11:59PM)

SENATOR COLE: Posted the bylaws in the zoom chat and informs SGA that a recount can only be done if a position has a 10 vote difference.

SENATOR SOSA: Point of Information, mentions there is no committee chair that could call for a revote.

SENATOR JACOBSON MOTIONS PREVIOUS QUESTION. SENATOR COWAN SECONDS. THE MOTION PASSES.

SENATOR COWAN: Point of information, asks if Winnemucca is still in the meeting. Is informed they are not. Senator Cowan wants them to be here if the election results are read. The topic is discussed and Winnemucca will receive the results via email.

PRESIDENT RAINE: Confirms that SGA will now vote to have the current election results be revealed, under the condition that these results are not being finalized until the correct vote result is tallied or alternative is decided. No position will be sworn in.

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SENATOR SALIKHOV MOTIONS TO REVEAL THE PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF THE SGA ELECTION. SENATOR SOSA SECONDS. THE MOTION PASSES.

PRELIMINARY RESULTS ARE AS FOLLOWS.

VICE PRESIDENT: JULIAN SOSA.

SECRETARY: MUHAMMAD SALIKHOV.

ELKO/ONLINE SENATORS: DAPHANE TAYLOR, JAVIER TOVAR, JULIA STOKES, CATHERINE COLE, ERIKA WRIGHT, JOCKSSON CONTRERAS, CASSIDY WAKELEY, DYLAN MARTIN.

ELY SENATORS: ELIZABETH NASH.

WINNEMUCCA SENATORS: CAMILA CONTRERAS, SOFIA MAYORGA.

PAHRUMP SENATORS: NONE.

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15. ADJOURNMENT

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SENATOR SOSA MOTIONS TO ADJOURN. SENATOR COWAN SECONDS. THE MOTION PASSES.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:44 PM.

PRESIDENT: _____ DATE: _____