

**YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT  
OPENING CEREMONY SCRIPT - 2023**

**Youth Government Participants: Speaker of the House, Lieutenant Governor (President of the Senate), Clerk of the House, Secretary of the Senate, House Sergeant-at-Arms, Youth Governor, Youth Governor-Elect, Secretary of State, Chief Justice, Chief Justice-Elect, Appellate Judges, Attorney General, Deputy Attorney Generals, House Chaplain, House and Senate Floor Leaders**

**Speaker:** (At 8:55 a.m. announce to the members of the House that they have 5 minutes before you call them to order.)

**Speaker:** (At 9:00 a.m., rap the gavel 3 times to call the meeting to order.)  
**“The House will come to order. The first order of business will be the roll call. The Chief Clerk will call the roll. Please have the Representative of your school state ‘present’ when your school name is called and state how many representatives are present.”**

(The Chief Clerk will call the roll. Speak loudly and confidently. When you finish calling roll, tell the Speaker how many representatives are present.)

**Speaker: “There are \_\_\_\_\_ Representatives present, and we have a quorum. The House is duly convened and we will now proceed to business.”**

(Send a page to the Senate with a message to the President of the Senate that the House now awaits the presence of the Senate. This is a written note. The Speaker should have this note written prior to the Opening Ceremony and should have it ready to give to the page at this time.)

**Speaker: “The House will be at ease pending the arrival of the Senate.”**

(Rap the gavel once.) **“Please be seated.”**

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**While this procedure is occurring in the House, the same procedure is occurring in the Senate.**

**President of the Senate:** (At 8:55 a.m. announce to the members of the Senate that they have 5 minutes before you call them to order.)

**President of the Senate:** (At 9:00 a.m., rap the gavel 3 times to call the meeting to order.)

**“The Senate will come to order. The first order of business will be the roll call. The Secretary of the Senate will call the roll. Please have the Senator who represents your school state ‘present’ when your school’s name is called and the number of senators present.**

(The Secretary of the Senate will call the roll. Speak loudly and confidently. When you finish calling roll, tell the President of the Senate how many senators are present.)

**President of the Senate:** “There are \_\_\_\_\_ Senators present and we have a quorum. The Senate will be at ease. The Senators will please line up at the Senate doors as we await the invitation from the House to join them in the Opening Ceremony.”

(When the House page arrives with a note from the Speaker, the President of the Senate will lead the Senators across the Rotunda to the House. Wait outside the doors until the Sergeant-at-Arms announces your arrival.)

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**Sgt.-at-Arms:** “Mister/Madam Speaker.”

**Speaker:** “The Chair recognizes the Sergeant-at-Arms.”

**Sgt.-at-Arms:** “Mister/Madam Speaker, may I announce the arrival of the Senate.”

**Speaker:** “The House is pleased to welcome the presence of the Senate.”

(Rap the gavel 3 times.) “Please stand.”

(Go into the well and greet the President of the Senate (Lt. Gov.). Take him/her to the rostrum and seat him/her to your right. The Senators file in and take a seat wherever there is one available.)

**Sgt.-at-Arms: “Mister/Madam Speaker.”**

**Speaker: “The Chair recognizes the Sergeant-at-Arms.”**

**Sgt.-at-Arms: “Mister/Madam Speaker, may I announce the arrival of the YMCA Youth in Government Elected Officials.”**

**Speaker: “This joint body is pleased to welcome the YMCA Youth Governor, Youth Governor-Elect, Secretary of State, Chief Justice, Chief Justice-Elect and the Appellate Judges, Attorney General, Deputy Attorney Generals. Floor Leaders and Assistant Floor Leaders, please escort the YMCA Youth in Government Elected Officials into the Chamber.”**

(The Floor Leaders and Assistant Floor Leaders will be seated at the desks in the back row, on both sides of the aisle. When instructed to do so, the Floor Leaders lead the designated group down the aisle and the Assistant Floor Leaders are behind the designated group. When the Floor Leaders reach the well, they turn towards each other and wait for the designated group to pass between them. When the Assistant Floor Leaders reach the well, the Floor Leaders turn and follow the Assistant Floor Leaders back to their seats.)

(Speaker, go into the well and welcome the Governor and the Governor-elect. Escort them to the rostrum where they will be seated to your right. All other officials will be seated in chairs on the left of the aisle.)

**Sgt.-at-Arms: “Mister/Madam Speaker.”**

**Speaker: “The Chair recognizes the Sergeant-at-Arms.”**

**Sgt.-at-Arms: “Mister/Madam Speaker, may I announce the arrival of the Honorable Judge, Jessica Lorello of the Idaho Court of Appeals.”**

**Speaker: “This joint body is pleased to welcome the Honorable Judge Jessica Lorello, Idaho Court of Appeals and member of the Statewide Committee**

**for the YMCA Youth in Government program, to this Joint Ceremony. Floor Leaders and the Assistant Floor Leaders, please escort Judge Lorello into the Chamber.”**

(Speaker, go into the well, shake Judge Lorello’s hand, and escort her to the rostrum where she will make her introductions.

Judge Lorello will introduce any members of the Idaho Supreme Court and the Idaho State Court of Appeals who are present and any State of Idaho Officials who are present.

Floor Leaders and Assistant Floor Leaders will escort this entire group of Justices and officials into the Chamber. They will be seated in chairs to the right of the aisle.

Judge Lorello then will introduce Mr. David Duro, the CEO of the Treasure Valley Family YMCA.

Judge Lorello then will introduce the Secretary of State Phil McGrane as the keynote speaker.

Floor Leaders and Assistant Floor Leaders will escort Mr. Duro and Phil McGrane into the Chamber. The Speaker will come down to the well to greet David Duro and Phil McGrane to escort them to be seated on the right of you in the rostrum.)

**Speaker: “Thank you, Judge Lorello.”**

(The Speaker escorts Judge Lorello to her chair on the rostrum.)

**Sgt.-at-Arms: “Mister/Madam Speaker.”**

**Speaker: “The Chair recognizes the Sergeant-at-Arms.”**

**Sgt.-at-Arms: “Mister/Madam Speaker, may I announce the presence of Borah High School’s Junior ROTC.”**

**Speaker: “The Chair would like to welcome Borah High School’s Junior ROTC. Please post the Colors.”**

(Rap the gavel three times.) **“All present in the gallery, please stand.”**

(The Color Guard presents the Colors.)

**Color Guard: “Present Arms”.** (Rifle on the left side of the Speaker is positioned straight up and they stay in salute to the flags)

**Speaker: “Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.”**

(Turn and face the Flag and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.)

**Color Guard: “Order Arms”** (JROTC drops salute)

**Speaker: “Borah High School’s Junior ROTC is now excused.”**

(Wait for the Color Guard to leave.)

**Speaker: “The House Chaplain will now lead us in prayer.”**

(The House Chaplain will go to the rostrum and read a prayer.)

**Speaker:** (After the House Chaplain has left the rostrum, rap the gavel once.)

**“Please be seated.”**

**Speaker:** (Speaker will now introduce the honorable Judge Jessica Lorello, including a biographical sketch and her accomplishments.)

**Speaker: “Thank you Judge Lorello for being here today. Judge Lorello will now admit the oath of office.”**

**Judge Lorello: “Representatives and Senators, please stand to take the Oath of Office. Raise your right hand and repeat after me.”**

(Judge Lorello reads the Oath of Office.) **“Please be seated.”**

**Judge Lorello: “Would all YMCA Youth in Government Elected Officials please come forward to take the Oath of Office.”**

(The Youth Governor and Governor-elect leave the rostrum and go into the well and face the podium. All other YMCA Youth Government Elected Officials will leave their seats, go into the well and form a semi-circle facing the rostrum.)

**Judge Lorello: “Elected Officials, please raise your right hand and repeat after me.”**

(Judge Lorello reads the Oath of Office.)

**“Youth Elected Officials, please face the Chamber to receive your Certificate of Election from \_\_\_\_\_.”**

(Judge Lorello reads the name of each Youth Elected Official. As each name is called, the Youth Elected Official steps forward to receive his/her Certificate of Election and shakes the \_\_\_\_\_ hand.

Youth Elected Officials return to their seats after all of them have received their Certificates. Judge Lorello returns to her seat on the rostrum.)

**Speaker:** (Speaker will now introduce Mr. David Duro, including a biographical sketch and his accomplishments as CEO of the Treasure Valley Family YMCA.)

**Mr. David Duro:** (Mr. Duro will make his opening remarks.) Mr. Duro will return to his seat.

**Speaker: “Thank you Mr. Duro. “**

**Speaker:** (Speaker will now introduce the Key Note Speaker including a biographical sketch and their accomplishments.)

**Speaker:** At this time, it is my honor to introduce our Key Note Speaker for our 2023 YMCA Youth in Government State Session Secretary of State Phil McGrane.

**Key Note Speaker:** (Secretary of State McGrane will present his speech.)

**Speaker:** “Thank you Secretary of State McGrane, for taking the time to speak to us here at the 2023 YMCA Youth in Government State Session.”

**“It is now my pleasure to introduce the 2022 YMCA Youth Governor Rylee Chung.”**

(Speaker, include a short biographical sketch of the Youth Governor in your introduction. After your introduction, rap the gavel three times.)

**“Please stand.”**

**Youth Governor:** (Begin your remarks by telling everyone to be seated. Then, thank Mister/Madam Speaker for his/her kind introduction. As you prepare your speech for this occasion, be cognizant of your audience. You are addressing not only the Youth Legislature, but also Idaho elected officials, including members of the Idaho Supreme Court and the Idaho Court of Appeals. Reporters from *The Idaho Statesman* may also be present. Your speech should address issues in the bills submitted by schools as well as other issues you think are important. The speech should be relevant, dignified, and appropriate.)

**Speaker:** “Thank you, Governor, for coming to this Joint Session and presenting your ideas. The Legislature looks forward to working with you during the State Session.”

**“Floor Leaders and Assistant Floor Leaders, please escort Mr. David Duro and Mr. Phil McGrane from the House.”**

(Rap the gavel three times.) **“Please stand.”**  
(These two people are escorted from the House.)

**Speaker: “Floor Leaders and Assistant Floor Leaders, please escort Idaho State Officials from the House.”**

(These officials, including Judge Lorello, are escorted from the House.)

**Speaker: “Floor Leaders and Assistant Floor Leaders, please escort the YMCA Youth in Government Elected Officials from the House.”**

(The Youth Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Deputy Attorneys General, the Chief Justice, and Appellate Judges are escorted from the House.)

**Speaker: “Do I hear a motion from the House Floor Leader for adjournment of this Joint Session?”**

**House Floor Leader: “Mister/Madam Speaker, I move we adjourn the Joint Session.”**

**Speaker: “The Joint Session of the House and the Senate is adjourned. All Youth in Government participants are required to report to their mandatory orientations following this adjournment.”**

(Rap the gavel once.)