



## MEETING NOTICE MINUTES

Name of Organization: Nevada Commission for Persons Who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing:

Date and Time of Meeting: Thursday May 13, 2021 | 9:00 am

Place of Meeting: ZOOM

Pursuant to Governor Steve Sisolak's [Emergency Directive 006](#), there will be no physical location for this meeting.

The meeting can be listened to or viewed via ZOOM.

**Note: Minutes of this meeting will be produced in summary format. Please provide the secretary with electronic or written copies of testimony and visual presentations if you wish to have complete versions included as exhibits with the minutes.**

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### Roll Call:

Eli Schwartz, Chair

- Members Attended: Khianti Thomas, Jeff Beardsley, Maureen Fradianni, Rusty Shaffer, Eli Schwartz, Summer Wright, Eric Wilcox, Susan Beckett, Laura Fink
- Staff: Cheyenne Pasquale, Adrienne Navarro, Sal Fiorentino, Jennifer Montoya, Carole Hanley
- Cart/Interpreters: Becky Van Auken, Tory Jaramillo, Jamie Jaramillo
- Guest: Ace Patrick, Candace Emerson, Shawna Goldhammer, Ryan Feldman, Lora Turner, Gina Burnaugh, Beth Jones, TS

### 1. Public Comment:

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Eli Schwartz, Chair

- Update provided by Lora Turner regarding upcoming Deaf Camp hosted June 14-18.
- Susan Beckett recognized Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month as part of the outreach subcommittee diversity initiatives.

2. **Approval of the April 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes: (For Possible Action)**

Eli Schwartz, Chair

- Eric made first motion to approve April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting minutes, Susan second the motion. All approved.

3. **Report, Discussion from the Director and Chair reports:**

Khianti Thomas, Executive Director, Eli Schwartz Chair

- See Director and Chair report. No further discussion.

4. **Elections for Chair and Vice Chair (For Possible Action)**

Eli Schwartz, Chair

- Eric was nominated as Chair. Susan made first motion, Laura second the motion. All approved, Eric accepted the nomination.
- Susan Beckett and Laura Fink were nominated for the vice chair position. Majority ruled and Susan was officially nominated as the vice chair. Eric made the first motion, Laura second the motion. Susan accepted the nomination.
- Eric Wilcox and Susan Beckett will be the new Chair and Vice Chair as of July 1.

5. **Report, and Discuss SB203 Sub Committee Update**

Candace Emerson, Committee Member

- Update regarding SB203: The work was briefly put on hold due to the pandemic but resumed virtually last September and finished in December.
- Recommendations 1-6 were presented to the state board of education and approved in January.
- Next steps: Collaboration between Department of Education and Human Services, the entities will begin collecting data to create the written resource manual. Could potentially take 12-18 months before the manual goes live.
- Candace shared Will Jensen made mention that they will need a lot of stakeholder involvement and would be happy to come speak to the commission.

6. **Report, Discuss, and Make Recommendations from Communication Access Program (For Possible Action)**

Salvatore Fiorentino, CAS Program Manager and Jennifer Montoya, CAS Program Supervisor

- See report in meeting materials.
  - Khianti posed a question: Are you all working with JobConnect or any other to entities to help support your need for individuals that may be Deaf or Hard of Hearing to fill the ASL instruction positions? Sal responded they have not been in touch with JobConnect or any other entity but the information has been shared throughout the community statewide.
- Eli questioned about UNR providing assistive technology services in Las Vegas. Sal mentioned service will be provided statewide. Eli also questioned Jennifer regarding the report of seminars and asked will seminars be provided in Clark County. Jennifer responded yes and elaborated on the information provided in the report.

7. **Report, Review, Discuss and Make Recommendations of Community Complaints Regarding Access to Communication (For Possible Action)**

Khianti Thomas, Executive Director

- Khianti summarized the complaints shared by the CAS program and opened the discussion for the Commission to decide regarding next steps.

- Discussion resulted in: Jeff Beardsley will reach out to contact list re: legal language and the previous written media letter will be reviewed, edited and sent as a reminder to the Governor's office and media outlets. Sal will touch base with media networks to get contact information and Khianti will follow up with Public information Officer of Aging and Disability Services (ADSD)

8. **Review, Discuss and Approval of Draft Strategic Plan (For Possible Action)**

Khianti Thomas, Executive Director

- Khianti provided a brief overview of the draft plan and opened the floor for discussion/questions
- Question regarding the term "social differences" Khianti explained any identified as a group related to SOJO (Social Justice)
- Discussion of adding the referenced survey as part of the appendix of the plan. Add additional accomplishments:
  - Clear mask letter
  - Contact with N. Las Vegas police
  - Testimonies
- Adding the terms Speech Impaired and Deaf-Blind to the critical issue
- Emergency preparedness: Recommendation/Strategy add "continuous" to the language.
- Laura made the first motion to approve the draft with the suggested edits. Susan second the motion.

9. **Review, Discuss and Approval of Policy and Bylaw Amendment Document (For Possible Action)**

Khianti Thomas, Executive Director

- Discussion regarding the proposed policies; question was mentioned about adding timelines to the proposed policy document. Amend language re time limits.
- Seek guidance regarding the removal of Commission members from board.
- Laura moved to approve number 2,3,4 of the proposed policy and table number 1 for further discussion and guidance from the Governor office. Jeff seconded the motion. All in favor and approved.

10. **Review, Discuss and Approval Tentative Agenda Items for July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting: (For Possible Action)**

Eli Schwartz, Chair

- Proposed policy document
- Resource guide presentation
- Spearman thank you letter
- Discuss interim session priorities.
- DETR provide update re: exploration of accessibility.
- Invite N. Las Vegas police
- Approve communication to Will Jensen.

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Eli Schwartz, Chair

- Reminder of the upcoming VR 101 workshop presented by DETR
- Eric acknowledges the Commission support in nominating him as the new Chair but encourages the group to be thinking about a chairperson for the future who is Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

12. **Adjournment: 10:50**

Eli Schwartz, Chair

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