



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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## APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

*Name of Organization:* Nevada Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Subcommittee Accessibility

*Date and Time of Meeting:* Tuesday, December 13, 2022  
10:00AM

*Place of Meeting:* Virtual: Zoom

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1. Roll Call & Opening Statement:  
Susan Beckett, Chair

- Members: Susan Becket, Laura Fink, Ace Patrick, Sandra LaPalm, Tim Smalley
- Guests: Nancy Herrera,
- Staff: Obioma Officer; Executive Director, Lorraine Belt-Dolan; Administrative Assistant
- Accommodations: Becky Van Auken; Captioner, Andrea Lukart; Interpreter, Sonya Stark; Interpreter

2. Public Comment:(No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an action item. Comments will be limited to five minutes per person. Persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name and provide the Administrative Assistant Lorraine Belt-Dolan with written comments.)

- Ace Patrick, thank you to Obioma for reaching out and checking that I would like to be a part of this committee and happy to be here.

3. Approval of Minutes of the June 7, 2022, meeting: (For Possible Action)  
Susan Beckett, Chair

- Laura Fink made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as written, Ace Patrick seconded, motion carried.

4. Resignation of Lance Ledet and approval of Tim Smalley: (For Possible Action)

Susan Beckett, Chair

- Laura Fink made a motion to approve the resignation of Lance Ledet and the appointment of Tim Smalley, Ace Patrick seconded, and motion carried.

5. Discussion and Approval of Methods of Support/Enablement of Protocols for Community Concerns: (For Possible Action)

Susan Beckett, Chair

- We need a formal process for dealing with community concerns, right now it is just the executive director receiving emails and trying to triage and then bring it to the commission and there needs to be a more formal process in place.
- The suggestion was made to recommend this be placed on the General Commission agenda for the next meeting and ask the commission what kind of a form or process they would like to see and then send it back to the subcommittee to finalize.

6. Discussion and Approval of any Recommendations related to Accessibility Subcommittee Goals and Needs based on the State Plan: (For Possible Action)

Susan Beckett, Chair

- Recommendation #1- Inclusion of the Community
- Recommendation #2 –Government Accessibility
- Recommendation #3 –Quality Interpreters
- Recommendation #4 –Emergency Response and Management
- Recommendation #5 – Healthcare Access
- Recommendation #6 – Language Development
- Recommendation #7 –Post-Secondary Education Transition
- Recommendation #8 – WIOA Partnerships
  - Things like people having to bring their own interpreters to government buildings, no signage or captioning at the airport only verbal announcements, traffic accommodations like lights that blink to tell drivers that emergency responders are coming through the intersection, these are the things that we need to work on as brought up in our townhalls.
  - What we would like to recommend to the commission is look for different/more funding for the ASL Anywhere app that has a current small grant to provide services to Nevadans.
  - SB 318 the Language access plans for government agencies and tightening up the language to specify deaf and hard of hearing access.
  - To support the BDR for changes to the vehicle registration adding a D – Deaf, HH- hard of Hearing and SI – speech impaired, this is active and ongoing so that as officers approach a vehicle they have that information.
  - A grievance form for the commission as a whole to process grievances from the community.

7. Discussion and Approval of Statewide Accessibility sustainability and TDD Surcharge alternative funding options: (For Possible Action)

Susan Beckett, Chair

- This item was tabled till the March 7th meeting.
8. Review, Discuss and Approval of tentative Agenda items for March 7, 2023, meeting: (For Possible Action)  
Susan Beckett, Chair
- Discussion and approval and any recommendations of Statewide Accessibility sustainability and TDD Surcharge alternative funding options.
  - Review of recommended options for the state plan.
  - If you come up with any other recommendations for the agenda please make sure to send them to Susan Beckett and Obioma Officer via email at least three weeks prior to the meeting.
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- Ace Patrick – Thank you to everyone, I’ve learned a lot and thanks for the patience in helping me catch up.
10. Adjournment: 11:59 am  
Susan Beckett, Chair

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