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APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

<i>Name of Organization:</i>	Nevada Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing: General Commission Meeting -Special Meeting
<i>Date and Time of Meeting:</i>	Tuesday, March 28, 2023 9:30 AM – This meeting will start immediately after the Joint Commission Meeting that starts at 9:00 AM on the same zoom link.
<i>Place of Meeting:</i>	Virtual: Zoom Meeting Materials can be found here: Home (nv.gov)

NOTE: Items on this agenda may be taken in a different order than listed. Two or more agenda items may be combined for consideration. An item may be removed from this agenda or discussion relating to an item on this agenda may be delayed at any time.

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

1. Roll Call & Opening Statement:
Eric Wilcox, Chair

Members: Eric Wilcox, Susan Beckett, Laura Fink, Jaime Vitale, Maureen Fradianni

Guests: Beth Jones, Lori Lutu, Laura Thompson (LT), Jeff Jaech, Kalen Beck, Adrienne Navarro, Andrea Juillerat-Olvera, Page Kirby, Jay Cafferata, Kelcy Meyer, Araceli Pyper

Staff: Cheyenne Pasquale, Chief I, Planning; Lorraine Belt-Dolan, Administrative Assistant III

Accommodations: Sonya Stark, Interpreter; Bobbi Gravier, Interpreter; Becky Van Auken, Captions

2. Public Comment: (No action may be taken upon a matter raised under the 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 comments will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name and provide the administrative assistant with written comments.)

- NO Public Comment

3. Approval of Minutes of the February 8, 2023, meeting: (For Possible Action)
Eric Wilcox, Chair

- Laura Fink had a correction to the minutes that the commission email under contacting the commission was incorrect and that needed to be corrected.
- Laura Fink made a motion to approve the minutes pending the update of the email address, Jaime Vitale seconded the motion and motion carried.

4. Review, Discuss and Approve Recommendations for Executive Order 2023-03: (For Possible Action)
Eric Wilcox, Chair

- Cheyenne was asked to lead this discussion, the Governor has issued an executive order which 2023-03 and the purposed of this executive order is requesting all state agencies, councils and commissions and other entities to number one, stop any additional work on new regulation which are called Nevada Administrative Code or NAC. Those are regulations that often result from the passage of laws. It also requires agencies to do a comprehensive review of the regulations that fall under their purview and finally requires recommendation for elimination of regulations.
- At first ADSD provided all the councils and commissions guidance on how to comply with the executive order, and in further conversation we found that the councils and commissions do not have any regulations that they have authority over and therefore did not have to complete the required report.
- What ADSD did do for the councils and commissions is provide them with a list of Nevada Administrative Codes that may be of interest to the councils and commissions.
- At this time all state agencies are required to comply with the executive order and will be seeking public feedback in different ways. ADSD will be holding a public workshop Wednesday, March 29, 2023, where we will solicit public feedback on our review and recommendations and then a Public Hearing, where we will present the final recommendations that are being sent to the governor's office.
- What other councils and commissions have chosen to do is look at this as an opportunity and discuss it and give authority to their chair to write letters or speak on behalf of the council.
- Laura Fink made a motion to allow the chair and vice chair to appoint people to attend workshops as they are scheduled and provide public comment in line with the approved commission state plan, Jaime Vitale seconded the motion, motion carried.

5. Executive Director Directive(s)/Maintenance Need(s):
Obioma Officer, Executive Director

- Update and approve calendar scheduling to optimize accommodation usage due to budgetary needs and shortages (For Possible Action)
 - With the revised calendar schedule, it does keep us within budget, that included canceling one subcommittee meeting per subcommittee. That also includes changing the subcommittee meetings to 1 hour and 15 minutes each and holding them back-to-back to maximize our interpreter time as we must pay a minimum of 2 hours every time, we book the interpreters.
 - This did require changing the dates and times of some meetings. The proposed calendar is in the meeting materials.
 - Obioma has been tasked with looking at state fiscal year 2024 meetings and budgets and planning accordingly.
 - Laura Fink made a motion to approve the calendar, Jaime Vitale seconded the motion, and motion carried.

6. Public Comment:(No action may be taken upon a matter raised under the 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 comments will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name and provide the Administrative Assistant with written comments.)

- Cheyenne Pasquale let us know that yesterday was the last day to add new bills to the legislature and it should get easier to track legislation.
- Eric Wilcox worked with Assemblywomen Brown-May on AB206 to add an interpreter seat to the Commission, as the quality and quantity of interpreters is something that we hear at our town halls across the state. There were some questions asked of us and we will be working to answer them before the next hearing.
- Laura Fink wanted to let us know that the Unemployment System has been making updates to be more accessible and we are hoping to be asked to be a part of the testing of that system.

7. Adjournment: 10:56

Eric Wilcox, Chair

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