



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DIVISION  
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## APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

<i>Name of Organization:</i>	Nevada Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Education Subcommittee
<i>Date and Time of Meeting:</i>	Tuesday, January 3, 2023 4:00 PM
<i>Place of Meeting:</i>	Virtual: Zoom Meeting Materials can be found here: <a href="https://www.nv.gov">Home (nv.gov)</a>

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1. Roll Call & Opening Statement:  
Eric Wilcox, Chair
  - Members: Eric Wilcox, Felicia Rutledge, Maureen Fradianni, Megan Johnson
  - Accommodations: Hannah Jones; Interpreter, Cecelia Epps; Interpreter, Becky Van Auken; Captioner
  - Staff: Obioma Officer; Executive Director, Nikki Haag; Community Engagement Manager, Lorraine Belt-Dolan; Administrative Assistant
  - Guests: Naomi Rosen, Jodi Collins, Heather Lafferty, Antoinette Lewis, Jeff Jaech
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 with written comments.)
  - No Public Comment
3. Approval of Minutes of the October 4, 2022, meeting: (For Possible Action)  
Eric Wilcox, Chair
  - Maureen Fradianni made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2022, meeting as written, Megan Johnson seconded the motion, motion carried.
4. Commission Directive Topics(s):  
Eric Wilcox, Chair
  - a) Discussion of Alternative routes to licensure -Design for mentoring program (For Possible Action)

- While Megan and Shawna had not been able to discuss how this looks yet, there was discussion on where funding would come from.
  - And there was discussion of who we may need to partner with to get this going but then it came down to we really need to find out the data and research and see if the department of Education has that information and we can see that there is a need for alternative routes to licensure and a need for the teachers of the deaf and get the State to see that as well.
  - It was decided that we would try and collect some more information and then make a request for a meeting with the Department of Education, where we can have a discussion and show them this is why we're having issues, show them the documentation, and the concerns of the community.
- b) Discussion of Alternative routes to licensure – outreach to licensure board (For Possible Action)
- This item was tabled till we have the discussion with the school districts.
- c) Discussion of IEP Communication plans – what data do we need to collect from districts to move this along? (For Possible Action)
- It was decided that this could be addressed in the same meeting with the Department of Education.
- d) Discussion and Recommendations for outreach to Department of Education – What message are we conveying? (For Possible Action)
- Utilizing current contacts, we will gather as much data as possible, to bring to the Department of Education and state the evidence is that Deaf and Hard of Hearing kids are behind, we need to know is it because there are no interpreters in the Pre-K classes, or a teacher shortage or inability to hire teachers of the Deaf, we need to hold them accountable.
5. Executive Director Directive(s)/Maintenance Need(s):  
Obioma Officer, Executive Director
- Currently we have no new information to share, Happy New Year and we want to recognize the effort for change.
6. Discussion and Approval of Recommendations to the Commission related to items brought forth in this meeting: (For Possible Action)  
Eric Wilcox, Chair
- As most of our conversation revolved around the Department of Education, we will need permission from the full commission to set up the meeting with the Department of Education as our next step.
7. Review, Discuss Tentative Agenda Items for April 4, 2023, meeting @ 4 PM:  
Eric Wilcox, Chair
- Continue the discussion on the alternative routes to licensure and the Department of Education.
8. 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 with written comments.)
- a) Antoinette Lewis commented in the chat that there are no interpreters for Pre-K.
9. Adjournment: 5:26 pm  
Eric Wilcox, Chair

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