



Nevada Commission for Persons that are Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Legislative Subcommittee

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time of Meeting: **Tuesday, July 11, 2023
2:30 PM**

Location of Meeting: **ZOOM**

AGENDA

1. **Roll Call and Opening Statement:**

- Eli Schwartz, Beth Jones, Obioma Officer, Susan Beckett, Autumn Blattman, Lori Lutu, Laura Fink, Linda Anderson,
- Accommodations: Becky Van Auken, Captioner; Jamie Jaramillo, Interpreter; Tory Jaramillo, Interpreter

2. **Public Comment:**

- Autumn Blattman introduced herself and the other Regional Coordinators and let us know that we can contact them about Gaps in Service if needed.

3. **For Possible Action:** Approval of Minutes of the January 5, 2023, meeting.

Eli Schwartz, Chair

- This was tabled to the next meeting as we did not have a quorum.

4. **For Possible Action:** Commission Directive Topic(s): For Discussion and approval to bring to the Commission for final approval if needed.

Eli Schwartz, Chair

a) Outcomes of Deaf Day at the Legislature

- We had around 100 participants, we should start the ball rolling earlier next session.

b) Outcomes of

- Assembly Bill (AB)206
 - i. **Summary:** Revises provisions governing the Nevada Commission for Persons Who Are Deaf and Hard of Hearing. (BDR 38-563)
 - ii. **Sponsor:** Assemblywoman Tracy Brown-May
 - 1. This bill passed, to add a new seat for an interpreter to the Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing.
- Senate Bill (SB)43
 - i. **Summary:** Makes various changes relating to services for aging persons and persons with disabilities. (BDR 38-219)
 - ii. **Sponsor:** Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
 - 1. This bill passed; it makes changes to the Nevada Commission on Aging.
- AB133
 - i. **Summary:** Revises provisions relating to drivers' licenses. (BDR 43-165)
 - ii. **Sponsor:** Assemblywoman Shannon Bilbray-Axelrod and Assemblywoman Venicia Considine
 - 1. This bill died, but it was merged with AB161 and became part of that bill.
- AB161
 - i. **Summary:** Revises provisions governing the identification of persons. (BDR 43-635)
 - ii. **Sponsor:** Assemblyman Cameron Miller and Assemblywoman Shannon Bilbray-Axelrod
 - 1. This bill passed and it defines a person with a communication need. This does give them the option to put it on both the driver's license and the registration or just the driver's license or just the registration.
- AB331
 - i. **Summary:** Revises provisions governing court interpreters. (BDR 1-186)
 - ii. **Sponsor:** Assemblywoman Bea Duran
 - 1. This bill died.

- SB373
 - i. **Summary:** Revises provisions relating to language access. (BDR 18-1034)
 - ii. **Sponsor:** Senator Edgar Flores, Senator Fabian Doñate, Senator Rochelle Nguyen, Senator Dina Neal, Assemblywoman Cecelia González, Assemblyman Reuben D'Silva, and Assemblywoman Selena Torres
 - 1. This bill died.
- SB315
 - i. **Summary:** Makes revisions relating to the rights of persons with disabilities and persons who are aged. (BDR 38-808)
 - ii. **Sponsor:** Senator Melanie Scheible, Senator Pat Spearman
 - 1. This bill passed.
- and any other BDR's or bills that pertain to the Commission.
 - 1. The constitutional amendment to remove from the State Constitution the words Deaf and Dumb and replace with Deaf and Hard of Hearing has now passed 2 legislative sessions and will go to a vote of the people.
- c) Discussion and Approval of Recommendations for new BDR's needed in the next legislative session.
 - 1. Make a list of all the current bills and see who isn't in compliance and why they are not in compliance, then make suggestions on how we can improve that.
- d) Eli's vision board
 - 1. Eli gave a presentation on his vision board and vision for the Commission which is included in the meeting materials.

5. **For Information/Updates:** Executive Director Directive(s)/Maintenance Needs

Obioma Officer, Executive Director

- a) Nominations, Elections, and/or reappointment of subcommittee members.

- a. All subcommittee members are at the end of their term, and we would like to see who would like to extend to another term or let the term expire.
 - b. Eli Schwartz would like to be reappointed, Rusty Shaffer has termed, Beth Jones would like to be reappointed, Jay Cafferata has termed, Maureen Fradiani is not at this meeting she termed in April 2023, and we will honor that term unless she tells us differently.
 - c. We have 2 people who would like to be reappointed and we have 1 application for an open seat, Susan Beckett would like to apply.
 - d. Beth Jones, moved to appoint Susan Beckett to the Legislative subcommittee, Eli Schwartz seconded, motion passed.
 - e. We have 2 open seats that we are looking for recommendations for, we are currently maxed out on Commission members and would like to get more community members. A suggestion was to get Deaf adults or non-profits that represent the adults to get involved that may give us more of a pulse of the community.
6. **For Possible Action:** Approval of Agenda Items for Next meeting, October 3, 2023.

Eli Schwartz, Chair

- Go over bills that we need to follow up on and make a list of those that are noncompliant and make recommendations on how they can become compliant.

7. **Public Comment:**

- Beth Jones, wanted to thank Obioma and Jay Cafferata for their work on Deaf Day at the legislature.

8. **Adjournment: 3:42**

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