

Nevada Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Director and Chair Report

August 16th, 2023

General Update(s)

Eric Wilcox, Chair

- Budget Update FY24
 - Total Expenses (thru 6/1/2023): \$0.00
 - Balance (as of 6/1/2023): \$25,000.00

Obioma Officer, ED

Jenn Montoya, CAS Program Director

- Communication Access Services Report Updates **(See attached Report: [INSERT REPORT LINK]):**
 - REMINDER: Moving forward, all CAS reports will be submitted for Commissioners review for quarterly meetings in advance due to meeting time restraints. Reports will be reviewed in advance by Commissioners for questions to be addressed during quarterly General Meetings. Presentations will be offered upon request for imperative topics of interest or need as outlined by the Commission or CAS team.
 - At this time, if there are any questions or clarifications needed, J. Montoya can address them.

Membership Updates

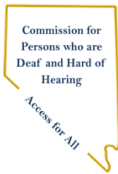
Eric Wilcox, Chair
Susan Beckett, Vice Chair

Recently Filled Positions

- No current seats filled.
- Please be sure to submit your appointment documents to Lorraine Belt for filing.

Open position(s):

- (a) One nonvoting member who is employed by the State and who participates in the administration of the programs of this State that provide services to persons who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired – VACANT since December 31st, 2022
 - 1 application on file with Governor's office. – awaiting approval
- (b) One member who is a member of the Nevada Association of the Deaf, or, if it ceases to exist, one member who represents an organization which has a membership of persons who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired – NVAD Board Member has applied (Under Review by the Governor) – VACANT since June 30th, 2022



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- 1 application received May 2022 in preparation for vacancy with Governor's office. – awaiting approval
- (g) One member who represents educators in this State and has knowledge concerning the provision of communication services to persons hearing or speech impaired in elementary, secondary, and postsecondary schools and the laws concerning the provision of those services. – VACANT since October 31st, 2022
 - 2 applications on file with the Governor's officer. – 1 awaiting approval; 1 needing notarized waiver.
- (c) One member who has experience with and knowledge of services for persons who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech-impaired – Term ends June 30th, 2023
 - 1 application (incomplete – notarized waiver needed) on file in Governor's office – resubmission of notarized waiver needed.
- (d) One nonvoting member who is the Executive Director of the Nevada Telecommunications Association or, in the event of its dissolution, who represents the telecommunications industry – Term ends June 30th, 2023
 - No applications on file.

Recommendation/Request

- Bylaws revisions (for action):
 - See revised bylaws attached: **Proposed_DHHSI_Bylaws_Revisions (05.10.23) DRAFT.docx** (see page 5 – 7) – Continue discussion at our next meeting following new elections of a Chair and Vice-Chair.
 - Concern and Request: 12th Seat adding potential tied vote outcomes. A bylaw statement will be needed if AB206 is passed. Seeking proposed language or actions. – Amend Bylaws discussion continue at our next meeting following new elections of a Chair and Vice-Chair.

Community Contact(s) – For Possible Action

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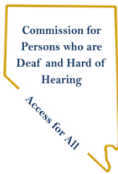
This section is being added for the Director to report major issues/concerns reported by the community to the Commission.

- No current concerns presented by Community.

Networking Efforts: Resources/Collaborations/Potential Partner/Partners

Recent Resources/Collaborative relationships/efforts

- National Association of State Agencies of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NASADHH) – Potential Collaboration/Resourcing/Alliance



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- **Current Efforts:** O. Officers has been asked to sit on panel in AL for the 2023 NASADHH Policy Summit on August 8, 2023 – **ACCEPTED**
- **Last Meeting:** July 17th, 2023
- Nevada Associations for the Deaf – Collaboration/Alliance
 - **Current Efforts:** Commission Engagement Conference and Networking event for December 16th at 6pm – 10pm. Networking event, not to be hosted by the Commission.
 - **Last Meeting:** July 24th, 2023
- Nevada Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD Council) – Collaborative efforts/resourcing
 - **Current Efforts:**
 - Commission's Engagement Conference 2023 and Networking Event
 - **Last Meeting:** July 31st, 2023

Network System REMINDER

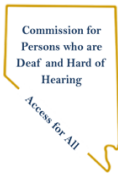
- If you are interested in one of our networking options, please email us at NVDeafCommission@adsd.nv.gov and we will get you started TODAY!
- For more information and to learn more about the Commission's ongoing vision, please check us out at [Nevada Commission for Persons Who Are Deaf Hard of Hearing or Speech Impaired \(nv.gov\)](https://www.nv.gov/Commission-for-Persons-Who-Are-Deaf-Hard-of-Hearing-or-Speech-Impaired).

Outreach Efforts/Events/Announcements:

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- 2023 Commission Outreach Efforts/Announcements
 - **Commission's Engagement Conference 2023** – December 15th – 16th, 2023
 - **Objective:** This conference is to provide Legislative Advocacy training to stakeholders and Community partners through a Deaf and Hard of Hearing Lens (i.e., presentations from nationwide leadership advocates in policy change that are Deaf/Hard of Hearing and/or Speech Impaired). This includes a recap of the efforts and recognition of Legislative and Community engagement through the Commission's ongoing efforts to fulfill the state plan initiatives of Access, Engagement, and Advocacy.

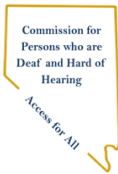
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- **Nevada Weather Service & Emergency Responders Panel (Tentative)** – August 21st, 2023 – **POSTPONED**
- 2023 Statewide Townhall Tour (Tentative): **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
 - All Meetings In-Person (unless otherwise stated):
 - **Tour 2 –Topic: 82nd Session Outcomes and Community Feedback – TENTATIVE**
 - Rural – TBD, Tuesday, October 10th, 2023, at 5pm – 7pm
 - Commission Deaf Social (Non-Meeting Event) – TBD, Wednesday, October 11th, 2023; Location and Time: TBD
 - North – Reno, Thursday, October 12th, 2023, at 5pm – 7pm; Location: TBD
 - South – Las Vegas, October 24th, 2023, at 5pm – 7pm; Location: TBD
 - Statewide (Virtual ONLY Option) – Tuesday, November 21st, 2023, Time: TBD
 - **D/HH Commission's Engagement Conference 2023** – Adjustment request to Friday December 15th – 16th, 2023 – for end of year wrap-up and 83rd Session preparation Part 1 of 2 Conferences Trainings – **For Action (Date Change)**
 - **Legislative Subcommittee to assist Executive Director along with Collaborative efforts of Community partners in Policy Making statewide.**
 - **Current Collaboratives:**
 - Nevada Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD Council)
 - Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity (NOHME)
 - Nevada Association of the Deaf (NVAD)
 - Nevada Hands and Voices (NVHV)
 - **Topic/Focus:** “Empowering Policy Making and Legislative Change through Advocacy” or “Empowering Advocacy in Policy Making and Legislative Change”
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- **Networking Event Hosted by NVAD: Community Winter Gala**
 - Honorary guest Invite to NVAD Community Winter Gala, Networking Event – Saturday, December 16th, 2023
 - Hosted by statewide Non-Profits; honoring all who have contributed to the statewide initiatives and impact towards improvements for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Speech Impaired community members. Includes and is not limited to bringing back cultural norms, DHH Nevadan heritage, legislative change, and more.

2022/23 Meeting Schedule Reminder

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- General Commission Meeting 2023: November 8th, 2023, @9am
- **REMINDER!** Subcommittee Meetings have changed to 1 hour 15 minutes with new dates. Please adjust.
 - Employment Subcommittee: Friday, August 18th, 2023, @2:30pm – 3:45pm
Tuesday, September 5th, 2023, @11:30am – 12:45pm
 - Interpreter Subcommittee: Friday, August 18th, 2023, @4pm – 5:15pm
 - Accessibility Subcommittee: Tuesday, September 5th, 2023, @10am – 11:15am
 - Legislative Subcommittee: Tuesday, September 19th, 2023, @2:30pm – 3:45pm
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