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## Nevada Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Education Subcommittee

### DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

*Date and Time of Meeting:* Tuesday, September 19, 2023  
4:00 PM

*Place of Meeting:* Virtual: Zoom

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

Members: Erick Wilcox, Dr. David Kelsey, Dr. Kimberly Bauer-Schaub, Dr. Felicia Rutledge

Guests: Megan Johnson

Accommodations: Ava Smith, Interpreter; Elizabeth Anthony, Interpreter; Becky Van Auken, Captioner.

Staff: Obioma Officer, Executive Director; Lorraine Belt-Dolan, Administrative Assistant III

2. **Public Comment:**

- No Public Comment

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

- Dr. Felicia Rutledge moved to approve the minutes, Dr. David Kelsey seconded, motion carried.

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

Eric Wilcox, Chair

a) Alternative routes to Deaf Education licensure.

- a. This is something we'd like to find as there are no programs and no direct path to licensure in the State of Nevada currently, there is only a minor program.

b) Outreach to Nevada Department of Education.

- a. This letter has been approved by the full commission to send out and a draft will be ready prior to the next subcommittee meeting.
  - c) Outreach to Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C office and Nevada Early Intervention Services (NEIS).
    - a. Megan Johnson shared the website with us where we can find the annual reporting for NEIS services to Deaf and Hard of Hearing children:  
[https://doe.nv.gov/Inclusive\\_Education/Early\\_Childhood/Language\\_and\\_Literacy\\_Skills/](https://doe.nv.gov/Inclusive_Education/Early_Childhood/Language_and_Literacy_Skills/)
    - b. Senate Bill 203 from the 2019 legislative session and that we have not seen it be implemented, and possibly bringing this up in the Townhalls or December legislative conference.
    - c. Work will be done on a draft letter to the IDEA Part C office pointing to the data in the documents mentioned earlier and will be then brought to the full commission for approval to send.
5. **For Possible Action:** Nominations, Elections, and/or reappointment of subcommittee members.
- Eric Wilcox and Dr. Felicia Rutledge would like to continue serving on the Education Subcommittee.
  - Eric Wilcox moved to have Eric Wilcox and Dr. Felicia Rutledge continue serving on the subcommittee, Dr. Felicia Rutledge seconded, motion carried.
  - Dr. David Kelsey and Dr. Kimberly Schaub both have approved applications to join the subcommittee. Both accept the nomination.
  - Eric Wilcox moved that Dr. Kelsey and Dr. Schaub be added to the subcommittee, Dr. Rutledge seconded, motion carried.
6. **For Possible Action:** Approval of Tentative Agenda Items for Next meeting
- Any agenda items you would like to add can be emailed to Obioma Officer and they will be forwarded to the chair Eric Wilcox for consideration.  
[Obioma@adsd.nv.gov](mailto:Obioma@adsd.nv.gov)
7. **Public Comment:**
- No Public Comment
8. **Adjournment: 5:09**

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## **Accommodation Requests and Meeting Materials:**

### **NOTE:**

- Supporting public material provided to Commission members for this meeting may be requested from Lorraine Belt-Dolan, Commission Administrative Support, ADSD at [lorrainebelt@adsd.nv.gov](mailto:lorrainebelt@adsd.nv.gov) and is/will be available at the meeting locations and ADSD website at [Nevada Commission for Persons Who Are Deaf Hard of Hearing or Speech Impaired \(nv.gov\)](http://www.adsd.nv.gov)

## **AGENDA POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:**

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