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Nevada Commission for Persons Who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Interpreter Subcommittee

MEETING NOTICE

Date and Time of Meeting: Friday, November 7, 2025
4:00 PM

Location of Meeting: TEAMS

MINUTES

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

Jaime Vitale, Chair

Members: Jaime Vitale, Chair; Dr. David Kelsey; and Carol Helou

Guests: Caroline Bass, Laura Fussel,

CART Provider: Becky Van Auken

ASL Interpreters: Sonya Stark and Lacey Voris

Staff: Obioma Officer, Executive Director; Autumn Blattman, Wendy Thornley

2. **Public Comment:**

No public comment.

3. **For Possible Action:** Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Draft Minutes of October 3, 2025, meeting.

Jaime Vitale, Chair

Jaime Vitale motioned to table this item. Carol Helou seconded. Members voted and the motion carried.

4. **For Possible Action:** Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve recommended revisions about the Interpreter Registry's minimum credential requirements set forth by [NRS 656A](#) and [NAC 656A](#). Focus is regarding grievance process, EIPA

services, and Community Interpreter services and updates to better align with national standard practices. The Deaf and Hard of Hearing community is encouraged to join this meeting to explain what is happening in service provisions for K-12 and Community settings/outreach.

Jaime Vitale, Chair

Discussion

- Committee reviewed current interpreter credential requirements and identified gaps compared to national standards (RID, EIPA).

Concerns raised about:

- Grievance process: Nevada law limits grievance filing to Deaf consumers, conflicting with RID's broader accountability standards.
- EIPA services: Educational interpreters restricted from medical/legal interpreting unless meeting EIPA 4.0.
- Community interpreting: Need for clearer boundaries and specialized tracks (K-12 vs. community).

Suggestions included:

- Separate registries for K-12 and community interpreters.
- Role-play workshops and Deaf-centered education on grievance filing.
- Research RID and Nevada Registry standards for alignment.

Public Input:

- Deaf community members expressed frustration with underqualified interpreters in medical settings.
- Recommendations for culturally appropriate feedback systems (e.g., surveys, QR codes, outreach at Deaf events).

Motions

Motion #1:

"I move to research RID standards and Nevada state law to find areas of

alignment and make recommendations for changes to the Nevada state law.”

- Seconded by: Carol Helou
- Vote: Unanimous approval
- Result: Motion passed

Motion #2:

“I move that the subcommittee research RID’s grievance process and make recommendations to bring Nevada’s registry grievance process into closer alignment.”

- Seconded by: Dr. David Kelsey
- Vote: Unanimous approval
- Result: Motion passed

Action Items

Research Phase:

- Gather RID standards and grievance procedures.
- Gather Nevada Registry requirements and grievance process documentation.

Next Meeting:

- Assign researchers for RID and Nevada Registry review.
- Address postponed Item #5 (survey project).

Long-Term Goal:

- Draft language for revisions.
- Develop community education plan (role-play, workshops).
- Prepare recommendations for legislative advocacy by 2027.

5. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** Discuss and Possible Vote to Approve next steps for the Survey for Interpreters in the state of Nevada and to discuss what improvements, expectations, workshops, and education are needed to

support the shortage of Interpreters and need for community Interpreters in the state of Nevada.

Jaime Vitale, Chair

This item was tabled.

6. **For Possible Action:** Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Tentative Agenda Items for the Next meeting, March 13th, 2026, pending Commission approval of the 2026 Deaf Commission Calendar.

Obioma Officer, Executive Director

Discussion Summary

- Committee reviewed proposed agenda items for the next meeting.
- Confirmed that the date correction (March 13, 2026, Friday) will be reflected in the updated calendar.

Discussion included:

- Assigning researchers for RID standards and Nevada Registry requirements.
- Addressing postponed Item #5 (Survey Project).
- Reviewing grievance process documentation from RID and Nevada Registry.
- Clarified that assignments cannot proceed until Commission approves motions and calendar.

Proposed Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Assign researchers for RID and Nevada Registry review.
- Address postponed Item #5 (Survey Project).
- Review written grievance process documentation from RID and Nevada Registry.
- Calendar corrections for 2026 meeting dates.

Motion

Motion:

"I move to approve the tentative agenda items for the next meeting scheduled for March 13, 2026, pending Commission approval of the 2026 Deaf Commission Calendar."

- Seconded by: Jazz Vital
- Vote: Carol Helou
- Result: Motion passed unanimously

Action Items

- Prepare draft agenda for March 13, 2026 meeting.
- Confirm Commission approval of 2026 calendar.
- Gather supporting materials (RID and Nevada grievance process documentation).

Public Comment:

- **Autumn Blattman:** Provided procedural clarification regarding incorrect posted minutes and recommended tabling approval.
- **Caroline Bass:** Expressed gratitude for participation and commitment to the interpreting profession.
- No additional comments received.

7. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at: 5:35pm

AGENDA POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

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