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NEVADA COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WHO ARE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING – GENERAL MEETING

MEETING NOTICE

Date and Time of Meeting: **Wednesday, February 12, 2025**
9:00 AM

Location of Meeting: **ZOOM**
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AGENDA

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

Eric Wilcox, Chair

Members: Eli Schwartz, Eric Wilcox, Jaime Vitale, Susan Beckett, Catherine Nielsen, Lance Ledet, Laura Fussell

2. **Public Comment:** (No action may be taken upon a matter raised under the public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an action item. To provide public comment telephonically, dial 646.931.3860. When prompted to provide the meeting ID, enter 879 3294 5000 Passcode 226109. Comments will be limited to five minutes per person. People making comments will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name and provide the secretary with written comments.)

3. **For Possible Action:** Approval of Minutes of the November 13, 2024, meeting.

Eric Wilcox, Chair

4. **For Discussion Only:** Follow-up from Aging and Disability Services (ADSD) regarding accommodations and find out why we have open seats still in response to Eli Schwartz Request.

Rique Robb, Deputy Administrator
Eli Schwartz, Commissioner

5. **For Discussion Only:** Introduction to State Innovation Exchange (SiX) and collaborative efforts for legislative education for the 83rd Session of Nevada Legislature.

Obioma Officer, Executive Director
Stacy Shinn, Executive Director State Innovation Exchange (SiX)

6. **For Possible Action:**

a) Vote Needed: All Voting is Local presentation by representatives Chanel Cassanello and Kerry Durmick requesting a letter of support for Accessible Voting poles.

b) Possible Vote Needed: Senate Bill (SB)78– Revises provisions relating to boards, commissions, councils and similar bodies. For discussion and approval of advocacy approach, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission Educational Letter, and/or Commissioner testimony.

c) Vote Needed: Review and approval of Position Statements to be used starting in the 83rd Legislative Session for the purpose of testimony development, educational advocacy, and Deaf and Hard of Hearing State Planning.

7. **For Possible Action:** Legislative information: The 83rd (2025) Session of the Nevada Legislature will be from February 3, 2025, to June 2, 2025, (120 days).
[STATE OF NEVADA](#)

Here is the Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System (NELIS), link for the 2025, 83rd session of the Nevada Legislature:

[83rd \(2025\) Session \(state.nv.us\)](#)

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a) Possible Vote Needed: Identify, Review, and approve support for any Bill Draft Requests that can be or are related to Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services.

b) Vote Needed: Discussion and Updates on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Bill Draft Concepts and approval of Testimonial Representatives on each Concept.

8. **For Possible Action:** Review, Discuss and Approval of Recommendations Director & Chair Reports: Budget updates, seat details, community requests, Communication Access Services Report, partner engagements and upcoming outreach.

Eric Wilcox, Chair
Catherine Nielsen, Vice Chair
Obioma Officer, Executive Director

9. **For Possible Action:** To review, discuss, and approve recommendations presented by each subcommittee as detailed in their respective reports, all reports are accessible in the meeting materials.

Obioma Officer, Interim Chair of Accessibility Subcommittee
Jaime Vitale, Chair of Interpreter Subcommittee
Eli Schwartz, Chair of Legislative Subcommittee
Eric Wilcox, Chair of Education Subcommittee
Obioma Officer, Executive Director

10. **For Possible Action:** Approval of Tentative Agenda Items for Next meeting May 14, 2025.

Eric Wilcox, Chair

11. **Public Comment:** (No action may be taken upon a matter raised under the public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an action item. To provide public comment telephonically, dial 646.931.3860. When prompted to provide the meeting ID, enter 879 3294 5000 Passcode 226109. Comments will be limited to five minutes per person. People making comments will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name and provide the secretary with written comments.)
12. **Adjournment:**

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