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## **Nevada Commission for Persons Who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Legislative Subcommittee**

### **MEETING NOTICE**

**Date and Time of Meeting:** **Tuesday, May 6, 2025**  
**2:30 PM**

**Location of Meeting:** **ZOOM**

Join the Zoom Meeting

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(This is a virtual meeting and there is no physical location. The public is invited to attend.)

Interpreters will be provided for this meeting.

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### **AGENDA**

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

Susan Beckett, Acting Chair

Members: Eli Schwartz, Chair; Beth Jones; Susan Beckett; Catherine Nielsen

Guests: Shelly Freed; Lee Bullock

Staff: Obioma Officer, Executive Director; Wendy Thornley, Administrative Assistant III

2. **Public Comment:** (No action may be taken upon a matter raised under 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 841 6228 8658 Passcode: 900960. Comments will be limited to five minutes per person. Persons 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 February 4, 2025, meeting.

Susan Beckett, Acting Chair

4. **For Possible Action:** Nominations, Elections, and/or reappointment of subcommittee members to the Legislative subcommittee. Nominees: Shelly Freed and Lee Bullock.

Obioma Officer, Executive Director

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

a) Outcomes from the Subcommittee Planning Team for Deaf Day at the Legislature 2025 and Community Feedback.

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Shelly Freed, Las Vegas Deaf Seniors Secretary

Stacy Shinn, Executive Director State Innovation Exchange (SiX)

b) Discuss Updates and Status on Deaf/Hard of Hearing (D/HH) Related Bill activities:

Susan Beckett, Acting Chair

- [AB247 Overview](#) – **Summary:** Revises provisions relating to persons with disabilities. (BDR 19-574) – “Big Deaf Bill” related to person with disabilities; Sponsor(s): Assemblymember Tracy Brown-May.
- [AB367 Overview](#) – **Summary:** Makes various changes related to language access in elections. (BDR 24-364) – relating to elections; setting forth certain language access requirements relating to elections; Sponsor(s): Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.
- [AB395 Overview](#) – **Summary:** Revises provisions relating to services to persons who are deaf or hard of hearing. (BDR 40-841) – relating to health care; requiring certain health facilities and providers of health care to provide qualified sign language interpreters to certain persons who are deaf or hard of hearing;

Sponsor(s): Assemblymember Erica Roth and Assemblymember Tracy Brown-May.

- [SB78 Overview](#) – **Summary:** Revises provisions relating to boards, commissions, councils and similar bodies. (BDR 18-301) – relating to governmental administration; revising in skeleton form the powers and duties of the Office of Nevada Boards, Commissions and Councils Standards of the Department of Business and Industry; Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Revenue and Economic Development.
- [SB192 Overview](#) – **Summary:** Revises provisions relating to public health. (BDR 40-86) – related to public health; imposing requirements relating to birth in a hospital or freestanding birthing center; Sponsor(s): Senator Dina Neal.

6. **For Information and Discussion Only: 2025 Legislative Session Monitoring**

Executive Director Obioma Officer will provide a brief update and reminder regarding the 83rd (2025) Session of the Nevada Legislature, which began on February 3, 2025. Board members will be encouraged to continue to independently monitor legislative developments and utilize the Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System (NELIS) for real-time updates. No specific legislative issues are identified for discussion or board action.

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

[83rd \(2025\) Session \(state.nv.us\)](https://state.nv.us)

[Click here to view upcoming legislative meetings](#)

7. **For Possible Action:** Approval of tentative Agenda Items for Next meeting, August 5, 2025.

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9. **Adjournment:**

## Accommodation Requests and Meeting Materials:

### **NOTE:**

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- Items may be taken out of order, combined for consideration, and/or removed from the agenda at the Chairperson's discretion. The public body may combine two or more agenda items for consideration. The public body may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time. The public body may place reasonable restrictions on the time, place, and manner of public comments but may not restrict comments based on viewpoint.
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## AGENDA POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Notice of this meeting was posted at the following Aging and Disability Services Office at 1550 E. College Parkway, Carson City, NV. 89706. Notice of this meeting was posted on the Internet through the Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division website at [ADSD \(nv.gov\)](http://ADSD (nv.gov)) and Nevada Public Notices website at <https://notice.nv.gov>