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

MEETING NOTICE

Date and Time of Meeting: Tuesday, May 6, 2025
4:00 PM

Place of Meeting: Virtual: Zoom

MINUTES

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

Eric Wilcox, Chair

Members: Eric Wilcox; Dr. Kimberly Bauer-Schaub; Dr. Felicia Rutledge;

Excused Absent: Dr. David Kelsey

Guests: Cydney Rust;

Staff: Obioma Officer, Executive Director; Wendy Thornley, ADSD Staff

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 669-900-6833. When prompted to provide the meeting ID, enter 851 1203 8230 Passcode: 096145 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.)

No public comment.

3. **For Possible Action:** Approval of Minutes of February 4, 2025, meeting.

Eric Wilcox, Chair

Kimberly Baur-Schaub motioned to approve the draft minutes. Felicia Rutledge seconded. The members voted and the motion carried.

4. **For Possible Action:** Discuss implementation approach and launch date for the approved draft of the education survey for Deaf and Hard of Hearing in the State of Nevada, and possible barriers to education. To bring forward to the Commission for approval and dissemination.

Eric Wilcox, Chair

The full Commission approved for this subcommittee to move forward with the education survey.

Timing, the school year is ending, and it would be good to use the summer to lay the groundwork and deploy the survey early in the fall semester.

Currently, there are many meetings pertaining to Individual Education Plans.

Two to four weeks would be a good amount of time for the survey to be open. Possibly roll it out on September 1st.

A website with a possible ASL video would be easy to reach people as well as gather the data. The Commission would need to approve any distribution of written materials. Possibly a flier with a QR code to take participants to the survey on a website could be accomplished. Funding would be needed for printing and distribution. A digital flyer could be sent to the schools who would then distribute to their students. Google Forms do not provide confidentiality. Just a plan would be needed in this subcommittee's report to the full Commission. Prep and include any more things to the Executive Director before the full Commission's quarterly meetings. A detailed plan will be included in this subcommittee's report to the full Commission. The survey has already been approved by the full Commission. There will need to be a contact list of schools besides the principal for distribution. UNR, CSN, & NSU programs could collaborate to make sure the surveys are accessible to all families and members of the community.

5. **For Possible Action:** Discuss status, updates, and projected hurdles due to fiscal impact on bill AB247's section on the deaf school study. Provide additional feedback and or recommendations of education points for Legislative advocacy.
 - a. [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.

Eric Wilcox, Chair

This was passed out of Assembly and now sits at the Senate and must pass a Senate committee.

6. **For Possible Action:** Approval of Tentative Agenda Items for the Next meeting, August 12, 2025.

Suggested future topic: Follow up with Department of Education on the perceived non-existent elements of the Lead-K law.

Update on the survey.

Any additional suggested items welcome.

Eric Wilcox, Chair

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No public comment.

8. **Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm.

Accommodation Requests and Meeting Materials:

AGENDA POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

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