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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, May 14, 2025
9:00 AM

Place of Meeting: TEAMS: [Join the meeting now](#)
Call-In number 1 775-321-6111
Conference ID: 277 161 660 102

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AGENDA

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

Eric Wilcox, Chair

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 1 775-321-6111. When prompted to provide the meeting ID, enter 277 161 660 102 Passcode 5Xv6cM3w. 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 February 12, 2025, meeting.

Eric Wilcox, Chair

4. **For Information ONLY:** Mr. Lance Ledet has resigned from the NV Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing (D/HH) as of Wednesday, April 23, 2025. We would like to take a moment to recognize Mr. Ledet in appreciation and thanks for his long-standing commitment and dedication to the vision and mission of this Commission and the needs and services of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community.

Eric Wilcox, Chair
Obioma Officer, Executive Director

- 5. For Discussion and Possible Action:** Review, discuss, and approve drafted letter to Nevada Congressional delegation on federal layoffs and budget cut impacts to Early Hearing Detection and Intervention program and other services in Nevada.

Eric Wilcox, Chair

- 6. For Information ONLY:** Communication Access Services Program (CASP) Funding to Community Partners.

Adrienne Navarro, Social Service Chief II
Jennifer Montoya, SSPS III

- 7. For Discussion and Possible Action:** Updates on Status of SB78, AB247, AB395, and SB192. To include brief discussion and clarification of the conflicting language used for “Qualified Interpreter” in AB247 and SB192 as it pertains to our current NRS 656A.

[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.

[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.

[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.

[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.

Eric Wilcox, Chair

Stacey Shinn, Director of State Innovation Exchange (SiX)

Shelly Freed, LVDS Secretary

- 8. For Discussion Only:** Briefly discuss and clarify the conflicting language used for “Qualified Interpreter” in AB247 and SB192 as it pertains to our current NRS 656A.

Adrienne Navarro, Social Service Chief II
Jennifer Montoya, SSPS III
Kim Johnson, SSPS II

- 9. Presentation, Discussion, and For Possible Action:** Las Vegas Deaf Seniors (LVDS) Taskforce Presentation, request for letter of support, and Commissioner representative to join the Taskforce in ongoing education of hospitals’

communication access and hospitality approach for Deaf and Hard of Hearing patients.

Shelly Freed, LVDS Secretary

10. 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)
- [view upcoming legislative meetings](#)

Obioma Officer, Executive Director

11. 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

12. 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

13. For Possible Action: Approval of Tentative Agenda Items for Next meeting August 13, 2025.

Eric Wilcox, Chair

14. 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 1 775-321-6111. When prompted to provide the meeting ID, enter 277 161 660 102 Passcode 5Xv6cM3w. 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.)

15. Adjournment:

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