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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, August 12, 2025
2:30 PM

Location of Meeting: Virtual: [Join the meeting now](#)
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AGENDA

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

Eli Schwartz, Chair

Members: Eli Schwartz, Chair; Beth Jones; Susan Beckett; Catherine Nielsen; Shelly Freed; Lee Bullock

Guests: N/A

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 + 775-321-6111. When prompted to provide the meeting ID, enter 699 527 801#. 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 May 6, 2025, meeting.

Eli Schwartz, Chair

4. **For Information, Discussion, and Possible Action:** Discuss 2025 Engagement Conference Objective and Initiative and the CommUNITY impact over the last 2 years. Action to include a formal request for Planning Team Members to support the Executive Director in aiding planning and hosting this conference.

[ROUGH DRAFT] Conference Objective: This conference is a Deaf and Hard of Hearing (D/HH) Systems Navigation and Resource Development conference for stakeholders and Community Partners. This conference provides a safe space for gaining awareness of statewide resources, peer to peer resourcing, and legislative gains in the Deaf and/or Hard of Hearing CommUNITY. Expanding statewide awareness of Deaf and Hard of Hearing resources and systems navigation as a CommUNITY increases access, engagement, and advocacy statewide within our service provisions and legislative initiatives. These efforts highlight and bring recognition of recent legislative gains and the positive outcomes of CommUNITY focused advocacy through the Commission's ongoing efforts to fulfill the state plan of Access, Engagement, and Advocacy.

[ROUGH DRAFT] Initiative: The Nevada Commission for Person who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing or Speech Impaired is seeking to educate and empower individuals who are Deaf and/or Hard of Hearing on the state of Nevada's current resources and system navigation as it pertains to D/HH autonomy in the state of Nevada. This initiative is to promote D/HH communication access and support for the current gaps in knowledge and awareness of State, Non-Profit, and for-profit services and resources achieved through legislative gains. This initiative is to impact the legislative process for the 84th session in 2027 and aid in maintaining the momentum of CommUNITY engagement. As a CommUNITY, we must know what we have, to get where we want to be. ***Maximizing legislative gains through D/HH CommUNITY resourcing.***

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5. **For Information Only:** Deaf and hard of Hearing (D/HH) Legislative Gains and Outcomes from Nevada's 83rd Legislative Session and Proposed Topics to Revisit for the 84th Legislative Session.

- a) Outcomes/Gains on Deaf/Hard of Hearing (D/HH) Related Bills:

Shelly Freed, Member
Eli Schwartz, Chair
Obioma Officer, Executive Director

- [AB247 Overview](#) – **Died.** (No further action taken.)
 - i. Discuss next steps (if any).
- [AB367 Overview](#) – **Passed.** 1. This section and sections 41, 42 and 43 of this act become effective upon passage and approval. 2. Sections 1 to 40, inclusive, of this act become effective: (a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and (b) On January 1, 2026, for all other purposes.
- [AB368 Overview](#) – **Passed.** 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and approval. 2. Sections 1 to 36, inclusive, of this act become effective: (a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and (b) On or before October 1, 2025, for all other purposes.
- [AB395 Overview](#) – **Died.** (No further action taken.)
 - i. Discuss next steps (if any).
- [SB78 Overview](#) – **Died.** (No further action taken.)
 - i. Discuss next steps (if any).
- [SB188 Overview](#) – **Passed.** Effective October 1, 2025.
- [SB192 Overview](#) – **Died.** (No further action taken.)
 - i. Discuss next steps (if any).
- [SB352 Overview](#) – **Vetoed by the Governor.** (Return to 84th Session)
- [SB400 Overview](#) – **Passed.** Section 3 effective June 9, 2025. Section 1 effective July 1, 2025. Section 2 effective July 1, 2026.

6. **For Possible Action:** Approval of tentative Agenda Items for Next meeting, November 4, 2025.

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8. Adjournment:

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