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Nevada Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Accessibility Subcommittee

MEETING NOTICE

Date and Time of Meeting: Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at 3:00 PM

Location of Meeting: TEAMS Online

DRAFT MINUTES

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

Lorraine Belt-Dolan, Chair

Members: Paula Koerwitz, Lorraine Belt-Dolan

ASL Interpreters: Jaime Jaramillo & Sonya Stark

CART: Becky Van Auken

Staff: Autumn Blattman & Wendy Thornley

2. **Public Comment:**

- Autumn Blattman introduced Hodan Edan, a new staff member who will work under Wendy Thornley and assist with Commission tasks.
- Obioma Officer reminded attendees about the upcoming Engagement Conference scheduled for December 13-14: 175 people registered so far; capacity is 250.
- Encouraged registration and shared a link in the chat.

No further public comments.

3. **For Possible Action:** Discussion and possible approval of June 20, 2025, Accessibility Subcommittee meeting minutes

Lorraine Belt-Dolan, Chair

Discussion

- Paula Korowitz expressed uncertainty about the details of the June meeting.
- Autumn Blattman noted a correction: the membership list in the minutes should reflect current members (Lorraine and Paula).
- Lorraine Belt-Dolan clarified that previous members listed were in good standing through August and explained reinstatement history for Paula and herself.
- Technical difficulties occurred while attempting to share the screen to review the minutes, but clarification was provided verbally.

Action Taken

- Lorraine Belt-Dolan made a motion to approve the June 20, 2025, meeting minutes.
- Paula Korowitz seconded the motion.
- Vote: Motion passed unanimously.
- Outcome: June 20, 2025, meeting minutes approved.

4. **For Possible Action:** Discussion and possible approval of October 3, 2025, Accessibility Subcommittee meeting minutes

Lorraine Belt-Dolan, Chair

Discussion

- Lorraine Belt-Dolan noted there were questions regarding the October 3, 2025, meeting minutes.
- Due to these questions, the committee decided not to proceed with approval during this meeting.

Action Taken

- Item was tabled for review and discussion at a future meeting.
- Outcome: No vote taken; approval of October 3, 2025, meeting minutes postponed.

5. **For Information Only:** Introduction to newly appointed and/or reappointed Accessibility Subcommittee members: Jaime Vitale (new member) and Lee Bullock (reappointment)

Lorraine Belt-Dolan, Chair

Discussion

- Lorraine Belt-Dolan introduced Jaime Vitale as a newly appointed member and Lee Bullock as a reappointed member of the Accessibility Subcommittee.
- Both Jaime and Lee confirmed their willingness to serve on the committee and work collaboratively as part of the subcommittee.
- Lorraine clarified that no formal motion was required since appointments had already been approved; this agenda item served as an introduction.

Outcome

- Jaime Vitale and Lee Bullock were officially recognized as members of the Accessibility Subcommittee.
- Subcommittee now has full membership and is considered official.

5. **For Possible Action:** Approval of tentative agenda items for the next meeting
Lorraine Belt-Dolan, Chair

Discussion

- Lorraine Belt-Dolan asked for suggestions for the next meeting's agenda.
- Proposed topics included:
- Access to services for DeafBlind individuals in Nevada.
- Feedback from the Engagement Conference (Dec 13–14), including DeafBlind participation.
- Town Hall feedback on accessibility issues (e.g., DMV interpreter availability and agency preparedness).
- Brainstorming strategies to support community providers in serving Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind individuals.
- Obioma Officer emphasized reviewing community feedback from both the engagement conference and town hall.
- Lorraine confirmed these items would form a robust agenda and noted adjustments could be made if needed.

Action Taken

- Committee agreed to include the proposed topics as tentative agenda items for the next meeting.
- Outcome: Tentative agenda items approved for the next meeting scheduled for March 13, 2026, (pending Commission calendar approval).

6. **Public Comment:**

Jaime Vitale shared:

- Gala tickets are running out; encouraged attendees to purchase soon.

- Donations requested for Nevada Hands & Voices holiday toy drive:
- Collecting unwrapped toys for children aged infant to 17.
- Goal: support around 70 kids without Christmas gifts.
- Donations will be delivered to Reno before the gala.
- Lorraine Belt-Dolan reminded everyone about the Engagement Conference on December 13–14 and noted registration details were in the chat.

No further public comments

7. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at: 3:26 pm

Accommodation Requests and Meeting Materials:

NOTE:

- Supporting documents referenced above in the “for possible action” items may be requested from Autumn Blattman, Regional Coordinator, ADSD at autumn@adsd.nv.gov and is/will be available at the meeting locations and ADSD website at [Nevada Commission for Persons Who Are Deaf Hard of Hearing or Speech Impaired \(nv.gov\)](https://www.adsd.nv.gov/NebraskaCommissionforPersonsWhoAreDeafHardofHearingorSpeechImpaired)

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