

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

MEETING NOTICE

Date: February 3, 2026

Time: 4:00 PM

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AGENDA

Items may be taken out of order, combined for consideration, and/or removed from the agenda at the Chairperson's discretion.

1. Roll Call & Opening Statement

Eric Wilcox, Chair

Members: Members: Eric Wilcox, Ph.D., Chair; David Kelsey, Ph.D.; Felicia Rutledge, Ph.D.

Resigned: Kimberly Bauer-Schaub, Ph.D. 1/23/2026

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

Guests:

CART: Becky Van Auken

Interpreters: Jamie Jaramillo & Sonya Stark

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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 +1 (775) 321-6111. When prompted to provide the phone conference ID, enter 391 964 060# Comments will be limited to five (5) minutes per person. People making comments will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record, spelling their last name, and providing the Administrative Support Staff with any written comments.
3. **For Possible Action:** Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve the November 4, 2025, draft minutes.
Eric Wilcox, Chair
4. **For Information Only:** Information and initiation of recruitment of new members as many of the current members are newly appointed commission members. Congratulations to our newly appointed Commission member: Dr. David Kelsey. Being that our bylaws do state that we can only have a maximum of 2 Commission members per subcommittee, 1 Commissioner has stepped down to increase general community perspective and engagement.
Eric Wilcox, Chair
5. **For Information Only:** Presentation by the Nevada Department of Education (DOE) and Discussion on the implementation of NRS 388.5155 to 388.5195, which outlines critical steps to support language development in children who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind or visually impaired (not to exclude DeafBlind) in response to NV Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing approved letter to DOE.
Eric Wilcox, Chair
6. **For Possible Action:** Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve recommendations presented by Lead-K on effective implementations of the Lead-K Law in surrounding states in efforts to best approach the Commission's advocacy to support the Nevada Department of Education (DOE) as they continue their efforts of implementation of the Law.
Eric Wilcox, Chair
7. **For Possible Action:** Assign and Vote on a Subcommittee member to surmise following recommended outcomes:

- Lead-K on effective implementations of the Lead-K Law in surrounding states in efforts to best approach the Commission's advocacy
- Nevada Department of Education (DOE) efforts of implementation of the Law

Executive Director and Chair Recommended assignment and reporting of findings for May 5, 2026, meeting:

Assignment: Summarize the above recommended outcomes and provide current recommendations to Committee for further review and revisions during May 5, 2026, Subcommittee meeting.

Eric Wilcox, Chair

- 8. For Information Only:** Discussion and Outcomes of the Following Actions Regarding the Approved Education Survey for Deaf and Hard of Hearing in the State of Nevada, to include discussion of interpreter recruitment outcomes for the survey questions interpreted, and updates on current survey status and/or adjustments needed (i.e. dissemination outcomes, number of responses, additional efforts needed, etc.).
Eric Wilcox, Chair
- 9. For Possible Action:** Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Tentative Agenda Items for the Next meeting, May 5, 2026.
Obioma Officer, Executive Director
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11. Adjournment

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