

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

MEETING NOTICE

Date: February 3, 2026

Time: 2:30 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

Eli Schwartz, Chair

Members: Shelly Freed; Eli Schwartz; Beth Jones; Catherine Nielsen

Resigned: Lee Bullock 1/26/2026

Guests:

CART: Becky Van Auken

Interpreters: Jamie Jaramillo & Sonya Stark

Staff: Obioma Officer, Executive Director; Wendy Thornley, Administrative Assistant III;
Amanda Mata, 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 +1 (775) 321-6111. When prompted to provide the phone conference ID, enter 216 654 543#. 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, spell their last name, and provide the Administrative Support Staff with any written comments.

3. For Possible Action: Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve the November 4, 2025, draft minutes.

Obioma Officer, Executive Director

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, Lee Bullock. 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.

Eli Schwartz, Chair

5. For Possible Action: Discuss 2025 Engagement Conference Outcomes and possible vote on future Engagement Conference scheduling adjustments. Action to include a formal report from the Planning Team Committee Members on the Legislative Subcommittee, review of notes taken, and attendee feedback from the 2025 Engagement Conference.

Eli Schwartz, Planning Team Committee Member

Obioma Officer, Executive Director

6. For Information Only: Deaf and hard of Hearing (D/HH) Legislative Bill Reports and research Outcomes from Nevada's 83rd Legislative Session and Topics Approved by General Commission and agreed to last Legislative Subcommittee Meeting held November 4, 2025, to Revisit for the 84th Legislative Session. To include Discussion and Action to revise AB247 into 4 concepts to solicit BDR support.

Deaf/Hard of Hearing (D/HH) Related Bills to be Reported on:

Obioma Officer, Executive Director

Eli Schwartz, Chair

[AB247 Overview](#) – Formally called, "Big Deaf Bill" to be broken

into 4 revised concepts: 1. Removal of Sign Language

Interpreters in Public Meetings concept, 2. Open Captions in Public Spaces - asking Las Vegas City Council to pass ordinance to allow captioning in public spaces, 3. ASL as a Foreign Language with Foreign Language Credit, and 4. Deaf School Study vs. Deaf School Request.

Reporter: Eli Schwartz, Chair and Eric Wilcox, General Commission Chair
[AB395 Overview](#) – Formally called, Shelly's (LVDS) Bill: Interpreter Access in Medical Settings Discussion and Revisions for Resubmission for BDR support.

Reporter: Shelly Freed, Member
[SB192 Overview](#) – Interpreters Access in Maternity Facilities Discussion and Revisions for Resubmission for BDR Support.

Reporter: Beth Jones, Member

7. **For Possible Action:** Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Tentative Agenda Items for Next Meeting, May 5,2026.
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9. **Adjournment**

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