**State of California**

**Health and Human Services Agency**

**Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)**

**Deaf and Hard of Hearing Committee (DHHAC)**

# Meeting Notice and Agenda

Friday, March 14, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.\*

DOR Central Office, 721 Capitol Mall, Room 301

Sacramento, CA 95814

**Public Participation Options**

**In-person**: Department of Rehabilitation

721 Capitol Mall, Conference Room 301, Sacramento, CA 95814

**In-person**: NorCal Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing

4044 N. Freeway Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95834

**In-person**: Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service Center

5340 N. Fresno Street, Fresno, CA 93710

**In-person**: Solaire Oxford

660 N. Oxford Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90004

**In-person**: Department of Rehabilitation

7575 Metropolitan Drive, Suite 107, San Diego, CA 92108

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# Agenda

Please note: Times are listed with the agenda items to assist attendees joining the meeting virtually and by phone. These times are estimates and subject to change. The DHHAC may act on any item listed in the agenda.

## **Item 1: Welcome and Call to Order**

## **(9:00 – 9:05 a.m.)**

Callie Frye, DHHAC Chair

The Chair will welcome attendees, call the meeting to order, conduct a roll call of DHHAC members and establish a quorum.

The DHHAC Committee members are:

* Callie Frye, Chair, Deaf At-Risk representative
* Michelle Bronson, Directors/Staff/Community-based program representative
* Hugh Lafler, Coordinators/Members/Grassroots program representative
* Liann Osborne, Employers/Employment Developers with proven track records
* Lisa Gonzales, Individual who is “Culturally Deaf” and uses ASL
* Solomon Yigzaw, Coordinator of post-secondary programs
* Jerry Cardoso, Expert in the broad area of Assistive Technology
* Catherine Licht, Individual who is Hard of Hearing
* Tara Groswird, Individual who is Late-Deafened
* Gamaliel Datugan, Experienced Rehabilitation Counselors for the Deaf (RCDs) and other direct service providers
* Ted Horton-Billard III, Professional Preparation and Continuing Education for DOR RCDs and staff

**Item 2: Introductions of the new DHHAC members**

**(9:05 – 9:15 a.m.)**

Callie Frye, DHHAC Chair

New committee members will have the opportunity to introduce themselves.

## **Item 3: Update Regarding the December 13, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

## **(9:15 – 9:20 a.m.)**

Jennifer Wilbon, Advisory Committee Analyst, DOR Specialized Services Division

Committee Members and Public Participants will be given the opportunity to review minutes from the previous meeting.

Public comment

## **Item 4: DOR DHHS Section Report**

## **(9:20 – 9:35 a.m.)**

Craig Rubenstein, Program Manager, DOR Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services

Up-to-date program report will be provided to ensure the dissemination of current information and news.

## **Item 5: DHHAC Purpose and the Role of DHHS**

## **(9:35 – 10:00 a.m.)**

Sue Pelbath, Deputy Director, DOR Specialized Services Division

Provide a broad overview of their purpose and contributions.

Public Comment

## **Item 6: DOR Services to Deaf and Hard of Hearing (D/HH) Consumers**

## **(10:00 – 10:45 a.m.)**

Roberto Solorzano, District Administrator, DOR Greater East Bay District

Highlight the services available to D/HH consumers, including youth and students.

Public comment

**Break (10:45 – 10:50 a.m.)**

**Item 7: Election for Vice Chair Role**

## **(10:50 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)**

Callie Frye, DHHAC Chair

Callie will outline the responsibilities of the Vice Chair role and facilitate the election.

## **Item 8: DHHAC Bylaws and Bagley-Keene Act**

## **(11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.)**

Callie Frye, DHHAC Chair

DHHAC members will review the Bagley-Keene Act regarding member attendance and vote on a path forward to update bylaws for further clarification.

Public comment

## **Item 9: Identification of Future Agenda Items**

## **(11:45 – 12:00 p.m.)**

Callie Frye, DHHAC Chair

Discussion with committee members and members of the public to identify future meeting agenda items.

Public comment

## **\*Adjourn (12:00 p.m.)**

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