

Douglas A. Ducey
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**MINUTES OF THE ARIZONA COMMISSION FOR THE DEAF AND THE HARD OF HEARING
(ACDHH) Board meeting held on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 4:30p.m.
At ACDHH, 100 N. 15th Ave – Suite 104, Phoenix, Arizona 85007**

Call to Order & Roll Call Discussion/Action

Chair Kneifel called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Commissioners Present in Person: None

Commissioners Present by Phone: Sue Kay Kneifel, Raymond Baesler, Elizabeth Booth, Judy Huch, Michele Stokes, Pv Jantz, Annette Reichman, ElizaBeth Garcia, Barbara Brimhall, Bob Baber

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Sherri Collins, Carmen Green Smith, Curtis Humphries, Emmett Hassen, Victoria Vaughn, Heidi Lovato

Approval of Minutes: Discussion/Action

Commissioner Brimhall moved to accept the minutes, Commissioner Jantz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairs Report/Summary of Current Events Discussion only

Commissioner Kneifel reminded the board members to have the Executive Director's annual evaluation survey completed by the end of July – Four surveys were needed for 100% participation.

Executive Director's Update/Summary of Events Discussion only

Sherri Collins asked the board if they had any questions regarding her report – There were no questions. She noted there will be more updates at the board meeting in Tucson, August 23, 2018.

Legislative Update

Sherri Collins asked the board if they had any questions regarding the legislative update in her report – There were no questions.

Officer Election

The Board Chair tabled the officer election until there is a full board.

Public comments on Agenda Items & Non-Agenda Items

None

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The mission of the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing is to ensure, in partnership with the public and private sectors, accessibility for the deaf, deaf-blind, hard of hearing, and persons with speech difficulties to improve their quality of life.



Audiology Patient Choice Act

Sherri Collins added this agenda item as a result of a conversation with Commissioner Huch and mentioned ACDHH has not taken a position on this item.

Commissioner Huch stated there hasn't been much movement in Congress and agreed to push this agenda item out to the August board meeting.

Support Service Provider (SSP) Training Update

Sherri Collins noted that Deaf-Blind SSP program updates will be provided at the August board meeting.

A discussion ensued between Commissioner Baber and Carmen Green Smith regarding ACDHH providing additional training for SSP's and Carmen confirmed training would continue.

IARC Update

Commissioner Baesler gave the following update on the number of approved applications for licensure:

April 19th - 14 approved applications

June 14th - 20 approved applications

He also mentioned the IARC is working with ACDHH staff to address a possible issue with legal licensed interpreters with the new rules and changes – what can be done and the various options.

Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and Blind Update

Commissioner Reichman gave the following update:

There are major initiatives at ASDB rolling out this fall:

- Accreditation for agency's advanced education
- Grants for school improvement from the AZ Dept. of Ed.
 - Curriculum will be put in place in the 3 schools
- Professional development and training for teachers
 - Teachers observed in the classrooms
 - Teachers to give benchmark testing and use the data to provide instruction to their students
 - Three new regional directors are training with more experienced directors.

Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Stokes would like to add to August's agenda: Licensure requirements for voice translation companies providing Legal A ASL Interpreting Services.

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Announcements

None

Adjournment

Commissioner Baber motioned to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Booth seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the attached notice was duly posted this 13th day of July, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. by Heidi Lovato.