



**MINUTES OF THE
ARIZONA COMMISSION FOR THE DEAF AND THE HARD OF HEARING (ACDHH) held on
Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. at the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard
of Hearing, 100 N. 15th Avenue, Suite 104, Phoenix, AZ 85007
Pending Commission Approval**

AGENDA

Call to Order & Roll Call Discussion/Action

Acting Chair Kneifel called the meeting to order at 4:35pm.

Commissioners Present: Sue Kay Kneifel, PV Jantz, Elizabeth Booth, Raymond Baesler, Robert Baber, Jeffery Hebert, Judy Huch, Chris Schneck.

Commissioners Present by Phone: Elizabeth Garcia.

Commissioners Absent: Marv Lamer, Kathy Roadlander.

Staff Present: Sherri Collins, Carmen Green, Curtis Humphries, Emmett Hassen, Vicki Bond, Jeremy McCown, Shari Burda.

Also in attendance by phone: Assistant Attorney General Jo-Ann Handy.

Approval of Minutes: Discussion/Action

April 12, 2016 - No Changes Recommended.

Commissioner Jantz moved to accept the minutes as written, Commissioner Schneck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairs Report/Summary of Current Events Discussion only

Acting Chair Kneifel made announcements to the community and the Board. There are three Deaf Representative vacancies on the board. All potential candidates may apply via the Governor's office.

Finance Committee Vacancies Discussion/Action

Commissioner Kneifel mentioned Commissioner Roadlander may be interested. Executive Director Sherri Collins stated the need for three commissioners on this committee. Commissioners Schneck and Hebert expressed an interest in serving on the committee.

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Governor

Sherri L. Collins
Executive Director



Executive Director's Update/Summary of Events Discussion only

Executive Director Sherri Collins reported:

ACDHH hosted a Legislative training workshop via the National Association of the Deaf (NAD). More than 100 Deaf consumers attended. Purpose: educate on legislative process and how a bill is passed.

Members of ACDHH staff (Carmen Green, Emmett Hassen, and Vicki Bond) participated in Licensure Complaint Investigation training for Professional Development.

Michele Michaels attended an Annual Audiology conference.

ACDHH formed a new partnership with the Arizona Technology Assistance (AzTAP).

ACDHH updated and distributed a Consumer Brochure on T-Coils. It is also posted on the ACDHH website.

May is Better Hearing and Speech Month (BHSM) - Media focus: various print outlets.

Director Collins and other staff represented ACDHH in a national Deaf Grassroots Movement Rally at the capitol - 250 people attended. Media coverage focused on employment.

ACDHH vision for 2017 is mobilizing the community. February 2017 a public event is planned for Legislators to meet the Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities. We will hold our First Annual Legislative Awareness Day at the Capitol and ASDB will be included. This event will tie into ACDHH 40th anniversary. 2017 marks ACDHH 40th anniversary.

Arizona Relay Service (AZRS) sponsored a football and volleyball camp at Phoenix Day School for the Deaf (PDSD). Sherri Collins and Curtis Humphries represented ACDHH. Arizona Cardinals player Michael Floyd along with former NFL player J.J Birden coached PSDS students. Tony Tatum, Gallaudet All-star football player also gave instruction. Two All-Star volleyball players from Gallaudet University coached PSDS volleyball players.

Funding for looping the Arizona House, Senate and gallery is in the budget awaiting the Governor's approval. No other state House and Senate floors are looped.

Possible partnership with ASU to use \$750,000 fund for interpreters. Considered offering BEI testing here in Arizona. Decided this is not in our best interest. Would like to use funds for Deaf Interpreter and Tri-lingual interpreter certification testing.

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Public Comments on Agenda and Non Agenda Items Discussion only**

Hold comments at this time.

Licensure Complaints and Inquiries:

Jennifer Orozco-Walker - Interpreter Orozco-Walker worked nine days without a valid license. Discussion ensued between Commissioner Kneifel and Commissioners Schneck, Hebert, Baesler, Jantz, Kneifel and Emmett Hassen.

Commissioner Baesler motioned she pay \$100 for work during that time, Commissioner Schneck seconded. The motion passed unanimously

Jeriann Skinner - Interpreter Skinner worked without a valid interpreter certification within a 53-day period of time. Certification has been reinstated at this time. Commissioner Kneifel asked for discussion. Discussion ensued between Commissioners Jantz, Hebert, Kneifel, Baesler, Huch, Baesler, Schneck, and Emmett Hassen.

Commissioner Jantz moved to enter executive session, Commissioner Schneck seconded. The motion passed unanimously

Entered executive session at 5:19pm. Resumed public session at 5:50pm.

Commissioner Jantz motioned for more inquiry with three questions related to the inquiry the original question from Emmett Hassen's investigation numbers 3, 4, and 5. Commissioner Baesler seconded. The motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Jantz proposed an amendment to use the second set of follow up questions. Commissioner Hebert seconded. The motion passed unanimously

Sydney Rosell - Interpreter Rosell, a Provisional C licensed interpreter worked alone on an assignment.

Public comments made by Owen Browder and Bryanna Browder.

Owen Browder: This was a post-op situation. I was relieved to see a live interpreter. I started to communicate, but the interpreter did not respond. My daughter was there and can speak to what she saw.

Bryanna Browder: March 2015 my father was scheduled for surgery at Banner Desert Samaritan hospital. No interpreter scheduled. VRI did not work. Hospital called interpreter for this planned non-emergency procedure. Interpreter was neither qualified, certified, nor licensed to work alone, as she holds a Provisional C interpreter license. She broke the law. My father's health and recovery were at risk. Three main issues. 1. Complaint against Rosell. 2. No standards for



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agencies. AG's office dismissed our case. 3. Hospital had no back up for VRI issues. The agency and hospital used the emergency exemption for a planned procedure. Please send a message to community. Improve systems to safeguard the deaf community.

Commissioner Kneifel asked for discussion. Discussion ensued between Commissioners Hebert, Kneifel, Jantz, Booth, and Emmett Hassen..

Commissioner Kneifel moved to enter executive session, Commissioner Jantz seconded. The motion passed unanimously

Entered executive session at 6:08pm. Resumed public session at 6:42pm

Commissioner Kneifel asked for discussion. Discussion ensued between Commissioners Jantz, Schneck, Hebert, and Emmett Hassen..

Commissioner Schneck moved Interpreter Rosell take an Ethics class and pay a \$100 fine. Commissioner Schneck again motioned that Interpreter Rosell complete a minimum 10hr Ethics class and pay a \$100 fine. Commissioner Huch amended the motion to add a possible suspension if Interpreter Rosell did not comply within 90 days. Commissioner Jantz amended the motion to send a letter to the agency from AG to cease and desist sending unqualified, unlicensed interpreters to assignments. Also, include training for the hospital staff on how to use interpreters and also have a back-up plan when technology fails. Commissioner Booth seconded. One objection - Commissioner Hebert

Assistant Attorney General Handy was dismissed

VIII. Executive Director's 2015 Evaluation:

Commissioner Schneck moved to enter executive session. Sherri Collins was asked to leave the meeting and Business Manager Curtis Humphries was asked to join. Entered executive session at 6:55pm. Resumed public session at 7:14pm.

Commissioner Schneck motioned that the Executive Director be granted an 8% increase effect January of 16. This depends on salary grades and what the State will allow. Commissioner Baesler seconded. One abstention - Commissioner Jantz.

Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind:

ASDB chose a new Superintendent, Annett Reichman. Her past experience includes running the Valley Center of the Deaf, worked for the federal government for many years in Washington D.C. in the Federal Rehab Services Administration. She also worked at Gallaudet University and NTID as well as the Clearing House for the Blind. She will be starting in July. Marv lamer will mentor her in her new position.

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IARC met

The IARC met on March 17th, reviewed and approved 5 new applications.

Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items at this time.

Adjournment

Commissioner Judy Huch moved to adjourn, Commissioner Schneck seconded. The motion passed unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the attached notice was duly posted this 9th day of May, 2016 at 4p.m. by *Shari Burda*, Business Operations Coordinator