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Minutes of the April 18, 2019 meeting of the **Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing, Interpreter Licensure Committee** held at the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing: 100 N. 15th Ave, Suite 104, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

### **Call to Order & Roll Call**

Committee Chair Benton called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm

Commissioners Present: Richard Vanover and Sarah Benton

Commissioners Absent: None

Commissioners Present by Phone: Sue Kay Kneifel (present at 2:05 pm), PV Jantz (in and out due connectivity issues)

Staff Present: Emmett Hassen, Victoria Vaughn, Carmen Green Smith, Julie Stylinkski, Heidi Lovato and Sherri Collins

Audience: Mary McNeil, Student at Phoenix College

### **Committee Chair's Report**

Commissioner Benton wanted to confirm the ILC Committee members as being: Commissioners Benton, Vanover, Jantz and Kneifel. Three committee members will make a quorum for the ILC meetings.

A discussion ensued between Carmen Green Smith, Commissioners Benton, Vanover and staff around the concern of SSPs providing copy signing/mirroring services for the DeafBlind consumers. Based on feedback from the community, there is some confusion as to if it is considered interpreting.

ACDHH staff will continue to do research and ask that this topic be placed on the agenda for GCBVI, the ILC agenda for discussion and recommendation and then to the ACDHH board for further discussion.

### **Review/Approval of Sign Language Interpreter Licenses**

**Commissioner Kneifel moved to recommend the following names in group 1 below, to the Executive Director for issuance of an Interpreter License. Motion seconded by Commissioner Vanover; motion carried unanimously.**

The following applicants are approved for licensure, based on education, examination and experience requirements.



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## Group 1

1. Blass, Jill
2. Cowart, Darlene
3. Cox Jr., Michael
4. Davis, Monique
5. Harvey, Marie
6. Heimbuck, Joy
7. Hernandez, Diane
8. Irisari, Traci
9. Janney, Jennifer
10. Kline, Valerie
11. Korcz, Sarah
12. LaHue, Amber
13. Lewis, Virginia
14. Martin, Cody
15. Nice, Rebecca
16. Parks, Sue
17. Rankin, Ronda
18. Sakellariou, Amy
19. Smith, Trenda
20. Toomey, Megan

**Commissioner Vanover moved to recommend the following names in group 2 below, to the Executive Director for issuance of an Interpreter License. Motion seconded by Commissioner Kneifel; motion carried unanimously.**

## Group 2

1. Armstrong, Krystal
2. Bartholomew, Molly
3. Benjamin, Heather
4. Butcher, Elizabeth
5. Doyle, Adam
6. Eisenhart, Amanda
7. Furr, Lisa
8. Grady, Donna
9. Kozel, Nicole
10. Kuhns, Davida
11. Layton Jr, Enrique
12. McCartney Kinkel, Melanie
13. Mongan, Dee
14. Montoya, Kathryn
15. Moreno, Jason
16. Santiago, Charlene
17. Stone, Caryn



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Note to approved applicants: If your name does not appear in the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing website ([www.acdhh.org](http://www.acdhh.org)), please contact the Licensing and Certification Coordinator [e.hassen@acdhh.az.gov](mailto:e.hassen@acdhh.az.gov).

### **Public Comments**

None

### **Announcements**

Commissioner Benton asked if now that we have electronic applications if things are easier and she noticed that we still have to send out notifications of missing information. Emmett asked for feedback about the new electronic applications and the ease of viewing and reviewing the applications.

### **Adjournment**

**Commissioner Vanover moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:43 pm. Commissioner Kneifel seconded; the motion carried unanimously.**

Dated this 19th day of April, 2019  
Sarah Benton, Committee Chair

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the attached notice was duly posted this 19th day of April, 2019 at 12:00 pm by Heidi Lovato.