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**Minutes of the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing (ACDHH),  
Board Meeting and Interpreter Licensure Committee  
Meeting held May 14, 2020 at 4:30pm.  
Meeting was held remotely via teleconference and Zoom due to COVID-19.**

**Call to Order & Roll Call: Discussion/Action**

Board Chair Jantz called the meeting to order at 4:41 pm

Commissioners Present by Zoom: PV Jantz, Sarah Benton, Barbara Brimhall, Antonio Calderon, , Sue Kay Kneifel, Catherine Sienko, Susan Webster, Fred Williams, Richard Vanover, Annette Reichman, Tamara Collinsworth

Commissioners Absent: Judy Huch

Staff Present by Zoom: Sherri Collins, Carmen Smith, Betty McEntire, Curtis Humphries, Victoria Vaughn, Heidi Lovato, Katie Lopez, Emmett Hassen, and Jeremy McCown

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**Commissioner Reichman moved to approve minutes for both February 20, 2020 and April 20, 2020. Motion seconded by Commissioner Calderon and; motion carried unanimously.**

**Committee Chair's Report**

Pv Jantz thanked everyone for their patience with the online meeting technology during the COVID-19 situation.

**Executive Director's Update/Summary of Events**

Director Sherri Collins reviewed various measures the ACDHH has taken to assist the community during the COVID-19 crisis. Governor's Executive Order to stay at home expires on May 15, 2020. ACDHH will follow the White House CDC's guidelines and will continue to work from home until May 29, 2020. The Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf Blind communities in Arizona are interested in having access to local information specific to the State of Arizona, and more of this information has been added to the ACDHH website.

Betty McEntire discussed efforts to add information to the ACDHH website's COVID-19 landing page, and reviewed efforts to improve access to COVID-19 press conferences and other information for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf Blind communities.



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## **2020 Legislative Update**

Betty McEntire reviewed the legislative session. On March 13, 2020 the legislative session recessed due to the COVID-19 virus. ACDHH's agency continuation bill, SB1055, was signed into law on March 13, 2020. ACDHH's SB 1056, which was the bill that added DeafBlind to the agency's statutory services and also added the language acquisition committee to the agency's statutory responsibilities, was not passed prior the halt of the legislative session. This bill will have to be reintroduced during the 2021 legislative session.

The Governor is expected to announce a special legislative session after July 2020 to address COVID-19 related issues. Bills not related to COVID-19 will be addressed during the next legislative session beginning in 2021.

## **Interpreter Licensure Committee Update**

ACDHH Interpreter Licensure Committee met on April 20, approved 28 applications.

## **Annual Evaluation - Executive Director**

Commissioners will provide input to the agency for Director Sherri Collins' annual performance evaluation.

## **Review and Approval of AZDEMA Designation of Applicant's Agent Form for ACDHH**

Discussion ensued regarding the purpose of the form and whom will represent the ACDHH.

**Commissioner Benton moved to approve Shari Burda represent the agency on the AZ DEMA Designation of Applicant's Form. Motion seconded by Commissioner Reichman; motion carried unanimously.**

## **Future Meetings**

The next ACDHH Board meeting will be held on August 20, 2020 at 4:30pm.

Pv asked the group for agenda items. Executive Director's Review will be added as an agenda item. Commissioners were asked to provide any additional suggested agenda items by 48 hours before the meeting.

## **Announcements**

None

## **Adjournment**

**Commissioner Webster motioned for an adjournment. Motion seconded by Commissioner Calderon; motion carried unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:34pm

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the attached notice was duly posted this 19th day of May, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. by Katie Lopez.