

**Minutes of the meeting of the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing,
Interpreter Licensure Committee.
Meeting held January 7, 2021 at 2:00pm.
Meeting was held remotely via teleconference and Zoom due to COVID-19.**

Call to Order & Roll Call

Commissioner Benton called the meeting to order at **2:05 pm**

Commissioners Present: none

Commissioners Absent: none

Commissioners Present by Phone/Zoom: Pv Jantz, Richard Vanover, Sue Kay Kneifel and Sarah Benton

Staff Present by phone/Zoom: Carmen Smith, Victoria Vaughn, Katie Lopez and Emmett Hassen

Staff Present: none

Audience: none

Committee Chair's Report

None.

Licensure Unit Updates

Emmett Hassen reported out on the CDI survey that was given to the community where 25 participants took the survey. The highlight of survey shows that there is a high need for training program for CDIs in Arizona. Victoria Vaughn provided some numbers related to applications thus far this Fiscal year This Fiscal year shows 83% of our new applicants have been from out of state applicants for VRI.

Emergency Rulemaking

Carmen Smith provided information on emergency rulemaking. Permission was received from the governor's office to be able to do an emergency rule related to the Legal A interpreters and the Provisional interpreters. We are working with our assistant AG and trying to look at solutions.

Review/Approval of Sign Language Interpreter Licenses

Commissioner Vanover moved to recommend the names below, to the Executive Director for issuance of an Interpreter License. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jantz; motion carried unanimously.

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



100 N. 15th Avenue *Suite

1. Berlove, Noah	13. Harris, Mark
2. Bert, Paul	14. Kautzky, Diana
3. Birch, Stephen	15. Lassiter, Candace
4. Blitch, Rebecca	16. Lee, Bichri
5. Byers, Brenda	17. Lee, Lindsay
6. Costa, Christopher	18. Nielsen, Angelina
7. Dieter, Sandra	19. Pinkard, Phyllis
8. Draper, Denise	20. Ruess, John
9. Edmonds, Chad	21. Stokesberry, Gina
10. Feckovics, Dana	22. Thompson, Kendra
11. Flores, Sylvie	23. Wiegand, Lindsey
12. Hamm-Whitfield, Bethany	24. Young, Katie

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), please contact the Licensing and Certification Coordinator e.hassen@acdhh.az.gov.

Announcements

Emmett Hassen announced Arizona RID and ACDHH have collaborated together set up a Town Hall meeting through Zoom to be able to see how RID on a national level can get involved and help the Arizona local interpreters. The town hall meeting may be in February 2021.

Adjournment

Commissioner Kneifel moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:24 pm. Commissioner Vanover seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

Dated this 7th day of January, 2021
Sarah Benton, Committee Chair

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the attached notice was duly posted this 11th day of January, 2021 at 5:00 pm by Katie Lopez.