



**Minutes of the meeting of the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing, Interpreter Licensure Committee.**

**Meeting held April 16, 2021 at 11:00am.**

**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 **11:15 am**

Commissioners Absent: Pv Jantz and Catherine Sienko

Commissioners Present by Phone/Zoom: Sarah Benton and Andrew Cohen

Staff Present by phone/Zoom: Carmen Green Smith, Chyla Dalton-Nava, Victoria Vaughn and Emmett Hassen

**Committee Chair's Report**

None.

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

NA-Quorum not met

**License rules update**

Carmen Green Smith explained ACDHH received approval for the emergency rule making process to address the impact of COVID 19 for licensees in the Legal A category subject to R9-26-501 defining a Class A Legal Interpreter and the effective date of January 1, 2021, and Provisional licensees in their final year of renewal under R9-26-509. Licensees who held a valid license in either category on December 30, 2020, shall continue to practice in that category, under this Emergency Rule process. The 180 day emergency rule making process was effective as of March 31, 2021.

The Commission has also been approved to engage in the rule making process, known as Notice of Proposed Rule making (NPR). Once the NPR package is approved there will be opportunities for professionals and consumers to engage in the 30-day written comments process and an oral comments session to address any proposed changes for these two categories of rules. The public will be notified when the dates for the sessions have been determined.

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## **Adjournment**

Commissioner Benton moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 am. Commissioner Cohen seconded; motion passed.

Dated this 20th day of April 2021  
Sarah Benton, Committee Chair

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the attached notice was duly posted this 20th day of April, 2021 at 12:00 pm by Victoria Vaughn.