



# Arizona Commission

for the deaf and the hard of hearing

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

**Meeting held June 17, 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 **2:02 pm**

Commissioners

Present: none

Commissioners

Absent: PV Jantz

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

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

Staff Present: none

Audience: none

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

None.

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

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

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

**Group 1**

1. Anderson, Jaime
2. Balombini, Rachel
3. Campbell, Sarah
4. Fernelius, Michele
5. Gordillo, Emily
6. Greenwaldt, Amy Joy
7. Kessen, Karina
8. Lassiter, Brian
9. Ledbetter, Ka'borski
10. Maenzo, Catherine
11. Mahoney, Brianna
12. McDermott, James
13. Nunley, Suzanne
14. Poore, Melissa
15. Quinn, Heather
16. Shrier, Rachel
17. Tucker, Elizabeth
18. Tucker, Scott
19. Watson, Melissa
20. Wheeler, Diane

**Group 2**

1. Ahearn, Amy
2. Applebee, Shirley
3. Applegate, Aimee
4. Bass, Kim
5. Burnaugh, Kennilyn
6. Carrera, Lloyd
7. Carter, Cari
8. Clayton, Arthur
9. Cristofaro, Mary Jo
10. Dennison, Shaunie
11. Dippel, Daisy
12. Draper, Anthony
13. Eisenmann, Elizabeth
14. Ekrut, Corey
15. Fritz, Sandra
16. Henry, Laura
17. Hoff, Marie
18. Holsomback, Andre
19. Jackson, Terra
20. Johnson, Kateri
21. Krenz, Danielle
22. Mastromonica, Tanya
23. McCluskey, Paula
24. Moran, Leticia
25. Murdoch, Susan
26. Nordstrom, Catherine
27. Pavelka, Angela
28. Pippin-Mandley, Shannon
29. Popp, Kristen
30. Powell, Faith
31. Reale, Amber
32. Rodgers, Rachel
33. Sayles, Katie
34. VanWyngaarden, Jamie
35. Ware, Sara
36. Watts, Clifford

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).

### **Rules Update/5 Year Rule Review**

Carmen Green Smith updated the committee on the recent Oral Comments session. All written and oral comments have been gathered and documented, and presented to the Governor's Regulatory Review Council (GRRC). ACDHH is now waiting to hear back from GRRC as to when we will be placed on their calendar for those rules as it relates to Legal A and Provisional Licensees to be reviewed, discussed, and voted on.

Commissioner Benton asked how draft language was put forward and presented to GRRC, as some of the comments received from the public indicated that not all were in agreement with the recommendations. Carmen explained that both positive and negative comments were responded to, and also placed in the GRRC package for them to review. They will reach out to ACDHH if they have any questions on why we are choosing to proceed with the current recommendations, and will allow the public to be involved with GRRC meetings.

Carmen went on to discuss the Five Year Rule Review. This is a typical process for all state agencies to review rules relating to the agency. For ACDHH, that is: licensure, equipment distribution, and all other services we offer. Our rule review is due on July 30th, and we have requested an extension from GRRC, and are currently waiting on correspondence from GRRC on whether or not they will honor the extension.

### **Announcements**

Commissioner Cohen updated the committee on the DeafBlind Retreat that is coming up in July of 2021. They are expecting 30-40 to attend, and expect representatives from the DeafBlind community, SSP's and interpreters. There are no further announcements.

**Commissioner Cohen moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 pm.  
Commissioner Sienko seconded; the motion carried unanimously.**

Dated this 18th day of June 2021 Sarah Benton, Committee Chair

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the attached notice was duly posted this 22nd day of June, 2021 at 5:00 pm by Chyla Dalton-Nava.

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