

COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
November 16, 2017
Via Teleconference

PARTICIPANTS: This meeting was chaired by Joelynn Ball (Representing Interpreters)

Council Members: Joelynn Ball, Chairperson (Representing Interpreters) Steven Birkby (Representing an organization of deaf persons), Gretchen Fors (Representing parent of hard of hearing child), Kate Savage (Representing Audiologists), Jacob Robison (Representing Physicians), Heidi Jeffs (Representing parent of a deaf child) Excused: Emilie Banasiak (Representing a hard of hearing individual who represents an organization of persons who are hard of hearing) Jerry Wilding (deaf individual), Russ Patterson (Representing a hard of hearing person over 60)

Others: Cindy Schreiner, Steven Snow, LaVona Andrew, Betsy Duncan

INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was called to order by Joelynn Ball and introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2017 MEETING:

Joelynn Ball identified typographical errors on the minutes. Jacob Robison motioned the minutes be approved with the corrections noted. Heidi Jeffs seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed.

PERFECTION OF AGENDA:

Heidi Jeffs motioned to edit the agenda to allow for LaVona Andrew to be able to call into the conference, allowing Steven Snow to start with the Executive Report. Jacob Robison seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed.

SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER LICENSE UPDATE:

LaVona Andrew presented an update on the Interpreter License Bill. LaVona said there will be some changes made during the rules session of the bill that will include changing the age to be licensed from 21 to 18. LaVona said there will be some clarification concerning the role of Educational Interpreters. LaVona thanked all those who have worked on the rules committee and will continue to work until the rules are passed through the Legislature which will be sometime during the next Session.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:

Full Time Employee: Steven Snow said the Council met with David Hahn in the Department of Financial Management (DFM) to discuss the need for another Full-Time Employee (FTE).

Steven Snow said this is the 4th year the Council has requested another FTE, but the first time the request was discussed with DFM before submitted to the Governor's office for approval. Steven Snow said he feels optimistic about the request.

Christmas Family: Steven Snow discussed the families that were nominated for Christmas Cheer from the Council. Steven Snow asked the Council for their input. A Christmas family will be selected soon.

Council Position: Steven Snow said Russ Patterson has resigned from the Council. Steven Snow said the Council will be looking for a member to fill Russ Patterson's position representing a hard of hearing person 60 years old or older. Steven Snow said if the Council members know of a candidate to please have the candidate contact the Council office to get information on how to apply for the position.

Ex-Officio Member Participation Time: Steven Snow asked the advice of the Board members on switching the time when Ex-Officio members report to the Board during quarterly meetings. It was decided that the format of the quarterly meetings will remain the same.

ADJOURN:

Steven Birkby motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Jacob Robison and Gretchen Fors seconded the motion. There were no objections. The meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is the Meet and Greet scheduled for Thursday, January 18, 2018 which will be a Meet and Greet in the morning at the Capitol Rotunda and a regular meeting in the afternoon at the Lewis Clark conference room at 650 W State Street.