



LOUISIANA COMMISSION FOR THE DEAF

Board of Commissioners

January 17, 2025 9:00am-1:00pm

Minutes

I. Roll Call & Introductions

- A. Meeting called to order by Dr. Natalie Delgado 9:15am
- B. Members Present: Dr. Natalie Delgado, Dr. Ashley Argrave; Sherry Crosby; Sherry Powell proxy Dr. Dana Foster; Denise Crochet proxy Leslie Knowles; Dr. David Martin; Meredith Jordan, Senator Caleb Kleinpeter, Jamar Ennis proxy Liam Doyle, Dr. Megan Wimberly, Cammy Gaspar, Melissa Bayham, Bethany Blackston, Marissa Ramos
14 present, quorum is established
- C. Members Absent: HOH Representative (vacant), Deaf Representative (vacant), Brad Wellons, LDH
- D. Ancillary support: Interpreters- Sylvie Sullivan, Malachi Mooney, Walker Estes, Vanessa Magnon; Live Captioning provided by CaptionThat! Lynsey Hebert.

II. Approval of Agenda (Crosby, Martin)

III. Approval of Minutes

- 1. **October 18, 2024 (Crosby, Argrave)**
- 2. **November 13, 2024 (Martin, Crosby)** with revision to title indicating this meeting was an AdHoc meeting related to interpreting standards

III. Public Comment:

- A. Jay Isch: Driver's Education. There is no accessible driver's education class in our state. I would like for the board to consider a one time funding for a class or interpreters for a class.
- B. Peter Broussard: Would like to see more collaboration between all separate groups under DDBHH individuals. I would also like to address hours for SSP hours. Travel time dramatically reduces our total time and I would like to see that separated.
 - 1. A suggestion could be using ASL students enrolled in college programs.
 - 2. Dr. Delgado: This is something I am considering as well. Possible training for our students as a pathway to become SSP providers.
- C. Dan Arabie: We need specialists that work with DDBHH. We need to do outreach and support and encourage people to come. September 2024, we planned to have a meeting with SSP coordinator but I felt it wasn't successful. I still want to focus on the DB community.

IV. New Buisness

- A. Notice of Intent- Timeline for submission of regulations for American Sign Language interpreter minimum standards working in general and K-12 settings
 - 1. Jana Broussard:
 - i. Discuss timeline of the process as well as what that Notice of Intent Process
 - 1. March 2025 deadline: final draft sent to Department of Health

VI. Old Business

- A. Proposed Rules for American Sign Language Interpreters Working in K-12 Education Settings- receive recommendations from board adhoc group regarding transition and timeline for existing Louisiana Department of Education interpreters
 1. Dr.David Martin: Present the Standards and the recent AdHoc meeting
 - a. The committee is recommending Option 2 “The grandfather/legacy clause” to be approved today.
 1. Dr.Wimberly has gone on record that due to potential conflict of interest, she no longer supports her original vote via the adhoc meeting on Option 2.
 2. Dr.Delgado has gone on record that due to a potential conflict of interest, she no longer supports her original vote via the adhoc meeting on Option 2.
 - b. **Public Comment:**
 1. Damian Parfait: Educational Interpreter for 10 years. Encourage the board to accept the Transition Plan,
 2. Lainey Trahan: Main concern is how many students will be left without language access if current interpreters are not grandfathered in. It will fall on the districts to determine which students will go with and without services or interpreters.
 3. Anonymous stakeholder: wrote an email to mention that they feel Dr.Ashley Argrave should abstain from voting due to a conflict of interest.
 - c. **MOTION: Keep the transition plan but instead of the 4.0 EIPA, change to 3.5.** (Ramos, no 2nd)
 1. motion dies
 - d. **MOTION To accept the transition process Option 1** (Crosby, Gaspar)
 1. Martin: Requesting a roll call vote.
 2. **SUBSTITUTE MOTION: To accept Option 2- Grandfather/Legacy Clause (Martin, Jordan)**
 - a. Powell, abstain, Dr Martin, Yes, Dr Foster, abstain, Ramos, No, Jordan, yes, Crosby, No, Kleinpeter, No, Dr Wimberly, abstain, Knowles, No, Gaspar, No, Doyle, Yes, Dr Argrave, abstain.
 - i. 3 yes, 5 no; motion does not pass
 3. **AMENDMENT to MOTION: remove proctor exception** (Knowles, no 2nd) amendment dies
 4. **ORIGINAL MOTION: to accept transition process Option 1**
 - a. Powell- abstain; Dr. Martin- no; Dr Foster- abstain; Ramos- yes; Jordan- abstain; Crosby- yes; Senator Kleinpeter- yes; Dr. Wimberly- abstain; Knowles- yes; Gaspar- yes; Doyle- abstain; Dr Argrave- abstain.
 - i. 5 yes, 1 no; motion carries
 5. **MOTION: to hold a special session to address New Business Items A and B** (Martin, Ramos)
 - a. None opposed- motion carries
- A. Public Comment: Lynn Gomez: Representation LRID as the Vice President. LRID expressed appreciation for their involvement in identifying standards, however expressed public concern that the standards for community interpreters were not afforded the same level of time and respect as those for the K-12 standards.

- a. Interim Director Broussard provided a response for the record on the engagement opportunities LCD has had with the public since 2020, with more information forthcoming and during the special session.

VIII. Reports:

- A. LRID:Conference date as LSD you can register at Irid.org
- B. SSD: Invitation to Homecoming next week October 26, 2024

IX. Announcements:

- A. LCD Board has vacancies for Deaf and hard of hearing representative
 - B. La Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (LRID) COPY FROM AGENDA
- X. **Adjourn** – 12:46 pm pm by Chair Dr.Natalie Delgado (Kleinpeter, Doyle)

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