



**Louisiana Commission for the Deaf
SFY 17 Regular Commission Meeting
Meeting Minutes of Aug 4th, 2017**

I. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 9:04 am by Pauline Wood, Chairperson.

A. Invocation/Silent Prayer

B. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Jack Vincent

C. Roll Call – Ashley Poche – a quorum of Commissioners was present (11).

Commissioners Present:

Candice LeBlanc	Jimmy Gore	Jay Isch	Dr. Donna Alleman
Mark Martin	Kevin Monk	Rana Ottallah	Jeri Pilk
Dr. Lee Mendoza	Pauline Wood	Jack Vincent	Melodie Sparks
Rep. Pat Smith			

Commissioners Not Present:

Sen. Yvonne Colomb	Katie Potier	Dr. Moises Arriaga	Nanette Oliver
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LCD Staff:

Amy Zapata	Ashley Poche	Robin Edwards
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Interpreters:

Shirley Delahoussaye	Laura Sicignano	Malachi Mooney	Daniel Burch
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Captionist:

Stephanie Vallet

II. Approval of Aug. 4, 2017 Meeting Agenda – Rep. P. Smith/K. Monk

III. Approval of April 21, 2017 Meeting Minutes – M. Martin/J. Vincent

IV. Public Comment

I. Dan Arabie – SSP Issues, change in pay for SSP providers

II. Dan Arabie – New Executive Director's continues working to support Deaf/Blind community

III. Phillip Quibodeaux – Deaf & Deaf/Blind Nursing Home

IV. Thelma Covello – No cuts to Interpreting Services

V. Cathy Miller - SSP services for HoH/Blind

VI. Lisa Potter – Emergency Preparedness

Motion: D. Alleman/M. Sparks - Add Emergency Preparedness to Aug 4th Agenda (if time allows) or Sept 29th Agenda

VII. Jackie Broussard – Deaf/Blind Census Project

VIII. Jackie Broussard – Helen Keller National Center Celebration

X. Lisa Potter – B.R.A.D. is back



V. Welcoming Remarks

I. Amy Zapata – Acting Director Presentation

Why are we here, and looking ahead

Setting a new direction

Work completed and in progress for building the foundation

Motion: R. Ottallah/Rep. P. Smith – form three committees (Policy, Process Mapping, and Prioritization)

Amended Motion: J. Vincent/J. Gore – Look into existing LCD committees

Amended Motion: D. Alleman – Include a work group for Emergency Preparedness and Online Presence

VI. Business Requiring Commission Action

A. Old Business

Motion: R. Ottallah/J. Isch/J. Gore – have a representative from the Able Act at Sept. 29th meeting

Motion: J. Isch/J. Gore – Monthly meetings, commission vote (2Y/8N) Motion Failed

I. LCD Website Update – Lee Mendoza, brief look at the future LCD website

Motion: J. Isch/J. Gore – Move discussion on website/video production to Sept. 29th meeting

Motion: J. Isch/L. Mendoza – Move discussion of social media presence to Sept. 29th meeting

II. Legislation Update

Motion: J. Vincent/R. Ottallah – Bring certification back into the educational system in Louisiana (J. Vincent withdraws)

Motion: D. Alleman/M. Martin – suspend the discussion on the letter of to the board regents and teacher certification to a work group, then discuss work group's decision with full commission

B. New Business

I. New Budget suggestions

II. 2018 Budget, current and anticipated

V. Business for Information Purpose/Reports

A. Officer' Reports

Chair, Pauline Wood – No Report

Vice Chair, Jimmy Gore – No report

Secretary, Jack Vincent – No Report

B. Director's Report – N/A

C. Relay Administration Board Report, Pauline Wood – 2 member of RAB will go to Colorado, NASRA

D. Legislators Reports, Rep. P. Smith/Sen. Y. Colomb – Discussion about Fiscal Cliff in the budget. No Special Session called as of yet, if anyone has any legislation, contact Rep. Smith

E. Commissioners' Reports –

Jay Isch – Deaf Focus having small charity event at Burger Smith @ Perkins Rowe Aug. 9th

Rana Ottalah – Financial Inclusion Summit, Aug. 25th and 26th in New Orleans

Jimmy Gore – No Report



Jeri Pilk – Sign and Bowl event, for parent and young children who are Deaf to meet older Deaf adults or other Deaf kids, All-Star Lanes in Baton Rouge

Katie Potier – Not Present

Melodie Sparks – Burger Smith training staff to sign and working on making more restaurants Deaf-friendly

Pauline Wood – LAD had their 50 conference in June. New Officers were elected, New President Kenny Davis, Vice President Cindy Robillard, Secretary Jimmy Gore, and Treasurer Houston Moss

Dr. M. Arriaga – Not Present

Dr. D. Alleman – LSD staff will be back Wednesday, students on following Monday, new school year and LSD Homecoming Oct. 21st

Candice LeBlanc – No Report

Nanette Oliver – Not Present

Mark Martin – the National Deaf Center of Post-Secondary Outcomes, Engage for change

Dr. L. Mendoza – No Report

K. Monk – No Report

VI. Date, Time, and Place of Next Commission Meeting –

Sept 29th, 2017 from 9 am – 1 pm

VII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 12:52 pm.

Draft of minutes prepared 09/15/2017.

Minutes corrected on _____.

Recorder

Date

Secretary

Date