**Louisiana Commission for the Deaf**

**SFY 19 Regular Commission Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes of Feb 15th, 2019**

**I. Call to Order –** Meeting was called to order at 9:07 am by Pauline Wood, Chairperson.

**II. Invocation/Silent Prayer** – Gwen Houston

**III. Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Gwen Houston

**IV. Roll Call** – Ashley Poche – a quorum of Commissioners was present (12).

**Commissioners Present:**

Jay Isch Darlene Austin Pauline Wood Ryan Gollner

Kevin Monk Dr. Lee Mendoza Melodie Sparks Melissa Bayham

Candice LeBlanc Jimmy Gore Lisa Potter Jamie Wong

**Commissioners Not Present:**

Sen. Yvonne Colomb Chris Gorder Rana Ottallah Jeri Pilk

**LCD Staff:**

Ariel Bumbala Ashley Poche Nathan Vitale

**Interpreters:**

Laura Sicignano Elisabeth Gill Tammy Bennett Sylvie Sullivan

**V. Public Comment**

**I. Dan Arabie** – Deaf-Blind Commissioner, Accessible Pedestrian Signals, Second SSP agency in the Easter Region, and Deaf/Deaf-Blind Nursing Home.

**VI. Approval of Aug. 24, 2018 Meeting Agenda** – J. Isch/M. Sparks

Amendment: Add CBI Training to new business.

**VII. Approval of April 21, 2017 Meeting Minutes** –

Motion: approve Aug. 2018 and Feb. 2019 minutes next meeting. M. Sparks/L. Mendoza

**VIII. Director’s Report**

1. Introduction of Susannah Boudreaux (EHDI Director) and Nathan Vitale (LCD Admin. Assistant)
2. Up Coming Trainings, CDI, Protactile, and Interpreter Court training.

**IX. Business Requiring Commission Action**

**A. Old Business**

**1. Vote: Blind-Late Deaf request for SSP services**

**2. LCD Vacancies- four seats – nominations- Secretary**

Motion: accept names the two names submitted to the Governor’s Office. J.Isch/L. Potter

Motion: add nominations for Secretary to next meeting agenda. J. Isch/J. Gore

**3. CDI Training**

**B. New Business**

**1. New EHDI Director Announcement**

**2. TEDPA and NASRA Update – Ashley Poche and Pauline Wood**

**3. David Doub – Hamilton Relay**

**X. Business for Information Purpose/Reports**

**A. Officer’ Reports**

**Chair, Pauline Wood** – No Report

**Vice Chair, Jimmy Gore** – No report

**Secretary** – N/A

**B. Director’s Report** – N/A

**C. Relay Administration Board Report, Pauline Wood** – Meeting March 11th

**D. Legislators Reports, Rep. P. Smith/Sen. Y. Colomb** – Session February to June

**E. Commissioners’ Reports** –

**Jay Isch** – No report

**Rana Ottalah** – N/A

**Jimmy Gore –** No Report

**Jeri Pilk** – N/A

**Chris Gorder** – N/A

**Melissa Bayham** – No Report

**Jamie Wong** – LEAD-K Task Force turned in their report to legislation on Feb. 1st. and the last meeting will be held Feb. 25th.

**Darlin Austin** – 50th Annual LRID conference September 26th and 27th in Baton Rouge. Spring Workshop April 6th in Slidell.

**Melodie Sparks** – Deaf Education Summit two weekends ago. March 23rd, Deaf Focus and LSC Foundation is having a dash for Deaf Kids. Kids Camp will be at Camp Istruma in Greenwell Springs.

**Pauline Wood –** LAD meeting April 13th

**Lisa Potter** – No Report

**Ryan Gollner** – LSD will have a production of The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe, March 21st at 6:00 pm

**Candice LeBlanc** – No Report

**Dr. L. Mendoza** – New Tool for show illness and deaths associated with opioids and other drugs. Flu Season, get your flu shots.

**K. Monk** –LRS is serving all categories

**XI. Announcements** –

**XII. Date, Time, and Place of Next Commission Meeting** –

May 24th, 2019 from 9 am – 12 pm, Bienville Building

**X.II Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 11:18 pm.

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Recorder Date Secretary Date