



**Louisiana Commission for the Deaf
SFY 2013 Regular Commission Meeting
Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2012**

I. Call To Order - Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Brandi Berkeley, Chairperson.

A. Invocation/Silent Prayer – Gary Montgomery

B. Pledge of Allegiance – Brandi Berkeley

C. Roll Call – Diane Anticich – A quorum of Commissioners was present.

Commissioners present:

Dr. Nancy Benham	Brandi Berkeley	Thelma Covello	John K. Davis	Deanna Hardy
Carolyn Jarrels	Leslie Knowles	Dr. Lee Mendoza	Gary Montgomery	

Commissioners not present:

Rep. Regina Barrow	Myron Berzas	Brandon Burriss	Sen. Yvonne Dorsey-Colomb
Joyce Russo			

Non-voting Commission Member present: Naomi DeDual, Executive Director

Commission Staff present:

Diane Anticich, Program Manager	Elaine Scivicque, Admin. Program Specialist A
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Interpreters: Shirley Delahoussaye and Dawn Melendez

D. Opening remarks: B. Berkeley welcomed commissioners and guests.

E. Persons Requesting to Address the Board:

Mary Smith	Jennie Bourgeois	Darlene Austin	Paula Rodriguez
Kenny David	Lynn Blanchard	Naomi DeDual	

II Approval of November 2, 2012 Meeting Agenda – Motion: G. Montgomery/J.K. Davis motioned to accept November 2, 2012 agenda as presented. Motion passed.

III Approval of September 17, 2012 Committee Meeting Minutes – Motion: G. Montgomery/Dr. L. Mendoza motioned to accept September 17, 2012 minutes as presented. Motion passed.

IV Reports:

A. Officer Reports:

B. Berkeley, Chairperson – none

T. Covello, Vice-Chairperson – Requested a moment of silence in honor of Randall Pippins, Sr., a former officer/board member to the LAD and LCD, and friend who recently passed.

J. K. Davis, Secretary – On Monday, at the 19th JDC, a court hearing on the Steven Leon vs. LPSC/RAB class action lawsuit will be held which may impact relay services in Louisiana.



B. Executive Director's Report – N. DeDual: Reiterated the purpose, authority and responsibility of LCD staff and board for coordination, facilitation and/or provision of accessibility services; provided the balance of the LCD Trust Fund as of October 2012, as well as the revenue and interest collected to date in SFY 2013; and the balance of the Trust Fund after SFY 13 budget; and that LCD has requested \$2.2 million from state-general funds for SFY 14 budget. Also, provided itemization and totals of SFY 13 payments for administration; telecommunication equipment; hearing aids; and payments to contractors for professional services including equipment distribution; hearing aid administration; ASL interpreting services; and SSP services. Provided the SFY 2012 performance reports of consumers served statewide. Provided the SFY 2013 report for state-interpreter certification, the process by which interpreters provide notice of their national certification and pay a \$26 money order to DMV for a background check which certifies them as a state interpreter for four years. Provided updated resources for consumers with hearing loss; LCD RSCs contact info; and meetings/presentations by LCD staff; and ADA info.

C. Relay Administration Board Report: T. Covello/N. DeDual – shared news from RAB meeting and update on Stephen Leon and Hilda Jarreau vs. LPSC/RAB class-action lawsuit in which plaintiffs contend they represent the class of persons who paid \$.11/month fee on landline phone bill ten years ago; and contend LPSC/RAB did not have authority to apply the fee to provide for statewide public relay services.

D. Commissioner Reports:

LRID – L. Knowles – In September, LRID hosted their annual conference and elected Gary Morgan as President. Mr. Morgan has designated Ms. Knowles as his LRID designee to the LCD. Ms. Knowles thanks outgoing LRID officers. On Oct. 1st, a transition meeting was held. The Region IV representative will be in attendance at the regional RID conference. LRID wants to include interpreter training information to the statewide resources list: DAC –LA (online ASL) and Delgado Community College (associate degree). LRID is also preparing training for interpreters; and requests interested persons contact them through the LRID website at <http://www.lrid.org>

Parent – D. Hardy – Her daughter's class recently read 'Rosina', a story about a young deaf girl; and an interpreter signed the story to introduce the class to ASL and Deaf culture.

LAD – T. Covello – Saturday at 10 AM, at the Kenner Doubletree, LAD has their board meeting.

E. State Agency Reports:

DHH – Dr. Mendoza – I'm honored to serve on the LCD. It's flu season, remember your flu shot. November is Diabetes Awareness month; check out the website at <http://www.diabetes.org> I work with DHH's Office of Aging and Adult Services (OAAS) which provides assistive technology.

LSD – Dr. Benham – LSD students and staff enjoyed a great game against Arkansas School for the Deaf. Enrollment is at 153 - great for start of the school year. We're providing LSD students with a quality education; and sharing news of the great resources at LSD with the community.

LWC- C. Jarrels – no report



LRS/VR – G. Montgomery – A vacancy for the Rehab Counselor for Deaf/HH job in Shreveport is now posted. All other RCD jobs are filled with well-qualified, experienced personnel. LRS staff are conducting presentations to disability support staff at colleges and vo-techs to educate about responsibilities for interpreting services. LRS may provide ASL interpreting services at colleges or vo-techs for a limited duration; but also assists their staff in development and/or coordination of support services and/or systems for communication accessibility.

F. Legislator Reports: None


V. Business Requiring Commission Action:

A. Old Business: Reduction in LCD revenue from land-line telephones – review LCD trust balance; and discuss options for additional revenue sources to prevent reduction in SFY 2014 services

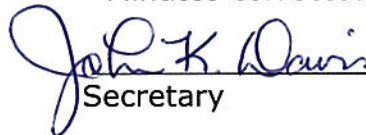
VI Date, Time, Place of Next Commission Meeting – February 1, 2013 – 10 AM – Rm. 118

VII Adjournment – At 12:05 PM, upon notice that a quorum of commissioners no longer existed, Chairperson B. Berkeley adjourned the meeting.

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Recorder Date 2/22/13

Minutes corrected on _____.


Secretary Date 2.25.2013

c. LCD master file; LCD Board Members; LCD Staff