



**Louisiana Commission for the Deaf  
SFY 17 Regular Commission Meeting  
Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2017**

**I. Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 9:01 am by Pauline Wood, Chairperson.

**A. Invocation/Silent Prayer**

**B. Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Dan Arabi

**C. Roll Call** – Ashley Poche – a quorum of Commissioners was present (9).

**Commissioners Present:**

Candice LeBlanc	Jimmy Gore	Jay Isch
Mark Martin	Kevin Monk	Rana Ottallah
Dr. Lee Mendoza	Pauline Wood	Jack Vincent

**Commissioners Not Present:**

Sen. Yvonne Colomb	Re. Patricia Smith	Melodie Sparks	Katie Potier
Dr. Donna Alleman	Dr. Moises Arriaga	Jeri Pilk	

**Commission Staff:** Ashley Poche

**Interpreters:**

Shirley Delahoussaye	Laura Sicignano	Malachi Mooney	Daniel Burch
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**Captionist:** Stephanie Vallet

**LDH Staff:**

Amy Zapata

**II. Approval of April 21, 2017 Meeting Agenda** – J. Vincent/K. Monk

**III. Approval of February 17, 2017 Meeting Minutes** – J. Isch amended that R. Ottallah motion to change the job description for the Executive Director to include in depth sign language and cultural knowledge was second by himself.  
Motion to accept as amended: J. Vincent/M. Martin

**IV. Business Requiring Commission Action:**

**A. Old Business**



## **B. New Business**

### **I. Amy Zapata – Strategic Planning**

Help see the value of the commission, value of services and what you see are some of the priorities.

### **II. Devin Lemoine – Strategic Planning Activity**

### **III. Leslie Knowles – Question on Interpreting and Training**

Delgado Community College Interpreting Program

Interpreter Certification

### **VI. Terri Ibieta – EHD Program**

Early Learning Detection Program

J. Isch motion for a vote of no confidence with Pauline, would like her to step aside. Second by J. Gore

Votes: 3/3, tie

## **C. Public Comment**

**I. Dan Arabie** – Helen Keller Deaf-Blind Awareness (HKDBA) will be held at the Louisiana School for the Deaf, June 22, 2017 at 9 am. go on all day. It will include a luncheon and the fee is \$10. Any information contact Jackie Broussard, Chairperson.

**II. Justin Alexie** – ask the board to change policy on a commissioner working under an LCD contractor.

## **V. Business for Information Purpose/Reports**

### **A. Officer' Reports**

**Chair, Pauline Wood** – No Report

**Vice Chair, Jimmy Gore** – May 4<sup>th</sup> Deaf Rally

**Secretary, Jack Vincent** –

**B. Director's Report** – N/A

**C. Relay Administration Board Report, Pauline Wood** – Meeting Monday April 10, 2017 (3 new officers)

**D. Legislators Reports, Rep. P. Smith/Sen. Y. Colomb** – Not Present

### **E. Commissioners' Reports –**

**Jay Isch** – N/A

**Rana Ottalah** – First Annual 5K Run/Walk/Sign tomorrow (April 22). They will have Deaf performers and speakers. We have 2 bills in legislation, both by Rep. Smith. One is to change the language from Hearing Impaired to Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The other is to increase the funding by decreasing landline from 5 cents to 4 cents and adding 4 cents on every cell phone and prepaid phone.

**Jimmy Gore** – Senate Bill 226, cut the commission by 50%, so we need to block. I think Hewitt was the author of 226. NAD sent out an alert that they are trying to weaken the ADA bill because they have a suit about interpreters.

**Jeri Pilk** – Not Present

**Katie Potier** – Not Present



**Melodie Sparks** – (David Hylan) No Report

**Pauline Wood** – LAD will have their 50 conference in June at LSD because the very first conference was actually at the old campus of the Deaf school. So to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> we're going to use the new school. June 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>, everyone is welcome.

**Dr. M. Arriaga** – Not Present

**Dr. D. Alleman** – (Ryan Gollner) Wrapping up the school year. Next month we are focusing on state testing and graduation. An exciting time for us, very positive time, end of year.

**Candice LeBlanc** – No Report

**Nanette Oliver** – Individuals Disability Education Act budget is online and available for public comment until April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Mark Martin** – Got invited to the National Deaf Center on post-secondary outcomes. It's called engaging the state, in Austin, TX June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Dr. L. Mendoza** – Even though it is not hurricane season yet, we had our first named storm. LDH wants to remind everyone to go to [getagameplan.org](http://getagameplan.org), the governor's website, for emergency preparedness.

**K. Monk** – No Report

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

June 9<sup>th</sup> – 9am – 1 pm, Bienville Building

**VII. Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

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Minutes corrected on \_\_\_\_\_.

7/27/17

Recorder

Date

Secretary

Date