



**Louisiana Commission for the Deaf  
SFY 18 Regular Commission Meeting  
Meeting Minutes of May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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

**II. Invocation/Silent Prayer**

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

**IV. Roll Call** – Ariel Bumbala - a quorum of Commissioners was present (12).

**Commissioners Present:**

Lisa Potter	Dr. Donna Alleman	Jimmy Gore	Rana Ottallah (Michael Norman)
Jay Isch	Dr. Lee Mendoza	Kevin Monk	Darlene Austin
Pauline Wood	Melodie Sparks	Chris Gorder	
Candice LeBlanc (L)	Jamie Wong		

**Commissioners Not Present:**

Sen. Yvonne Colomb	Mark Martin	Jeri Pilk	Rep. Patricia Haynes Smith
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**LCD Staff:**

Ariel Bumbala	Amy Zapata	Ashley Poche	Nathan Vitale
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**Interpreters:**

Laura Sicignano	Nicky Gillies	Melissa Hines	Brandon Vice
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**Captionist:**

Stephanie Vallet

**V. Approval of May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Meeting Agenda** – D. Austin/J. Isch

- Amended – Addition of Public Comments

**VI. Approval of February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 Meeting Minutes** – M. Sparks/L. Potter

-Amended- Spelling correction Blaise Perry

**VII. Business Requiring Commission Action**

**A. Old Business**

- 1) Commissioner questions for: Interpreter and SSP Work Group Chair—vote  
Motion: To defer this agenda item to August 24<sup>th</sup> meeting- J.Isch/J. Gore
- 2) Mentoring Program Update—vote
- 3) LCD Technical Guidance Manual- Distribution of edited TGM—vote

Motion: Have a special meeting to talk about the budget on June 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>- J. Gore/ J.Isch

Amendment-To have the special meeting prior to July 1- J. Wong/ L. Potter

**B. New Business**

- 1) Blind-Deaf Update—Cathy Miller
- 2) Legislation Update—Commissioner Isch
- 3) Advocate Proposal—Commissioner Gore



Motion: To appoint J. Isch as an advocate from the commission- J. Gore/ C. Gorder

Amendment- that the staff do some research on the procedures for accomplishing  
Leadership roles within the commission- J. Wong/ D. Alleman

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

**A. Officer' Reports**

**Chair, Pauline Wood** – None

**Vice Chair, Jimmy Gore** – Letter from Jenny Saunders about her mother having a traumatic experience in a hospital without interpreter

**Secretary, Dr. Donna Alleman** – No Report

**B. Director's Report** – I am taking every opportunity to talk about the VRI issue with hospitals. We are going to send surveys to the CEO's and find out what they want to know and I will be able to work that into my presentation. We have three different speaking engagements at a workshop, a power hour and different events. As far as the Mentor Program goes we decided to have a workshop once a month in Baton Rouge. We will be giving a workshop on June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> that will focus on medical interpreting. We also need legal interpreting training.

**C. Relay Administration Board Report, Pauline Wood** – There was a meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup>. We have some new relay board officers because the terms are two year terms. Ted Hanking is the president, Karen Babineuax is the vice president. The secretary and treasurer is Brandon Frey and I am (Pauline Wood) is the member at large. The next meeting will be on June 4<sup>th</sup>, a Monday at 1:00pm. We'll have a national convention September 9-12 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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

**E. Commissioners' Reports –**

**Jay Isch** – Two events coming up. May 30<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm a fundraiser dinner at Bistro Byron's on Government St. It's a fundraiser for kids camp June 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>. We're trying to push for a deaf friendly restaurant so they can understand how we need to communicate. The second thing is we have a plan for deaf awareness week which is the last week of September. We are planning to have events throughout the week and also having eat, drink and sign at the end of the week September 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Rana Ottalah** – Not present

**Jimmy Gore** – None

**Jeri Pilk**- Not present

**Lisa Potter** – Event July 14<sup>th</sup> BREC on Jefferson Hwy 5:30- 9:30 in the vening

**Chris Gorder** – No report

**Darlene Austin** – A few things LRID is working on: There is a position statement that several organizations, including HURT, the National Black Deaf Advocates, RID they are submitting reports for support for legislation- so its support about the provision of interpreters in the prison system throughout the state. LRID is going to be having our 49<sup>th</sup> annual conference in October, October 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> in Lafayette at Louisiana Athletic Association for the Deaf. Deaf Regional conference which will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico July 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. LRID is working on a workshop on the North Shore to be provided for educational interpreters.

Motion- To create a position directly related to the LADOC or have the commission write a letter-J.Isch



**Melodie Sparks** – Deaf focus kids camp- for kids who are deaf their sisters and brothers, parents and grandparents

**Pauline Wood** – None

**Dr. D. Alleman** – Summer program to begin on June 4<sup>th</sup> for 3 weeks

**Candice LeBlanc** – No report

**Jamie Wong** – No report

**Mark Martin** – Not Present

**Dr. L. Mendoza** – Its Hurricane Season

**K. Monk** – Mark Martin retired at the end of March. We're continuing to serve individuals in category one.

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

August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018, from 9 am – 12 pm, Bienville Building, room 118

**XII. Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 11:47 am.

Draft of minutes prepared 05/10/2018.

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

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Recorder

Date

Secretary

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