



**Louisiana Commission for the Deaf  
SFY 11 Regular Commission Meeting  
Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2011**

**I. Call To Order** -The meeting was called to order at 1:50 PM by Brandi Berkeley, Chair due to the late finish of the task-force meeting at 1:15 PM.

**A. Invocation** – Kenneth York

**B. Pledge of Allegiance** – Representative Kay Katz

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

**Commissioners present:**

Darlene Austin	Brandi Berkeley	Myron Berzas	Thelma Covello
John K. Davis	Maegan Guilbeau	Deanna Hardy	Carolyn Jarrels
Rep. Kay Katz	Daniel Theaux	Pauline Wood	Kenneth York

**Commissioners not present:**

Brandon Burriss    Sen. Yvonne Dorsey    Dr. Monita Hara    Joyce Russo

**Non-voting Commission Member present:**

Naomi DeDual, Executive Director

**Commission Staff present:**

Diane Anticich, Program Manager  
Jairus Methvin, Program Monitor  
Elaine Scivicque, Admin. Program Specialist A

**Interpreters:** Shirley Delahoussaye, Peggy Gray, Dawn Melendez, and Amy Miller

**D. Opening remarks:** B. Berkeley welcomed all Commissioners and guests.

**E. Persons Requesting to Address the Board:**

P. Warmack, G. Bamburg, J. Jackson, B.J. Harrell, D. Hylan, Jr., M. Buckalew, K. Buckalew, A. Harrell, F. Hunter, D. Craig, K. Cobb-Adams, W. Cooks, A. Allen, C. Campbell, T. Sykes, G. Powliski, G. Wingo, B. Williams, A. Veith, and W. Coker spoke in support of the Deaf Action Center – Louisiana (Shreveport) and requested the LCD continue to contract with DAC-LA.

K. David spoke in support of the LCD Commissioners; and their responsibilities for service.

M. Iddens welcomed all to New Horizons; and shared information on their services.

**II Approval of Agenda - Motion:** D. Austin/J. Davis moved to amend the agenda to include the task-force committee's report; and accept as amended. Passed

**III Approval of Minutes - Motion:** D. Austin/P. Wood moved to accept the meeting minutes of the April 1, 2011 Commission meeting. Passed

**IV Business for Informational Purposes**

**A. Officer's Reports:**

**President - B. Berkeley** – I serve on this board as an advocate for all.

**Vice-President - T. Covello** – I have been with this board for 8 years.

**Secretary - J. Davis** – I take my responsibilities and position very seriously.

**B. Executive Director Report: N. DeDual** – provided the totals of SFY 2011 payments made through 06/17/11; 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter SFY 2011 performance reports of consumers served statewide; balance of LCD trust as of 06/17/11; 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter reports for state-interpreter certification; qualifications for state-interpreter certification; included list of statewide resources for consumers with hearing loss; presented information on meetings and presentations by LCD Director and staff; and presented information on the Helen Keller Deaf-Blind Awareness ceremony held on 06/10/11 at DHH and State Capitol.

**C. Relay Administration Board Report: T. Covello** – the next RAB meeting is on 08/18/11.

**D. Commissioner Reports:**

**D. Austin/LRID** – none; **B. Berkeley/Parent** – none; **M. Berzas/DCFS** – none; **T. Covello/Deaf rep.** – none; **J. Davis/Deaf rep.** – none; **M. Guilbeau/DHH** – none; **D. Hardy/Parent** – none; **C. Jarrells/LWC** – none; **Rep. K. Katz/House of Representatives** – none; **D. Theaux/Hard of Hearing rep.** – none; **P. Wood/LAD** – none; **K. York/LRS-VR** – none

**E. Task-Force Committee Report: B. Berkeley** – The task-force committee met twice to review allegations of lack of communication and transparency, and hostility by LCD Director. The committee determined the LCD Director did not behave with hostility; communicated effectively; and demonstrated transparency in performance of her duties.

**V Business Requiring Commission Action**

**A. Old Business -**

**1. SFY 2012-14 contracts - Motion:** D. Austin/P. Wood moved to separate discussions on contract renewal with DAC-Shreveport and DAC-New Orleans. Passed

Motion: T. Covello/D. Austin moved to renew contracts with the Deaf Action Center of Louisiana - Shreveport. Failed Roll call:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
T. Covello	K. York	M. Berzas
D. Austin	J. Davis	D. Hardy
P. Wood	D. Theaux	
M. Guilbeau	C. Jarrels	
	B. Berkeley	

Motion: P. Wood/J. Davis moved to delete SFY 2012-2014 contracts from agenda. Passed

Motion: J. Davis/P. Wood moved to delete task-force committee from agenda. Passed

**B. New Business -**

**1. Communication Facilitator pilot project -** T. Covello/no second - moved to develop a CF pilot project (aide to assist persons who are deaf-blind with relay services). T. Covello withdrew the motion and will propose to the RAB.

Motion: T. Covello/J. Davis motioned to delete item from agenda. Passed

**VI Date, Time, and Place for next Commission Meeting -** The next LCD meeting will be September 9, 2011 at 10:00 AM in Rm. 173 - DHH Bienville.

**VII Announcements -** none

**VIII Adjournment -** D. Theaux/J. Davis moved to adjourn at 4:00 PM. Passed

Draft of minutes prepared 07/18/11 Minutes corrected on \_\_\_\_\_.

  
Recorder 10/13/11  
Date

  
Secretary 10.13.2011  
Date

c. LCD master file (original)  
LCD Board Members  
LCD Staff