

**Rhode Island Commission on the Deaf and Hard of  
Hearing  
Tuesday, March 21, 2006  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

*Commissioners Attending:* T. Zellner, E. Rawlings, L. Sack, J. Ronan, S. Goldenberg, and Robert Cooper

*Commissioners Absent:* P. Thompson, J. Desmarais-Valdez, K. Blue, J. Tolento, J. Daniels

*Staff Attending:* S. Florio (Exec. Director)

*Communication Accommodations:* Christine West and Paul Giard (Itnerpreters)  
And Nicole Reas (CART)

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The meeting was called to order by chair Travis Zellner at 6:38pm. The Chair asked for the commissioners to go into closed session to discuss of personnel. Steven A. Florio, Executive Director, explained that the Commissioners needed to vote whether to approve the Executive Director's recommendations for the positions of Program Manager and Administrative Officer/Interpreter Referral Specialist.

**CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Suzanne Goldenberg made a motion that the commissioners go into closed session with the Executive Director to vote on recommended candidates. Seconded by Lisa Sack. Motion passed.

Travis Zellner excluded himself on basis of conflict of interest. Closed/Executive Session started at 6:41pm.

Closed/Executive Session adjourned and re-opened at 6:50pm.

**ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS:**

Travis Zellner re-joined the meeting and resumed the meeting for the purpose of electing the Commission's officers. Nominations were open, and Travis nominated Robert Cooper to the position of Assistant Treasurer. No further nominations were made, and John Ronan made a motion to close nominations. Seconded by Lisa Sack. Motion passed.

Lisa Sack made a motion to accept the entire slate as nominated. Seconded by John Ronan. Motion passed unanimously.

The following slate was elected to serve as officers of the commission for one year:

<b>Chairperson:</b>	Travis Zellner
<b>Vice-Chairperson:</b>	Edward Rawlings
<b>Secretary:</b>	Suzanne Goldenberg
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Lisa Sack
<b>Assistant Treasurer:</b>	Robert Cooper

John Ronan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Lisa Sack. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Goldenberg