

# Rhode Island Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

## Thursday, April 26, 2007

### MEETING MINUTES

*Commissioners Attending: Jack Ronan, Lois Thomas, Ed Rawlings, Suzanne Goldenberg, Travis Zellner*

*Commissioners Absent: Lisa Sack, Andrew Knight, Patti Thompson*

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

*Communication Accommodations: ASL Interpreters and CART*

*Location: Department of Administration Building, Conference Room A, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI*

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Meeting Minutes April 26, 2007  
Suzanne Goldenberg, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:46 by Chair Travis Zellner.

#### **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Minutes were reviewed for the meeting of December 13, 2006. Ed Rawlings made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Jack Ronan seconded it. The motion passed and the minutes were accepted as written.

Minutes were reviewed for the meeting of March 3, 2007. It was noted that not enough members who were present at the March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting are present today for the commission to vote to accept. Acceptance of the March 3<sup>rd</sup> minutes was suspended until the next meeting.

#### **EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION**

Steve Florio, Executive Director called for the commission to go into closed session. Jack Ronan so moved, and Suzanne Goldenberg seconded the motion. The motion was approved and the commission went into closed session at 6:51 pm.

#### **OFFICERS REPORTS**

##### **Chair**

Travis reported that there are currently two deaf seats vacant on the Commission. There are six positions in total that expire as of July 1, 2007. See information in packet.

Travis also noted that the Rhode Island School for the Deaf is now actively seeking candidates for the position of Director of the school.

**Executive Director**

See Executive Director's report in packet. Steve announced that he and his family will be relocating to Massachusetts. He will continue to serve as Executive Director of the RI Commission.

There were no other officers' reports.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion of a training retreat for the Commission will be held until June to allow for the incorporation of new members to the Commission. Six applicants are currently being screened for consideration for filling the seats that are vacant.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The election of officers will take place at the June meeting. There will be a special meeting held to determine the election process for new officers and to clarify expectations for the officers' responsibilities. The date for the special meeting is set for May 16, 2007 unless interpreters cannot be made available for that date.

Business was completed, and Jack Ronan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Suzanne Goldenberg. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Goldenberg, Secretary