

**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS
FOR INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF**

March 16, 2010

OPEN SESSION

The Open Session of the Board of Interpreters for the Deaf was called to order at 3:15 pm on the above date in Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended. A quorum was established.

Board members in attendance:

Christopher Haas

Nancy Fuller

Rosa Norberg

James Litvack

Debra Raiche

Staff members in attendance:

J. Michel Martineau

Charles Alexandre

Others in attendance:

Carol Fay, Interpreter

Minutes of the meeting held February 19, 2008 were presented. On a motion entered by Nancy Fuller, seconded by Rosa Norberg, the Board unanimously voted to accept the minutes as presented.

Board Members note it continues to be problematic that four of nine seats on the Board remain open, the current situation has existed for two years. At this time, all five current serving members must be present to constitute a quorum and it is not always possible.

Aligned to the above, some licensing categories may have as few as 2 license holders with one of them already serving on the Board and furthermore, the language describing at least one category “one interpreter eligible under 5-71-12” needs to be updated as that section has been repealed.

Board Members note that recent attempts to propose legislation to address this did not meet with success. Members state they will again work with their professional organizations and work to propose legislation to address this and possibly other matters.

Adjournment

On motion of James Litvack, seconded by Christopher Haas, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn. The Open Session of the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm. The next meeting will be held

June 8, 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Michel Martineau

Board Administrator

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