

DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION  
BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF

3 CAPITOL HILL  
CONFERENCE ROOM 104  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Wednesday, July 23, 2014  
2:00 p.m.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Joseph Batiano, Consumer Member  
Carol Fay, CI, CT, Chairperson  
Jonathan Brown Henry, CI, CT  
Dorothy Hodge, CI, CT

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

None

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Amy Coleman, Legal Counsel  
Arlene Hartwell, Board Manager

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Elizabeth Nadolski, CI, CT

1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the Board of Examiners for Interpreters for the Deaf was held on Wednesday, July 23, 2014, at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 2:13 p.m. on a motion by Carol Fay and seconded by Jonathan Brown Henry. Motion carried.

2. Presentation of the June 11,2014 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Minutes were reviewed and three corrections were made. Motion was made by Jonathan Brown Henry and seconded by Carol Fay to accept the Open Session minutes of June 11, 2014. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

3. Board Manager Report

- Statute requires that the board convene in December to elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. A tentative date of December 3<sup>rd</sup> has been selected. Legal counsel and board members will confirm availability.

4. Chairperson Report

- Carol Fay announced that she is stepping down as Chairperson of the Board of Examiners for Interpreters for the Deaf.

5. Old Business

- Dorothy Hodge brought corrections of the meeting minutes of February 12, 2014 for the Board of Examiners for Interpreters for the Deaf to review. A motion was made by Carol Fay to approve the corrected minutes. The motion was seconded by Joseph Batiano. The board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

- The board is in the process of recommending revisions to Chapter 5-71 of the Rules and Regulations for Licensing for Interpreters for the Deaf. Sections one and two were reviewed item by item.
  - Dorothy Hodge wanted clarification about the title in 1.1, “Licensure ‘of’ Interpreters for the Deaf Act” when the board is called the “Board of Examiners ‘for’ Interpreters for the Deaf”. Arlene Hartwell referred to the statute and confirmed that the titles were correct.
  - Carol Fay made a motion to strike 1.11. The motion was seconded by Joseph Batiano. Amy Coleman advised the board members that it may not be allowable to strike 1.11 as the statute may include verbiage relative to those definitions. The motion was tabled and will be re-considered at the next meeting pending Amy’s finding.
  - Board members noted that section 2.1 is missing. Dorothy Hodge suggested that “Certified Interpreter” be inserted as 2.1. Dorothy distributed handouts of National Credential Descriptors for Sign Language Interpreters: NIC, RID, NAD, ACCI, and EIPA, a proposal for BoE regarding Certification Status, an email from Carol Fay to RID members and friends, an email from Christopher Haas to Steve Florio regarding working within the scope of a license, and an email from Holly St. Pierre at RICDHH to all interpreters notifying them about license renewal.
  - The board decided to ‘marinate’ on all of the information and to table the discussion for the next meeting as time is limited.

## 6. New Business

- Carol Fay nominated Dorothy Hodge as interim Chairperson.
  - Joseph Batiano made a motion for Carol to remain as chairperson. Carol explained that she has decided to step down and that she will remain on the board, but not in the chairperson capacity.
  - Carol Fay made a motion that Dorothy Hodge be Interim Chairperson of the Board of Examiners for Interpreters for the Deaf.

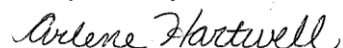
The motion was seconded by Jonathan Brown Henry. Joseph Batiano abstained. Motion carried.

- A discussion ensued regarding validity of license, national RID membership and dual certification.
  - Dorothy Hodge stated that she is aware of people who practice outside of the scope of their certification. Dorothy asked if the individuals who practice outside of the scope of their certification could be brought before the board. Jonathan Brown Henry stated that he did not want to target individuals and inquired about the role of the Board. Arlene explained that a person can be requested to come before the board after a complaint has been filed. The complaint/hearing process was explained by Amy Coleman. She added that a complaint could be filed anonymously. Arlene Hartwell advised that the board could request an audit of all licensees or of a random sample. Jonathan Brown Henry made a motion that a random audit be done of all state screened interpreters to prove required RID membership. Carol Fay suggested that more consideration be given to the topic and that the motion be tabled. There was unanimous agreement.

## 7. Adjournment

The next Board of Examiners for Interpreters for the Deaf meeting will be held Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Jonathan Brown Henry and seconded by Carol Fay to adjourn at 4:06 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Arlene Hartwell  
Board Manager  
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