

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

RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
1 CORLISS PARK
CONFERENCE ROOM 110
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Wednesday, March 14, 2018
3:00 PM

FINAL
OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jonathan Henry-Heywood, Chair
Dorothy Hodge
Heather Anderson
Danielle Loughlin

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

J. Michel Martineau. Board Manager

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Carol Fay, Interpreter
Christine West, Interpreter
Holly St. Pierre, RICDHH
Hayley Baccaire, RI RID President

1. Establishment of a quorum

A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 3:07 PM on a motion by Danielle Loughlin and seconded by Heather Anderson. Motion carried.

2. Presentation of the December 28, 2017 Open Session Minutes

Motion was made by Dorothy Hodge and seconded by Danielle Loughlin to accept the Open Session Minutes of December 28, 2017. Motion carried.

3. Motion to adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Dorothy Hodge and seconded by Heather Anderson to adjourn to Closed Session at 3:14 PM. Motion carried. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure. Said individuals have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting. Also, pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a) (4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.

4. Motion to return to Open Session

Motion was made by Danielle Loughlin and seconded by Jonathan Henry-Heywood at 4:20 PM to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Motion carried.

5. New Business

Rules and Regulations for Licensing Interpreters for the Deaf

Members discuss to allow State Screening licensed individuals to do screening for 6 years, not to be renewed. Members indicate the 6-year limit will be effective moving forward, not retroactively. Motion to accept was made by Heather Anderson and seconded by Dorothy Hodge. Motion carried.

A Member suggests aligning educational interpreter performance assessment standards (EIPA) with RID. Jonathan Henry-Heywood makes a motion to accept the introductory score of 3.5 as acceptable with a 2-year requirement to show

growth, with the ultimate goal being 4.0. Showing growth after 2 years may be determined by taking the test and scoring 3.7 and then having 2 additional years to test again and achieve a score of 4.0. EIPA scores must be sent to the Board. Danielle Loughlin seconds the motion. Motion carried.

A Member asks why no Educational Interpreter (RIGL 5-71-8(b)) licenses have been issued. Michel Martineau indicates he will check with the Department. A Member states this may be a topic for a future meeting.

Michel Martineau states that he will review these proposed changes with legal counsel to determine if they require amendment to Interpreter Law RIGL 5-71 or amendment to Interpreter Regulations. Michel Martineau states if these changes require amendment, then the reformatting project will continue to move forward and these proposed changes will be a separate matter and would not be fast, but would take time. Dorothy Hodge and Johnathan Henry-Heywood respond they recognize that.

Elect Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, per RIGL 5-71-4.

Motion to table until December 2018 was made by Dorothy Hodge and seconded by Jonathan Henry-Heywood. Motion carried.

6. Adjournment

Motion was made by Heather Anderson and seconded by Danielle Loughlin to adjourn at 4:34 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



J. Michel Martineau
Board Manager
Center for Professional Boards and Commissions