



**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COMMISSION FOR DEAF & HARD OF HEARING**

*Quarterly Board Meeting  
Thursday, December 8, 2022.  
3:00pm*

*The meeting was held remotely via Zoom and the public could view the meeting  
livestream on YouTube with interpreting and captioning at  
<https://youtu.be/xCbhaSFJoAg>*

***DRAFT – These minutes will be subject to another possible revision and approval by the commissioners at the next board meeting on March 9, 2023.***

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Concha Dunwell Hooper called the meeting to order at 3:04pm. Trevor Brennan, Administrative Operations Specialist, called roll call.

Present: Mrs. Concha Dunwell  
Dr. Jennifer Herbold  
Dr. Ronald Stern  
Mr. John Hooper  
Ms. Casey Stone Romero  
Mr. Francis Vigil

Absent:

Quorum was met.

Five staff members from NMCDHH were present via Zoom: Executive Director Nathan Gomme, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Deborah Romero, Director of Community Advocacy Corina Gutiérrez, Community Engagement Specialist Jessica Eubank, and Trevor Brennan. Jessica Eubank interpreted the meeting along with Dana Murrah and Amy Bourque. Assistant Attorney General Delilah Tenorio was also present. Denise Miller from Partners Interpreting LLC. provided CART transcription.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chair Dunwell asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

**23.1**

Commissioner Hooper made a motion to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Vigil seconded.

Mr. Brennan took a roll call vote:

Commissioner Hooper – Yes

Commissioner Dunwell – Yes

Commissioner Stone Romero – Yes

Commissioner Herbold – Yes

Commissioner Vigil – Yes

Commissioner Stern – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stern asked for the reason behind having a roll call vote. Assistant Attorney General Tenorio explained that roll call votes are held in virtual meetings for the purpose of creating a record of how each Commission member votes for each item.

**III. APPROVAL OF September 8, 2022 MINUTES**

Chair Dunwell asked if there were any additional changes to the minutes from September 8, 2022. Commissioner Hooper noted an error that occurred under Item V in the second paragraph, Commissioner Herbold was identified as Commissioner Hooper.

Chair Dunwell asked for a motion to approve the amended minutes as corrected by Commissioner Hooper.

**23.2**

Commissioner Herbold made a motion to approve the minutes as amended.  
Commissioner Hooper seconded.  
Mr. Brennan took a roll call vote:

Commissioner Hooper – Yes	Commissioner Herbold – Yes
Commissioner Dunwell – Yes	Commissioner Vigil – Yes
Commissioner Stone Romero – Yes	Commissioner Stern – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

**IV. APPROVAL OF September 27, 2022 MINUTES**

Chair Dunwell asked if there were any additional changes to the minutes from September 27, 2022. There were no further comments or changes.

Chair Dunwell asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written.

**23.3**

Commissioner Stern made a motion to approve the minutes as written.  
Commissioner Herbold seconded.  
Mr. Brennan took a roll call vote:

Commissioner Hooper – Yes	Commissioner Herbold – Yes
Commissioner Dunwell – Yes	Commissioner Vigil – Abstained
Commissioner Stone Romero – Abstained	Commissioner Stern – Yes

Commissioners Stone-Romero and Vigil were absent from the September 27 meeting, and therefore abstained. Motion passed by majority vote

**V. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair Dunwell asked for a motion to close the meeting and enter into Executive Session to discuss the items listed on the agenda under item IV: Pursuant to Section 10-15-1-H(2) of the Open Meetings Act authorizing closed sessions to discuss limited personnel matters.

**23.4**

Commissioner Herbold made the motion to enter into a closed Executive Session.  
Commissioner Hooper seconded.  
Mr. Brennan took a roll call vote:

Commissioner Hooper – Yes	Commissioner Herbold – Yes
Commissioner Dunwell – Yes	Commissioner Vigil – Yes
Commissioner Stone Romero – Yes	Commissioner Stern – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.  
The Board entered closed session at 3:22pm.

The Board returned from closed session at 4:57pm. Assistant Attorney General, Delilah Tenorio stated that the Commission had the following statement:

The Commission is aware of, and has looked into a matter involving the Executive Director, and after much discussion and under the authority of the Commission statute NMSA 1978 §28-11B-2, and with advice from the legal counsel, the Commission will take the appropriate steps moving forward and this matter is now closed. The Commission wishes to remind members of the public that it strives to provide effective leadership, education, and advocacy programs that reduce barriers to the social-economic, and cultural, well-being of New Mexicans and their families, friends, and colleagues. The Commission will continue to provide its professional services with integrity and transparency to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Communities.

**VI. DATE FOR NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Due to a hard stop at 5pm, due to the scheduled end of the meeting, beyond which accessibility services such as CART and Sign Language Interpreting could not be provided. The Commission, under recommendation from legal counsel, discussed the process to end the meeting, which was to set the date for the next Board Meeting, and then table any agenda items until that meeting. Therefore, The Commission Board discussed the date for the next regularly scheduled quarterly board meeting, at which time the Board will also set the remaining meeting dates for Calendar Year 2023.

**23.5**

Commissioner Herbold made the motion to schedule the next NMCDHH Board meeting for March 9, 2023.  
Commissioner Hooper seconded.  
Mr. Brennan took a roll call vote:

Commissioner Hooper – Yes	Commissioner Herbold – Yes
Commissioner Dunwell – Yes	Commissioner Vigil – Yes
Commissioner Stone Romero – Yes	Commissioner Stern – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

**VII. TABLING OF REMANING AGENDA ITEMS**

**23.6**

Commissioner Vigil made the motion to table the remaining agenda items V-VI until the next regularly scheduled NMCDHH Board meeting on March 9, 2023.  
Commissioner Hooper seconded.

Mr. Brennan took a roll call vote:

Commissioner Hooper – Yes  
Commissioner Dunwell – Yes  
Commissioner Stone Romero – Yes

Commissioner Herbold – Yes  
Commissioner Vigil – Yes  
Commissioner Stern – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

### **23.7**

Commissioner Herbold made a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Vigil seconded.

Mr. Brennan took a roll call vote:

Commissioner Hooper – Yes  
Commissioner Dunwell – Yes  
Commissioner Stone Romero – Yes

Commissioner Herbold – Yes  
Commissioner Vigil – Yes  
Commissioner Stern – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Trevor M. Brennan

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Administrative Operations Specialist