



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

*Quarterly Board Meeting
Thursday, September 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/jjb9HNfmNb8>*

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Vice Chair John Hooper called the meeting to order at 3:01pm. Trevor Brennan, Administrative Operations Specialist, called roll call.

Present: Dr. Jennifer Herbold (Left at 4:00pm)
 Dr. Ronald Stern
 Mr. John Hooper
 Ms. Casey Stone Romero
 Mr. Francis Vigil (Arrived at 4:00pm)

Absent: Mrs. Concha Dunwell

Quorum was met.

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

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Stern asked if a closed Executive Session could be added to the agenda. Assistant Attorney General Delilah Tenorio stated that she did receive a request to add a session to the agenda from the Board Chair, but the request was received less than 72 hours prior to occurrence of the board meeting. Therefore, in order to follow the Open Meetings Act and resolution, the requested session could not be added to the agenda. Ms. Tenorio outlined the process for the commissioners to have an executive session either separately in a special meeting, or during the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

Vice Chair John Hooper asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

22.11

Commissioner Stern made a motion to approve the agenda.
Commissioner Herbold seconded.

Mr. Brennan took a roll call vote:

Commissioner Hooper – Yes

Commissioner Herbold – Yes

Commissioner Stone Romero – Yes

Commissioner Stern – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF June 9, 2022 MINUTES

Vice Chair Hooper asked if there were any additional changes to the minutes from June 9, 2022. There were no comments or changes.

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

22.12

Commissioner Herbold made the motion to accept the minutes as written.

Commissioner Stern seconded.

Mr. Brennan took a roll call vote:

Commissioner Hooper – Yes

Commissioner Herbold – Yes

Commissioner Stone-Romero – Yes

Commissioner Stern – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

IV. REPORTS

a. Executive Director Report

Executive Director Gomme mentioned that Commission staff are monitoring the recent announcement and release of Over The Counter (OTC) hearing aids, approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and are working on preparing a Fact Sheet for the community, and addressing any concerns.

Executive Director Gomme shared that the National Association of the Deaf released a report ranking each state on access. There is an ongoing conversation between NAD and several states regarding the metrics used for ranking.

Executive Director Gomme, with Commissioners Herbold and Stern, discussed a recent NMCDHH, New Mexico School for the Deaf (NMSD), and Community Outreach Program for the Deaf (COPD), collaboration with the New Mexico United Soccer Team to host a Deaf Night Out event on Friday September 2, 2022. The event was well attended, with 153 tickets being sold, and community members reporting that it was fun for everyone. NM United have agreed that this will be an annual event going forward.

Commissioner Stern asked about results of the meeting with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), as mentioned in the third quarter report. Executive Director Gomme shared that the meeting did occur. The FCC will be using intrastate funding from states to support the usage of Internet Protocol based Captioned Telephone Services (IT-CTS), an alternative which was brought up by the FCC is that states could choose to take on IP-CTS for their states and then the FCC would not use state funds. IP-CTS traffic currently accounts for approximately 78% of relay traffic. However, how many of those relay numbers apply to New Mexico, and what that means for us going forward, is unknown and still being discussed at this time.

V. ANNUAL BOARD TRAINING AND INSERVICE

Assistant Attorney General Delilah Tenorio presented the Annual Board and Commissioners Training, this presentation covered the laws, regulations, policies, procedures and best practices that govern, regulate, and apply to the Commission. Some examples of these are: the Open Meetings Act/Resolutions, Statute § 61-11B-1, the rulemaking process, procedures for a special meeting, and the Telecommunications Access Act. Ms. Tenorio also explained her role, and answered questions for board members.

At 4:00pm, Vice Chair Hooper announced that Commissioner Herbold had left, however Commissioner Vigil had arrived, so a quorum was maintained throughout.

Ms. Tenorio was unable to complete the training in the time allotted for this meeting, but will finish her presentation at a future NMCDHH Quarterly Board Meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

22.13

Commissioner Stern made a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Vigil seconded.

Mr. Brennan took a roll call vote:

Commissioner Hooper – Yes

Commissioner Vigil – Yes

Commissioner Stone-Romero – Yes

Commissioner Stern – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Trevor M. Brennan

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Administrative Operations Specialist