



Arizona Commission

for the deaf and the hard of hearing

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Minutes of the meeting of the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing, Interpreter Licensing Committee(ILC).

Meeting held January 16, 2025 at 3:30pm.

Meeting was held remotely via Zoom and posted to the agency YouTube page.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Commissioner Swenson called the meeting to order at **3:33 PM**

Commissioners present via Zoom: Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Swenson

Commissioners absent: Commissioner Sienko

Staff Present via Zoom: Carmen Green Smith, Victoria Vaughn, Chyla Dalton-Nava, Ashley Martin

Committee Chair's Report

None.

Review/Approval of Sign Language Interpreter Applications

Commissioner Cohen moved to recommend the names below, to the Executive Director for issuance of an Interpreter License. Motion seconded by Commissioner Thompson ; motion carried unanimously.

The following applicants are approved for licensure, based on education, examination and experience requirements.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aaron Johnson 2. Alison Penalver 3. Amanda Kennon 4. Antonio Burkett 5. Ashley McDowell 6. Bruce Derouen 7. Carissa Huffman 8. Cassandra Rose 9. Christopher Downey 10. Derek Vore 12. Emilia Lorenti-Wann 13. Felisa Wilson-Demos 14. Hannah Warran 15. Heather Williams | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 16. Jaden Chavez 17. Janice Evans 18. Jennifer Baugh 19. Joni Horn 20. Kerri Valenti Blake 21. Kirsten Povolny 22. Kyaundra Kitt 23. Lasia Rowe 24. Mark Robinson 25. Meredith Hopper 26. Nathan Moore 27. Nicole Gray 28. Samantha Merkes 29. Tabatha King |
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Future Meeting Dates

The group discussed the proposed meeting dates in 2025:

- Friday, February 21st
- Friday, April 18th
- Friday, June 20th
- Friday, August 22nd
- Friday, October 17th
- Friday, December 19th
- Friday, January 23rd 2026

Commissioner Cohen moved to approve the proposed 2025 meeting dates, Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

Victoria Vaughn announced that the licensure rules that we made changes to earlier in the year were officially published on December 24th, 2024. An official announcement will follow soon in the agency E-News.

Adjournment

Commissioner Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:39 pm. Commissioner Cohen seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

Dated this 23rd day of January 2025, Lisa Swenson, Committee Chair

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the attached notice was duly posted this

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23rd day of January, 2025 at 5:00 pm by Chyla Dalton-Nava, Assistant to the Executive Director.

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