

West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Minutes
March 20, 2015

DRS, 107 Cambridge Place
Bridgeport, WV

Commission Members Present:	Commission Members Absent:	Commission Staff Present:	Visitors:	Interpreters:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paul See• John Burdette• Tammy Phillips• Nancy Sullivan• Angela Wilson• Rachel Gill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marty Blakely• Karen McNealy• Annette Carey• Christina Mullins• Pam Roush• Susan White• Lynn Boyer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Earnest Covington• Kari Preslar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doug Evans• Robyn Evans• Donna Williams• Gwen Bryant	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Josh Reaser• Stephenie Woodall

I. Call to Order

Paul See called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

II. Reading of Mission Statement and Introductions

Rachel Gill read the Mission Statement.

III. Public Comments

IV. Minutes

The minutes from the November 21, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Minutes were approved.

V. Staff Report

Earnest Covington and Kari Preslar shared highlights from the written staff report.

VI. Committee/Task Force Reports

1. Executive Committee: no report
2. Interpreter Task Force: Current projects:
 - a. Disciplinary actions for non-certified and/or non-registered interpreters.
 - b. Remove the resume and references requirements from registry process.
 - c. Develop a complaint form.
3. Nominating Committee: The Governor has not appointed the new board members, however Jeff Courtney has moved to Maryland so he is no longer a possibility for the board. Paul See

will contact board members whose terms are set to expire about whether they want to continue. Paul will call a meeting of the nominating committee to choose new board members.

VII. Strategic Plan

- All members are asked to review the strategic plan for discussion at the next board meeting in May.

VIII. Transition Services for WV Students

Rachel Gill is part of a state team working on resourcing, advocacy and career planning for deaf or hard of hearing students. Their plan is to develop a website for West Virginia students. They are compiling and gathering information for the website.

IX. Emergency Information/Notification for Deaf/HH

Paul will work on putting a group together including WVAD members to work on emergency notification for Deaf/HH. He hopes the group will be able to meet with Kim Nuckles, the ADA coordinator for the state.

X. Board Member Reports

- Rachel Gill shared that she has taken a new position as Rehabilitation Services Manager 1. She will continue to work with the WVCDHH.
- Rehab has VR vacancies in Charleston, Martinsburg, and Huntington.

XI. Staffing Update

Kari Preslar resigned as the Office Assistant on March 9. Earnest is working on hiring a temp to replace her. The Project Director/Staff Interpreter position has been advertised in several places. One resume has been received.

XII. Future Meeting dates

May 8, 2015: Parkersburg

August 6, 2015, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Snowshoe Resort. The WVAD conference will be August 6-8, 2015 at Snowshoe.

XIII. Adjournment

John Burdette made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Tammy Phillips seconded. Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at Noon.