

Open Session Meeting Minutes  
IOWA BOARD OF SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER &  
TRANSLITERATORS  
March 21, 2022  
Lucas State Office Building, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room #526  
Des Moines, Iowa

This electronic meeting of the Iowa Board of Sign Language Interpreters and Transliterators is being held in accordance with Iowa Code section 21.8. The Code states that a governmental body may conduct a meeting by electronic means only if circumstances are such that meeting in person is impossible or impractical and access is provided to the public. An in-person board meeting is not possible due to COVID-19. Access to this meeting will be provided by electronic means as described herein. The agenda has been posted on the website.

**Chairperson – Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m.

**Board Member Roll Call**

Albert Mingo, Consumer of Services  
Amanda Gallant, Licensed Interpreter  
Ellen Hayes, Licensed Interpreter  
Susan Tyrrell, Licensed Interpreter  
Dylan Heuer, Consumer of Services  
Sarah Boury, Consumer of Services

Jill Stuecker, Division Director  
Steve Garrison, Bureau Chief  
Jordan Esbrook, Assistant Attorney  
General  
Sharon Dozier, Board Executive  
Beth Jorgenson, Compliance  
Administrator  
Vicky Winter-Clearman, Assistant to  
Board Administration

**Members Absent**

**Staff Present**

**Guests Present**

Tori Carsrud, Consult for Deaf and  
Hard of Hearing, Iowa Department of  
Education  
Shirley Hampton, President, Iowa  
Association of the Deaf  
Gallant joined the meeting at 8:34 a.m.

**Interpreters Present**

Peggy Cicoine

## **Introductions**

Were made by the Board and staff present.

## **Approval of Open Session Minutes**

October 18, 2021

Mingo moved the Board approve the open session meeting minutes of October 18, 2021 as presented. A second was received by Hayes. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

## **Reports**

Board Executive Report, Sharon Dozier

Dozier said the Board's recently revised licensure rules became effective on February 16, 2022.

Tyrrell was thanked for her service and expertise as this is the last meeting of her final term.

Bureau Chief Report, Steven Garrison

Board Budget

Bureau Chief Garrison reviewed the Bureau's budget.

Bureau Chief Garrison noted SF487 requires a five-year review of all Boards to determine their benefit in protecting the public.

Hayes noted the Board exists to review complaints and ensure protection of the public.

Tyrrell stated the licensure law is not strong enough and complaints will continue, as the level of qualifications accepted for licensure, "60% is a good day", is all that is required to obtain permanent licensure.

Board Chair Report, Amanda Gallant

There was no report made.

AAG Report, Jordan Esbrook

AAG Esbrook welcomed the new members of the Board and said she will have a Board member orientation in the near future.

### **New Business**

#### Licensure Rules Review

Boury noted the Governor's office has previously been notified of the importance of higher exam qualifications.

Hayes will create a report encompassing the data retrieved from other state's licensure qualifications.

Hayes, Huer and Mingo volunteered as committee members.

AAG Esbrook noted the work of the committee will be presented to the entire Board for potential action and the public may comment at that time.

Bureau Chief Garrison explained the provision to renew a temporary license is found in the Iowa Administrative Code and requires a legislative change. He said the Board's rules provide for an exam for temporary licensure.

Agenda items for next board meeting

Committee recommendations

### **Public Comment**

Ms. Shirley Hampton spoke on the EIPA score requirements for interpreters in the school setting. She also inquired as to American Sign Language as well as the complaint review process as deaf consumers are not being interviewed in their natural language.

Bureau Chief Garrison explained the Board recently hired investigator, Maureen Barton. He said arrangements will be made to assist with submission of complaints via sign language.

Ms. Hampton said TTY is obsolete and not widely used. She noted some providers of interpreting services do not provide quality interpretation.

### **Closed Session Agenda**

Gallant moved the Board go into closed session at 9:43 a.m. pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1) (a) to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential, and pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(d), to discuss whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigations or proceedings. A second was received by Tyrrell. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Gallant – Aye.

Hayes Aye

Mingo – Aye

Heuer – Aye

Boury – Aye

Tyrrell – Aye

Motion carried.

### **Return to Open Session**

**The Board returned to open session at 10:37 a.m.**

Gallant moved the Board approve the closed session meeting minutes of October 18, 2021. A second was received by Hayes. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Gallant moved the Board close 21-0141. A second was received by Mingo. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Tyrrell departed from the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

Hayes departed from the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

### **Future Board Meetings**

Future dates are June 27, 2022, September 26, 2022 and January 23, 2023

### **Adjournment**

Gallant moved the Board adjourn at 10:53 a.m. A second was received by Heuer. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.