

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Rhode Island Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Wednesday, July 19, 2023, 6:00 pm

Rhode Island School for the Deaf, One Corliss Park, Providence RI 02908

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2394662709>

Phone number: 646-558-8656 (long distance charges may apply) Meeting ID: 239 466 2709

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Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. RICDHH's Mission Statement, Vision and Guiding Principles and the rules for Board meeting
3. Public Comments
4. Executive Director Report
5. Meeting Minutes
6. Commissioners Report:
 - a. Chairperson
 - b. Vice-Chairperson
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer - nominations
 - e. Additional report from any Commissioners
7. Committee Reports:
 - a. Review composition of each committee: See Attached Roster
 - Employment Committee
 - Tech Access & Telecommunications Relay Services Committee
 - Healthcare Committee and Healthcare Systems Transformation Project (HSTP)
 - Education Committee
 - Ad-Hoc Referral Committee
8. Unfinished Business:
 - a. Updates regarding Innivee Strategies' contract
9. New Business:
 - a. Deaf Awareness Month
 - b. Planning a 30th Anniversary celebration for RICDHH and welcoming the new executive director.
 - c. Scheduling meet and greet events, listening sessions, and roundtable meetings with the new executive director, commissioners, and the community during the next several months to identify systemic advocacy priorities for 2024.
 - d. Developing a strategic plan for the new fiscal year, including asking the new executive director, staff, committee members, stakeholders, and community members to be part of this process.
 - a. Updates related to accessibility at the State House and General Assembly, including some action steps to prepare for 2024.
 - e. Reviewing current commissioner terms, recruiting diverse applicants to fill vacancies, scheduling interviews, and planning a board orientation.
 - f. Executive Session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 42-26-5(a)(2) CDHH legal matter re: potential litigation
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12. Conclusion

Posted 7/17/23



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accommodations are necessary to ensure equal participation.
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Committees Members

Telecommunications Relay	
Service	Role
Rudolph Falcone	PUC
Micelle Vicino	T-Mobile
Melissa Rosenberg	Oakley Home Access
James Litvack	ATEL
Denise Corson (CHAIR)	ATEPC
David Mullowney	Commissioner
Betsy Beach	Commissioner
Must have PUC	
Last meeting 6/1/23	

Education Committee	
	Role
Sarah McGahey	RISD
David Sienko	RIDE
Tim Riker (Chair 7/1/23)	Commissioner
Paul Hughlett	ORS
Jennifer Piers	ORS
Marzena Piorkowski	EHDI/RIPIN
Leela Foley	Bradley Hospital
Must have RIDE and RISD	
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Employment Committee	
	Role
	DHS
Cheryl Burrell	DLT
Paul Hughett	ORS
Jeannie Desmarais-Valdez	RISD
Betsy Beach	Commissioner
Denise Corson	ATEP
Jan Luby	Perspectives
Must have DHS and DLT	
Last meeting 9/21/22	

Healthcare Committee	
	Role
Maria Cimini	OHA
Jeanne Panacare	DOH
	BDHHD
Caroline Obrecht	Commissioner
Bunmi Osho	Commissioner
Carmen Boucher	DOH
James Simon	Perspectives
Must have OHA, DOH, and BHDDH	
Last meeting 11/2/21	

Interpreting AdHoc Committee	
Rayne Depukat (Chair)	
Tina Nelson (Commissioner - resigned)	need replace
Dru Balsley (Commissioner - resigned)	need replace
Jen Maloney - Partners	
Annie - CART user	
Talia Jackson - Deaf	
(Earnest/Holly - RICDHH)	

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