



ARKANSAS ADVISORY BOARD FOR  
INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF



**Advisory Board for Interpreters Between Hearing Individuals and Individuals Who  
Are Deaf, Deafblind, Hard of Hearing, or Oral Deaf**

**Minutes**

**February 3, 2023**

**2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Quarterly Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 2:04.

**Attendance:**

Board Members: Stephanie Ott, Sebrena Westcott, Carel Dunaway, Katie Becker,  
Arthur Babin,

**Via Zoom:** Shana Turner

Interpreters & Transcription: Will Gorum, Taylor Johnson, Meagan Beaty, Jamie  
Bilancione,

Guest: Brian Nichols, Craig Smith, Ronica Leonard, Beverly Wade, Cheryl Seymore,  
Myra Taff-Watson, Pamela Baldwin

**Approval of Minutes:** Arthur Babin made the motion to accept the November minutes  
with the correction of the spelling of Sebrena Westcott's name. Carel Dunaway second  
the motion. Vote was by a showing of hands. Motion carried

**Sub-Committee Updates:**

Investigation Committee: No updates

Technology Committee: With concerns that DeafBlind individuals do not have access to  
the video it was suggested that the transcript be added to the website.

Ad Hoc Committee: New QAST and BEI levels were given to board members and the  
legal team to review. The board will review the new levels and address this at the May

5, meeting. There was a question concerning the SSP levels. The committee did not address that level. If further investigation needs to be done it can be addressed.

Licensure Committee: With the renewals being sent out in August, it was asked if doing that helped with the process. The process has been streamlined by removing three (3) time consuming steps and license are going out quicker. Licenses are now being sent out via email. There have been compliments as interpreters are not having to wait as long to receive their license. It was requested for the ADH staff check into the renewals being sent out in mass digitally.

**Old Business:**

Arthur Babin asked about a budget report, as it has been a while since one has been given. With a new committee beginning today they can request that at any time.

**New Business:**

Re-assignment of sub-committees:

Licensure Committee: Stephanie Ott, Shana Turner, Katie Becker

Investigation Committee: Arthur Babin, Katie Becker

Budget/Fee Ad Hoc Committee: Arthur Babin, Sebrena Westcott

Technology Committee: Carel Dunaway, Daisy Dippel

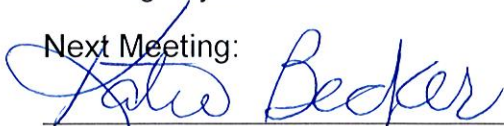
Welcome to Sebrena Westcott our newest board member.

**Questions From the Ad Hoc Committee:**

The Ad Hoc Committee asked for clarification regarding the phrasing of the “teaming” and “accredited program” in the code and rules. Craig provided clarification regarding the “teams” and “supervision” and “supervising” being situationally specific. With “supervising” an unlicensed intern being required as to be paired with a licensed interpreter and teaming being used based on the material and length of assignment. Craig addressed the “accredited program” concerns by explaining while the board doesn’t have the authority to approve of programs, they do have the ability to set standards for eligibility for licensure.

Meeting adjourned at 3:14

Next Meeting:

  
Secretary's Signature

5.5.23  
Date