



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COMMISSION FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING
Thursday, March 23, 2017
NMCDHH Conference Room
505 Marquette Ave. NW, Suite 1550
Albuquerque, NM 87102
3:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Austin Welborn called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Present:	Austin Welborn, Chair	Concha Dunwell, Vice-Chair
	John Fullinwider	Johnny Robertson
	Don Johnson	Rosemary Gallegos

Quorum was met.

Twelve staff members from NMCDHH were present: Executive Director Nathan Gomme, Jason Siergey, Corina Gutiérrez, Lisa Dignan, Deborah Romero, Cheryl Padilla, Lori Neubauer, Luke Adams, Roger Robb, Rich Bailey, Louise Chavez-Rasgado, and Andrea Ginn. Five interpreters were present, Andrea Ginn, Mary Collard, Rachelle Clifford, Orlando Obeso, and Jessica Eubank. Ten members of the community were in the audience.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

17.10

Commissioner Johnny Robertson made a motion to approve the agenda.
Commissioner Rosemary Gallegos seconded.
Motion Passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 8, 2016 MINUTES

17.11

Commissioner Robertson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.
Commissioner Dunwell seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.

IV. REPORTS

a. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Nathan Gomme mentioned that he had key things to talk about and he also wanted to allow the staff that have worked on specific topics to expand on those themselves.

CDHH staff have been working with the Albuquerque Police Department on access for deaf and hard of hearing drivers when they are being pulled over on routine traffic stops. He commented that Roger Robb would come up later to talk more in detail on that topic. He added that CDHH would soon be working with the Taxation and Revenue Department to do a vlog and get information out into the community with information like the change in the date that taxes are due this year.

Executive Director Gomme also stated that at the beginning of the fiscal year, CDHH wanted to address the language deficiency issues for access to mental health for the deaf and get assessments based on ASL. Work is being done to develop a contract for that and it is exciting to see this is in process.

Executive Director Gomme said that the big topic was the FY18 budget, and CDHH will have cuts just as every state agency will. He felt that CDHH was still doing well in spite of the budget situation. The agency will not have a decrease in staff, will not be losing relay services, and will not see a decline in services provided. There is currently a waiting list for the iPad program and that will be prolonged by the cuts.

As Executive Director of CDHH, Mr. Gomme has had been working with the National Association of State Agencies for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NASADHH), and is Vice-President of that organization. In December he traveled to Gallaudet University and met with the new president, Roberta Cordano. He also was able to visit with several faculty members and participate in some in-depth discussions. There was a lot of deliberation on different topics, and he was able to see the attitudes and opinions of a variety of state agencies.

An important topic discussed during the visit was law enforcement as it relates to the deaf population. There was the fatal shooting of a deaf man in North Carolina and also problems such as deaf people experiencing abuse and not having effective communication with the police. Fortunately there is one man at Gallaudet, Ted Baran, who has been working in law enforcement and is from a Deaf family. He also has the experience of being an interpreter. Mr. Baran has done a lot of work with police in Virginia and North Carolina on how to approach the deaf and hard of hearing community. NASADHH members would like to see this happen in all states. Executive Director Gomme was lucky enough to be able to talk with him and discuss using him to consult on our two-year strategic plan for addressing law enforcement.

Other discussions included interpreter certification which currently is a very hot topic, language acquisition, early intervention, and working with the national governance organization. Not all issues were agreed on since each state has its own perspective, but the opportunity for discussion is wonderful because the different states can learn from each other. The Deaf-Blind/Deaf Plus services here in New Mexico are a great example of ideas that can be shared and some information about that program went to Arizona and Illinois so that they can duplicate services in their areas.

NASADHH developed an agreement with Gallaudet University to provide internships in different states so the interns can learn about working in state government, contracts and procurement with state agencies and all that is involved to make things happen on the state level.

There was a lot of discussion regarding education and residential deaf schools and what deaf education should look like. Former NMSD Superintendent, Dr. Ronald Stern, was a participant in that meeting, and Executive Director Gomme had the opportunity to catch up with him and talk about what is going on in New Mexico.

Executive Director Gomme stated that part of his work on a national level requires him to attend different events. An example is Project CLIMB, which stands for Cultivating Legal Interpreters

from Minority Backgrounds. This is a good program and the need is finally being addressed that legal interpreting is not just an ASL issue; people's backgrounds and history are also relevant. Executive Director Gomme said it was a great opportunity to be able to be involved in this and more deaf professionals and experts should be involved in this as well.

Executive Director Gomme was also asked to join a new committee from the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) focusing on referral agency certification and a task force was put together. Some referral agencies say they are experts at VRI and providing that type of interpreter service. The question is whether those interpreters are truly qualified and if the deaf consumers know what kind of service they are getting. If the referral service was approved by NAD, the consumers would feel safer. The next meeting will be happening in June.

Executive Director Gomme will also attend the HLAA convention in June. They will be talking about the different hearing aids available and also about the proposed bill for over the counter (OTC) hearing aids. There are all different levels of hearing aids and although the concept of over the counter hearing aids is interesting, they will not be top of the line. He said he will make sure he has a full understanding of how it will impact those in New Mexico who rely on hearing aids.

During the Legislative Session, Senate Bill 411 passed in both the house and the senate. The governor still has yet to sign it. House Bill 283 was also introduced, called the non-traditional communication registry bill. That bill didn't move forward, but Executive Director Gomme had the opportunity to discuss it with Representative Thompson, who introduced the bill, to hear more about the driving force behind it. Basically it is a registry for deaf, hard of hearing, people with Autism or any other disability that would cause a communication issue with law enforcement in an emergency situation.

Commissioner Rosemary Gallegos congratulated Executive Director Gomme on the passing of SB411. Executive Director Gomme said that CDHH was very fortunate to have Senator Rodriguez sponsor the bill. It was also fortunate to have members of the community show up including NMAD President Johnny Robertson. Several telephone companies provided their support. Commissioner Robertson added that the interpreter, Andrea Ginn, did a great job.

b. Department Reports

i. Community Advocacy

Corina Gutiérrez, Director of Community Advocacy, began her report by commenting that staff member Luke Adams, who is in charge of outreach, had booths at seven different events with a total of 209 visitors. He was doing a wonderful job in outreach. Ms. Gutiérrez mentioned at the last board meeting that she and Mr. Adams would be attending the Advocacy in Action conference. The recently did attend this conference and it was a wonderful networking opportunity for both of them. They met the director of Santa Fe Safe, who are in close partnership with law enforcement. Rarely are there interpreters for these situations, so it was an exciting opportunity to meet with law enforcement and Santa Fe Safe and set up a meeting in April.

Ms. Gutiérrez also met with a person from CYFD. There have been many situations the Advocacy Department has been involved in with CYFD because interpreters were not provided. Ms. Gutiérrez had the chance to work with their regional supervisor and is looking forward to working with them in the future.

Ms. Gutiérrez mentioned that the Telecommunications Equipment Distribution (TED) Program was still distributing iPads, however there is a waiting list. Currently around five iPads are loaned

out each month. Chair Austin Welborn asked how many were on the waiting list. Executive Director Gomme explained that there were actually two separate categories of people on the waiting list: those that are eligible to renew their applications for iPads and those that don't have equipment. Although the Commission wants our clientele to have the most current iPad, CDHH has to adhere to the budget and those without anything have priority. The department is careful to make sure the equipment is going to be used as a telecommunication device, and Executive Director Gomme reminded the board that iPads aren't the only equipment the TED Program offers, so it's important to distribute the other items as soon as possible, too.

Commissioner Robertson also asked about equipment for the deaf-blind. Executive Director Gomme explained that there is another program called "iCanConnect" which is specifically for deaf-blind equipment distribution. In New Mexico it is under Community Outreach Program for the Deaf (COPD). The Commission doesn't try to duplicate or compete with that program.

Ms. Gutiérrez informed the board that two smoke alarm devices would be discontinued in the TED program, but they would be replaced with other alarms.

At the previous board meeting, Ms. Gutiérrez and Community Education Specialist, Roger Robb, talked about meeting with two different hospitals here in Albuquerque. Ms. Gutiérrez said they finally were able to meet with two other hospitals: Albuquerque Health Partners, which recently changed their name to DaVita, and Lovelace. They would like to meet with all four hospitals and discuss the future of health care for deaf, hard of hearing and deaf-blind patients.

Commissioner Robertson asked if they were meeting with St. Vincent's Hospital in Santa Fe since he has heard several complaints about them. Ms. Gutiérrez said they were trying to connect with the coordinator for interpreter services. That person was on vacation, so she was not yet able to set up a meeting. Commissioner Robertson ask if she might want to contact someone at the top first, but Nathan Gomme explained that Corina and her staff make an effort to contact the correct person first, and if there is no reply, then move up the chain of command. That way there is a paper trail of contact attempts.

Ms. Gutiérrez went on to explain that her staff are taking testimonials from patients who have received interpreter services as well as those that haven't. The department is collecting those testimonials for the database so they can discuss that evidence with the hospitals.

The Community Advocacy Department are keeping busy with trainings. Luke Adams presented to CNM's ASL class. Roger Robb will be doing deaf self-advocacy training with Del Norte High School students. They will learn how to self-advocate for themselves in terms of how to use ASL interpreters. Mr. Robb will also have deaf self-advocacy training for DVR clients in June. Ms. Gutiérrez said they wished to thank Laura Brown, the DVR counselor who made that happen. Mr. Adams will also be going to Los Alamos for a low vision/hearing challenged support group. Ms. Gutiérrez said she had earlier mentioned Santa Fe Safe. Community Advocacy will also provide a training there in Santa Fe on April 19th.

Commissioner Concha Dunwell asked Ms. Gutiérrez to clarify if the Del Norte High School students that would receive the training involved all students or just the deaf students. Ms. Gutiérrez replied that it was for the deaf students to learn self-advocacy and their rights and also discuss self-esteem. She could see how this might benefit the hearing students, too, but the curriculum doesn't really match the needs of hearing students. It is designed specifically for deaf students in a mainstream setting.

Ms. Gutiérrez also wanted to talk about the vlogs her department was doing, along with a staff person from COPD and one from DVR, about what the DVR system looks like for clients applying

for services. Once this is published and viewed, people will have a better understanding of how they can take advantage of the resources available through DVR.

Commissioner John Fullinwider asked who was working on that project from DVR. Ms. Gutiérrez responded that Laura Brown was working on it from DVR and Amy Lucero was the staff person from COPD.

A couple of staff have been working with Albuquerque Little Theatre (ALT) to have an interpreted performances, but it was also mentioned that ALT has a loop system. So if someone can benefit from the loop system they can attend any performance rather than just the one interpreted performance. Executive Director Gomme added that CDHH staff have been encouraging ALT to advertise their loop system better rather than relying on the advertisements that we send to the deaf and hard of hearing community.

Ms. Gutiérrez turned the meeting over to Mr. Robb so he could update the board on the two-year strategic plan with law enforcement. Mr. Robb stated that for quite some time he had tried to contact the Albuquerque Police Department with no response. He would send out e-mails with no reply until he cc'd the Chief of Police on an e-mail and got an immediate response. Then he was able to set up the February 15th meeting. Nathan Gomme and Richard Bailey went with the Community Advocacy Department and it was a wonderful meeting with the police department. All agreed on a collaborative letter which outlined our intentions and what each of the group was responsible for doing. The chief signed it, Executive Director Gomme will sign it and then they will move forward with the plan. While waiting on that, they moved forward with the "Coffee with the Cops" effort. There will be a leader from a variety of organizations like the Deaf Culture Center (DCC), HLAA's Albuquerque chapter, New Mexico Association for the Deaf (NMAD), Zia Deaf-Blind Club and Trailblazers. Those leaders will agree on dates to host a "Coffee with the Cops" so the police can meet with a group one at a time within the next three to four months. This serves to help the police be more comfortable with deaf, hard of hearing and deaf-blind people.

Mr. Robb said he currently was working on an application form for the community to apply for their placards. The department is also working on scripts for the video they are making for the police department to train them on how to use the placards. After the police officers are trained, there will be a training for the deaf and hard of hearing, so all who have the placard will know how to use it.

Mr. Robb will also be giving a presentation to the Albuquerque Police Academy around the last week in April. This presentation will be given about three times a year for each new group of cadets.

Another project Mr. Robb is involved with is creating a vlog about taxes. He will be meeting with the Taxation and Revenue Department the day after the board meeting. Tax day is April 18th this year, and Mr. Robb must finish this project quickly.

Ms. Gutiérrez introduced Richard Bailey to talk about his work with the Red Cross. Mr. Bailey, the Community Engagement Specialist, stated he had been working with the New Mexico chapter of the American Red Cross and the New Mexico Technology Assistance Program (NMTAP), which is under the Governor's Commission on Disability. They are distributing some smoke alarms, so they contacted CDHH as they wanted to know how to distribute the smoke alarms to the hearing loss community. They developed some vlogs for the community members so they could be aware of the American Red Cross and how CDHH and NMTAP are working to support them. They hope to release the vlogs sometime within this quarter. They plan to be in attendance at the Hamilton Relay Town Hall that's happening on April 5th. They have some ideas about vlogs for informing the community about things that are coming up in the future that will

inform the deaf, hard of hearing and deaf-blind communities about what services they qualify for in and outside of the home regardless of what the situation is in which they are responding.

ii. **Community Engagement**

Lisa Dignan, Director of Community Engagement, told the board this was an exciting time for CDHH as all the staff were very busy and she would review some highlights from her department.

There were a lot of professional development opportunities for signed language interpreters. The Spring 2017 Session for New Mexico Mentoring continues and they are more than halfway through. This session has 6 mentor/mentee pairs participating from Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Farmington, and Las Cruces. The Fall 2017 Session will get started in July, and she will start accepting applications in May.

The Signed Language Interpreting Practices Board has their next regular meeting on April 10th. It will take place in Albuquerque. The information is posted on their website as well as the CDHH website. Currently they have a number of vacant positions and are working hard to get those filled. Right now they have just enough to meet quorum, so if one of the current members doesn't show up to a meeting, they will not be able to conduct business. Hopefully new members will be appointed quickly. The rule changes that had been proposed some time ago did get passed at their January meeting so that puts them in a better place in terms of the RID system of certifying interpreters. There is now more latitude to ensure that interpreters have the opportunities to continue working in New Mexico. For example, the credential required for the educational interpreter license is currently not available. So the board was able to modify their rules so that if an interpreter met all the criteria needed for that credential through RID, they then could get the education license and continue working in the state.

The NIC generalist certification is available through RID. That test is offered and interpreters are taking it. RID is working on getting a provisional process in place for the CDI certification as the written test is available, but the performance test is not. They are working on putting in a bridge plan so that deaf interpreters can get a provisional deaf interpreter certification that will be in place until the new performance test is created. The legal test, the SC:L, is no longer available and it will be awhile before there is a new one since there is not enough time and money to come up with all the pieces that need to be created. RID has wisely determined that the CDI test is the highest priority.

Ms. Dignan said she was still trying to work with the Albuquerque Sunport on accessibility. She hasn't had much response from them. To move to the next level, she had engaged the ADA coordinator for the City of Albuquerque, Gabe Campos, to help. Mr. Steve Frazier, who was in the audience, had brought her another email address of someone who, if cc'd in an email, tends to spark a response right away. There had already been some simple suggestions made to the Sunport that could have been done immediately to make it more accessible without spending any money at all, but even those haven't been implemented. Ms. Dignan exclaimed she was ready to start nudging harder.

Other things under Ms. Dignan's department were social media and the website. Recently she had received feedback from someone who missed that the NAD was in New Mexico, so it was important to look at other ways to expand CDHH's reach in getting the important events publicized. Ms. Dignan worked together with Lori Neubauer and are now sending out email blasts every two weeks with information to people who do use email but don't use Facebook. The plan is to do more sharing information via email about CDHH's Facebook page and sharing information on Facebook about the website and things like that to encourage people to get connected with the Commission in a variety of ways.

Ms. Dignan gave two updates on Human Resources for the State. Governor Martinez has signed an executive order requiring that all HR functions be consolidated statewide. CDHH doesn't have any dedicated human resources staff members; Ms. Dignan and Deborah Romero handle certain HR functions as part of their job, so CDHH will not lose any staff. Other State agencies will see layoffs as a result of the consolidation. Ms. Dignan and Executive Director Gomme met with the head of the State Personnel Office (SPO) to express their concerns regarding communication access. Should the need arise for any of the deaf staff have to go to Santa Fe for an HR issue, SPO will need to understand that they must provide interpreters. The second update that SPO just announced was that the State of New Mexico is officially under a hiring freeze. CDHH is unable to hire for the two vacant positions anyway, due to finances, but this makes it official.

Ms. Dignan said that the interpreting section of her department has been busy. CDHH's apprentice, Amanda Summers, is doing a great job and getting some quality time interpreting for Luke when he has a booth. Although she is waiting for the FY18 budget to determine what the apprentice program will look like in FY18, Ms. Dignan was confident it would continue and if the budget permits, would like to expand the apprentice program to the Las Cruces office. Andrea Ginn, Communication Development Specialist, and Ms. Dignan both felt that the program is very successful. Ms. Dignan was thrilled to say that two of the interpreters working at the meeting, Rachelle Clifford and Jessica Eubank, had completed apprenticeships at CDHH.

The hearing staff attend ASL classes every week. Ms. Dignan noticed that Louise Chavez-Rasgado, the Financial Services Specialist, was signing as she was talking without even realizing it, so those are obviously successful considering that Ms. Chavez-Rasgado did not know a single sign when she began working at CDHH a year ago.

Ms. Dignan said that Andrea Ginn was doing a great job of reaching out to novice interpreters. She created new ways to bring in recent graduates to do CEU activities and mini workshops and get them engaged with the Commission to provide more training. Recently Ms. Dignan and Ms. Ginn went to UNM's Interpreter Training Program to talk about the apprentice program, New Mexico Mentoring, NMRID, and other professional development opportunities.

Earlier in the meeting, Ms. Gutiérrez and Mr. Robb talked about communication accessibility at Albuquerque Little Theatre. Ms. Ginn and Mr. Robb have also been working hard to broaden their accessibility project to include art shows, gallery openings and other events that never have had interpreters provided before through the Culture and Arts Accessibility Project. There has been a great response from the deaf community and that effort will continue.

It was also mentioned earlier that Ms. Ginn spent a great deal of time going back and forth to Santa Fe to interpret at the Legislative Session. Ms. Dignan wanted to add that she did all of this while she was sick and she is appreciated for her dedication and hard work.

A monthly staff event has been established that brings the staff together to celebrate birthdays and other happenings and we are doing more signing at these events. The goal is that eventually everyone will turn their voices off and communicate in sign language because of the growth in the hearing staff members that are acquiring the language.

Ms. Dignan said that Mr. Bailey, who spoke earlier in the meeting about his Red Cross work, does a great deal of work for the Commission. He presented at NMSD's Expo in Albuquerque talking about technology and the deaf community and also had a booth along with Mr. Robb at that event. Mr. Bailey also hosted a booth at the NMTAP Assistive Technology Conference here in Albuquerque. He attended the training on Haptics, the system of giving environmental cues to individuals who are deaf-blind. Mr. Bailey also gave a lesson on financial terms and concepts for CDHH's in-house ASL class. He is involved at UNM with the ASL linguistic round table, on the

advisory council for NMTAP, and also participated in the webcasts for technology rule making for deaf and hard of hearing with the FCC.

iii. Administrative Services

Deborah Romero, Director of Administrative Services and CFO/CPO, stated that the report in the Board Report showed that CDHH had spent 35% of the budget in December. Currently, CDHH has spent 53% of the budget, so the CDHH management and staff are doing a great job of watching purchases due to the decline in revenue. Ms. Romero stated that the revenue is about \$154,000 lower from this time last year but the Commission has transferred all obligations to DVR and the Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD).

Ms. Romero announced that Louise Chavez-Rasgado attended a training for Certified Procurement Officer. She passed the test and was now certified and will start doing procurement for the agency.

Ms. Romero stated that the Administrative Operations Specialist, Lori Neubauer, continues to work with every department ensuring their needs are met.

The Administrative Services Department is up to date on all payments and nothing is outstanding.

V. ACTION ITEMS

a. By-laws Update

Chair Welborn said the first action item was the update to the By-laws and he would have Executive Director Gomme explain. Mr. Gomme said he worked on the changes along with Chair Welborn and Commissioner Robertson. They also had some discussions and realized they needed to be reviewed and approved on an annual basis. These have not been reviewed since 2000. So now they have the proposed revised By-laws that comply with current law. They include the Open Meetings Act, regulations, and clarify the roles of the commissioners and the Commission. At one point the By-laws mentioned a treasurer and there isn't a Treasurer on the Board. So some things had to be revised and some things had to be removed.

An issue that was brought up in the past was if the commissioners could remove a commissioner from the Board. Executive Director Gomme said that the answer was no, but they could vote to request the governor's permission to remove someone from the Board. So these By-laws do need to be reviewed annually. He said the proposed By-laws are in compliance, but there may be some grammatical issues. It is up to the commissioners to review and approve.

Commissioner Gallegos asked if there was an urgent timeline that would need this approval immediately. Although the document was probably fine, she would like to see where the changes were made and perhaps do a side by side comparison. Executive Director Gomme said that there were notes that show the tracked changes that could be provided to the commissioners. Although there wasn't a deadline, it hadn't been approved since 2000 and it was important to get the ball rolling. Dr. Gallegos said a motion could be made to table this so that they could review and vote on it at the next meeting. Chair Welborn suggested that the commissioners review it and make notes of what they would like to discuss at the next meeting and then vote. Dr. Gallegos asked if it was reviewed by an attorney and Executive Gomme responded that it had and the attorney was in the audience.

Audrey McKee from the Attorney General's office introduced herself and said she did notice there was a grammatical change that needed to be made and a paragraph that needs some deletion, but that that could be done by the Executive Director.

17.12a

Commissioner Robertson made a motion to table the By-laws for review and make it an action item for the next meeting.

Commissioner Dunwell seconded.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Dunwell added that she would like to be able to knowledgeably discuss what has changed and been proposed and since it was already 17 years behind, a few more months wouldn't matter.

Executive Director Gomme wanted the commissioners to be aware that there were a lot of inconsistencies and misleading items from the original By-laws. There's parts that say things can be done that actually are inappropriate. An example would be that there was an emphasis on Robert's Rules of Order when there is no real reason to follow them in these proceedings and they don't necessarily comply with the law or the Open Meetings Act. The By-laws say that the Commission is run out of Santa Fe rather than Albuquerque, and also states that certain members can appoint a proxy, but it should say "designee" to follow the actual statute.

Commissioner Robertson wanted to know what Ms. McKee's perspective was coming from the Attorney General's office. Ms. McKee said although there was no time limit, so they certainly can table it and have time to review it before they vote on it.

Commissioner Dunwell suggested they set up a yearly date in which they will review the By-laws.

Chair Welborn agreed that they should table it until the next meeting and Commissioner Gallegos reminded him that the motion has been made.

17.12b

Chair Welborn called for a vote on tabling the By-laws for review.

The motion passed unanimously.

b. Open Meetings Act Resolution

Chair Welborn announced that there was an action item regarding the Open Meetings Act Resolution. Executive Director Gomme asked Lisa Dignan to explain it.

Ms. Dignan stated that it was an annual requirement that Boards and Commissions adopt a resolution indicating the details of how they will comply with the Open Meetings Act. The Resolution that was in front of each commissioner is not significantly different from the one the Board adopted last year other than changing dates to indicate it is being adopted today. She explained that the Open Meetings Act Resolution makes sure that CDHH as an agency and the Board are in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. It addresses things like if there is a regular board meeting, it is a requirement to give a minimum of ten days' notice to the public because it is a public meeting. Special meetings require three days' notice and emergency meetings require 24 hours' notice. It also discusses in more detail exactly how the notices will be issued such as putting them in the newspaper and putting them on our website. Ms. Dignan asked if there were any questions.

Commissioner Dunwell asked if it is currently being advertised in newspapers and Ms. Dignan replied that it is advertised in the Albuquerque Journal. It is currently not advertised in other newspapers around the state because of the cost. Lori Neubauer makes sure it is the Journal, on

the CDHH website and also puts it out on social media. The draft agenda is posted as soon as it is available and the final agenda is posted on the website at least 72 hours before the meeting.

Commissioner Dunwell also asked if the attendance was small, and if that was typical. Ms. Dignan explained that attendance has actually grown and especially since CDHH has moved into the current building rather than having meetings at hotels around the city. Ms. Dignan took that as an opportunity to that the members of the public who come to the board meetings.

17.13

Commissioner Robertson made a motion to accept the Open Meetings Act Resolution as read. Commissioner John Fullinwider seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Johnny Robertson – Yes
Commissioner John Fullinwider – Yes
Commissioner Conch Dunwell – Yes

Commissioner Rosemary Gallegos – Yes
Commissioner Don Johnson – Yes
Chair Austin Welborn – Yes

The motion passed unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Welborn asked if there was any new business. Commissioner Fullinwider announced that currently he was designee for the DVR Director. A few months back, he introduced the new director, Joe Cordova, to the commissioners and CDHH staff. It is DVR's intent that our Director Cordova represent DVR at CDHH Board Meetings moving forward. Mr. Fullinwider thanked the board members and the staff and said it was an honor to serve on the Board.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Welborn called for a motion to adjourn.

17.14

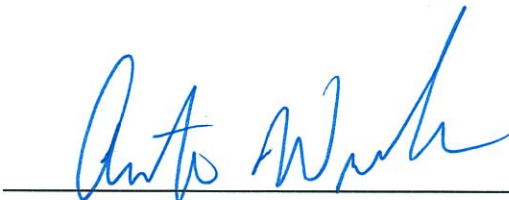
Commissioner Robertson made a motion to adjourn.
Commissioner Fullinwider seconded.
The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Welborn adjourned the meeting at 4:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lori G. Neubauer
Administrative Operations Specialist



Austin Welborn, Board Chair