

*Approved on 9.09.2022 Board Meeting*

**Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
Full Commission Board Meeting  
4600 Valley Rd, Conference Room 4A, Lincoln, Nebraska**

**June 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

**A. Opening**

Chairperson Candice Arteaga called the meeting to order for the Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NCDHH) full commission board on June 17, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. at 4600 Valley Rd, Conference Room 4A, Lincoln Nebraska.

**B. Notice of Open Meeting**

Chairperson Candice Arteaga announced that the notice of the meeting was duly given, posted, published, and tendered in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, and all board members received notice simultaneously by email. Publication of official notice of the meeting appeared in the June 10, 2022, edition of the Omaha World Herald, a legal newspaper of general circulation in this state, as required by the Open Meetings Act. The agenda was kept current in the Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing's office and on the NCDHH website. The materials generally used by the Board for the meeting today are on a table in a public folder that is available to the general public for the purpose of this meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act {Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-1412 (8)}. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is available for the duration of the meeting.

**C. Roll Call**

For the record, Board Members Ms. Candice Arteaga, Mr. Robert Feit, Ms. Brooke Fitzpatrick, Ms. Diane Schutt, Ms. Sandra Shaw and Ms. Peggy Williams were all present for roll call. Ms. Frances Beurivage, Ms. Vali Hitz and Mr. Jonathan Scherling were absent for roll call. NCDHH Staff members present were Mr. John Wyvill, Executive Director; Ms. Kelsey Cruz, Public Information Officer; Ms. Jacqueline "Jackie" Novak, Budget & Finance Manager. Sign Language Interpreters present were Ms. Tailyn Kaster and Ms. Jamy Elker. Ms. Kelly DeCamp with Inclusive Communication Access Nebraska provided CART services.

**D. Review of Agenda**

Executive Director John Wyvill reviewed the agenda with the Board Members.

Mr. Jonathan Scherling entered the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

**E. Acceptance of Agenda**

Ms. Peggy Williams moved to accept the agenda as written. Ms. Sandra Shaw seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried with Ms. Arteaga, Mr. Feit, Ms. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Scherling, Ms. Schutt, Ms. Shaw, and Ms. Williams all voting aye. Ms. Beurivage and Ms. Hitz both were absent.

## F. Acceptance of Minutes

Ms. Peggy Williams asked for clarification on the following areas of the March 11, 2022 board meeting minutes.

1. On page 4 of the minutes, the second sentence, “based in conversation with the Secretary of State office and the legal counsel of governmental affairs committee.” Director John Wyvill added that there was a conversation with the Secretary of State’s office.
2. On page 6 of the minutes, the first paragraph, the second sentence. Mr. Jonathan Scherling shared feedback that this would be an excellent opportunity for NCDHH to investigate the inequities with relationship to the nursing. Ms. Williams asked Mr. Scherling if that was nursing staff? Mr. Scherling asked that we change that to nursing services.
3. On page 9 of the minutes, the third paragraph, last sentence. Ms. Williams asked Mr. Scherling for clarification on what he was asking the Commission to be involved in. Mr. Scherling replied that he was referring to NCDHH having a space at the museum that would focus on NCDHH history and activities. It was decided to leave it as written.
4. On page 12, the two paragraphs under public comments, asking if this should be moved to old business. Chairperson Candice Arteaga replied that was a public comment, this was not related to NCDHH business; decided to leave this as written.
5. On page 12 the section under old business. Discussion between the members of the board on if the paragraph should remain under old business where Director Wyvill is sharing that the September 2022 board meeting will be in North Platte. After discussion, it was decided to leave the paragraph where is currently was.

Ms. Williams stated that she would meet with Director Wyvill to review the punctuation errors after the meeting.

Chairperson Candice Arteaga asked for a motion to accept the minutes with Ms. Williams recommendations for corrections.

Ms. Diane Schutt moved to accept the minutes with Ms. Williams corrections that were discussed. Mr. Jonathan Scherling seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried with Ms. Arteaga, Mr. Feit, Ms. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Scherling, Ms. Schutt, Ms. Shaw, and Ms. Williams all voting aye. Ms. Beurivage and Ms. Hitz both were absent.

## G. Chairperson of the Board Report

Chairperson Candice Arteaga introduced the first presenter, Ms. Amy Rhone, Nebraska Department of Education (NDE), SPED Director

### 2. Nebraska Department of Education (NDE), SPED Director - LB 1014 NDE Report by Ms. Amy Rhone

Ms. Amy Rhone introduced herself to the board members and shared that she was there to talk about LB 1014 which is now a state statute, the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds. The Governor allocated the funds towards support for pandemic or COVID relief aid. NDE received an

allocation because of the assistance provided by NCDHH. NDE was required to create a guidance document, a state plan to utilize the funds. This can be found on NDE's website at [education.ne.gov/sped](http://education.ne.gov/sped).

NDE was awarded 1 million dollars to support students with disabilities, specific to deaf or hard of hearing. NDE has broken this into three different categories.

- **\$300,000 towards services for students who are deaf or hard of hearing**

Ms. Rhone shared that the NDE Office of Special Education will be collaborating with the NDE Deaf and Hard of Hearing Regional Programs to do a needs assessment. This will include a survey for parents and families to see what additional supports are needed for families. The survey will give NDE a better understanding of the services that are available through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to support students who are deaf or hard of hearing. The needs assessment will be completed by October 2022 so that NDE can move into developing and designing what the use of funds will look like based on the needs assessment.

- **\$300,000 for equipment to support students who are deaf or hard of hearing**

Ms. Rhone shared that NDE will be doing a needs assessment, working with Assistive Technology Partnership (ATP), and the Regional Programs regarding equipment needed for deaf or hard of hearing students. ATP is partnering with NDE in having a technology warehouse where they will be keeping track of the equipment. Next, NDE will be doing a needs assessment with the Regional Programs to determine what additional equipment needs are out there so that NDE can make those purchases. This assessment will need to be completed by October 2022.

- **\$400,000 to support educational interpreter mentoring**

Ms. Rhone shared that NDE currently does two federal projects called Task 12. Task 12 is where NDE does training and assessments for K-12 educational sign language interpreters, as well as mentoring for sign language interpreters.

Ms. Rhone shared that NDE will be doing a Request for Proposal (RFP) process across the state with a focus on rural implementation of mentoring and support of educational sign language interpreters. These RFP's will be asked to support three goals. The first goal is to provide for development of and/or access to training modules for educational interpreters. This will attract and hopefully find additional educational interpreters. Ms. Rhone added that currently educational sign language interpreters are the largest shortage in the state of Nebraska, and nationally in the world of special education. Adding that NDE has a lot of work to do to find people to mentor to become quality educational sign language interpreters in our state. The second goal is to enhance the signing skills of educational sign language interpreters in Nebraska through on-site and virtual mentoring. Lastly, the third goal is to provide opportunities for providers to network on those low incidence issues to enhance and build their skills in educational sign language interpreting.

Ms. Rhone added that there is a great need to continue to enhance the ability to attract and prepare individuals to the educational sign language interpreting profession, and to support the individual in becoming a highly qualified interpreter. Currently in Nebraska under Rule 51, there is

a requirement that educational sign language interpreters need to receive a passing score on the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) exam and maintain one or more additional assessments. Ms. Rhone shared that the current mentoring program is really focused on those educational interpreters who fall below EIPA level 4.0. NDE is working with these individuals to mentor them to enhance their skills to be able to receive a passing score of 4.0. Ms. Rhone added that the additional mentoring programs that NDE will be requesting proposals for will especially enhance the training and mentoring in the rural areas for educational interpreters.

Chairperson Candice Arteaga commented that she thinks it is wonderful that NDE has allocated the use of these funds in different ways, especially for the interpreters, adding that Nebraska is losing interpreters by them moving out of state or being burnt out. Chairperson Arteaga commended NDE for one of the goals to enhance and attract interpreters.

Ms. Peggy Williams had a question regarding the mentoring program. Will NDE be using other EIPA interpreters to do the mentoring? Ms. Rhone replied yes, adding that there is a process in place to become a mentor to a mentee. The educational interpreter wanting to be a mentor must meet certain qualifications. Obviously the first being that they have already received a 4.0 or higher on the EIPA and have gone through the training on how to be a mentor, which NDE provides.

Mr. Jonathan Scherling thanked Ms. Rhone for taking the time to come to the meeting to present NDE's report. Mr. Scherling asked if the bill specifically talks about services that include students who are deaf or hard of hearing and does this include those students that might have been affected by COVID because of their parents, interpreter, and teachers? Is NDE able to include in their assessment students that have had some emotional problems because of COVID? Mr. Scherling asked if NDE has a way to capture this information? Ms. Rhone replied that she hopes that the needs assessment will be able to gather this information.

Ms. Peggy Williams asked if this would include DeafBlind students. Ms. Rhone replied absolutely, any student with any verification, primary, secondary, tertiary of deafness or deaf and hard of hearing.

Ms. Rhone also shared that they have had several conversations with Ms. Susan Whitaker, Education Advocate with NCDHH regarding the greater need for enhanced services in the rural areas of the state.

Chairperson Candice Arteaga thanked Ms. Rhone for her time and presentation to the board members.

- 4. Nebraska Public Service Commission (PSC) – Text to 911 Update by Director David Sankey**  
Commissioner Tim Schram, who represents the third district which includes all of Sarpy and Saunders counties and the western half of Douglas county. Commissioner Schram mentioned all the boards that he has served on. Commissioner Schram commented that PSC administers the state 911 Fund, several years back the legislature also charged PSC to carry out the Next Generation 911 (NG911) Plan.

Commissioner Schram introduced Director David Sankey

Director Sankey shared that he is the state 911 Director with PSC. Since 2015, PSC has been funding Text-to-911 to various 911 centers across the state. Director Sankey referred to the map that he passed out, outlining the map shows where there is currently Text-to-911 capabilities.

Director Sankey added that the PSC has been working the last several years on transitioning the state from what they call Legacy 911 to Next Generation 911 (NG911). For Next Generation 911, PSC is working with all the 911 centers to form regions. They will have the ability to have redundancy so that the 911 centers can take each other's calls if they need to.

Director Sankey shared that PSC is in the process of connecting all these regions to our Emergency Services IP Network (ESInet). PSC is in the process of transitioning all the regions to the ESInet with being able to deliver not just voice phone calls or text in certain areas; but Text-to-911 to everybody. Director Sankey explained how the current system works. When an individual calls or texts 911 there are two text control centers in the United States. Once the control center receives the 911 text, they forward to the appropriate 911 Center.

PSC is currently working on connecting all the regions to the Next Generation 911 System. Director Sankey referenced the last map that he handed out to show the progress of where they are located. Additional conversation on where PSC is with getting additional regions connected and the time involved in getting this accomplished. Director Sankey shared the PSC's goal is to have everybody connected to the Next Generation 911 System by early 2023. This meaning that everybody in the state of Nebraska will have the ability to Text-to-911.

Chairperson Candice Arteaga asked how do individuals know if the text to 911 is operational; if an individual texts 911, how do they know someone is responding? Is there a responsive message that the individual gets back when you text 911? Director Sankey replied yes. Chairperson Arteaga responded that her question is not inbound it is outbound; how is the 911 Center answering the 911 text? Director Sankey responded that the 911 Operators have a text session with the individual.

Mr. Robert Feit asked how much turn around time are we talking about; when a call goes into a 911 Center from a deaf person who is having a heart attack to when services are sent to the person's home? Director Sankey replied that it will be just like a voice phone call. Conversation between the members of the board and Director Sankey on this subject.

Director Sankey also shared about realtime text coming. Right now, if someone sends a text message, they complete the entire message and hit send and it goes to the 911 Center. In the future, 911 Centers will be able to see the message as it is typed (realtime).

Chairperson Candice Arteaga asked what happens when the text to 911 is not working? Director Sankey replied that the 911 Centers will put out a message to notify individuals of this. Chairperson Arteaga asked if she texts 911 and it is not working, will she get a reply text to tell her

that the system is currently down? Director Sankey replied yes there should be a message reply to you stating that the text to 911 is not working.

Conversation on the 911 operators going through training.

Chairperson Candice Arteaga shared that it is important within the deaf and hard of hearing communities to have training when new services are developed. Would someone from PSC be able to go to the deaf and hard of hearing organizations to explain once the Text-to-911 is fully functional? Director Sankey responded yes. Conversation about the training that would be offered and by whom. Chairperson Candice Arteaga wondered if NCDHH could maybe provide a workshop in collaboration with PSC to provide information on how the Text-to-911 System works. Director Sankey said that PSC would be happy to assist with the training.

Ms. Brooke Fitzpatrick asked how is Nebraska in relation to other states, do most of the other states already have this in place? Director Sankey replied that Nebraska is in the middle of the pack. Discussion on where other states are with rolling out the text to 911.

Director Sankey shared that we could find additional information on PSC's website – [psc.nebraska.gov](http://psc.nebraska.gov).

Director Sankey thanked everyone for their time and questions that they asked.

### **1. Public Comments**

No Public Comments

### **3. LB 1014 NCDHH Staff Report by Executive Director John Wyvill**

Director John Wyvill started with how NCDHH will implement LB 1014, relating to legal and rural communication access funds and how the Commission plans on administering this program starting July 1, 2022. Director Wyvill passed out copies of the two postcards that were developed to assist in notifying the public of being able to utilize these funds.

#### **Legal Access Funds**

Regarding the legal access funds, for example, if a deaf or hard of hearing individual needs to meet with a lawyer that requires communication access, this program will reimburse the lawyer for that cost. Director Wyvill gave other examples of how this program could be beneficial to deaf and hard of hearing individuals in Nebraska. He explained that this is a statewide program, including Lincoln and Omaha. The Commission has developed a marketing plan to get the word out to the public.

Guidelines have been put together regarding what the program will provide reimbursement for, such as the interpreter's fee and portal to portal costs. The interpreter will give the lawyer a bill, the lawyer will pay that bill and then submit for reimbursement to NCDHH. Director Wyvill went on to explain that there are checks and balances for making sure that the reimbursements are being handled correctly.

Director Wyvill shared that for this program the Commission has a cap of 10 or 15 percent for administrative costs. This will cover the cost of advertisement in making sure that NCDHH is making people aware of the program. This includes mailings to various lawyers and law firms. Director Wyvill reported that next week NCDHH will meet with the licensed interpreters and the interpreter referral agencies to go over the components of the program, making them aware of the funding.

Conversation between the members and Director Wyvill as to whether deaf or hard of hearing individuals have recourse if a lawyer would not assist them with their needs. He noted that this program will do away with these issues that come into play on who is going to pay for what.

### **Rural Access Funds**

Regarding the rural access funds, this program will pay for in person (on site) sign language interpreters in addition to the portal-to-portal costs. Director Wyvill gave some examples of how this program could be used in asking for reimbursement. Noting that this program does not pay for interpreter services in a K-12 setting or any federal government agency.

As far as marketing for this program, NCDHH will be using agency vlogs on social media, newspaper articles, and our Advocacy Specialists spreading the word to the clients and businesses in the areas that they serve.

Director Wyvill added that reimbursement for the rural access funds will be like the legal access funds that was already outlined. The rural access funds do not cover video remote interpreting (VRI); only covers in person interpreters.

Ms. Peggy Williams added that this is an excellent opportunity for the entire state of Nebraska, thanked Director Wyvill for his work and the staff's work in putting this together. Asking regarding the medical appointments where the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) typically would come into play; following the expiration of this program will there be education taking place that assures that the ADA standards still apply when it comes to medical appointments. Director Wyvill responded that NCDHH would like to come back to the board and give documentation that this program is working so that NCDHH can ask for additional funding from the state for additional years of this program. Conversation regarding how this would work.

Mr. Robert Feit asked if at the end of the program and if there is money left, can an extension be requested? Director Wyvill replied that he did not know the answer to that; thinking that left over money may have to be given back to the state.

Mr. Robert Feit confirmed that the total amount is \$500,000 that the Commission has been given for this program. Director Wyvill replied yes, for both the legal and rural access funds.

Ms. Peggy Williams moved to approve the LB 1014 report as presented by Director Wyvill. Ms. Diane Schutt seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried with Ms. Arteaga, Mr. Feit, Ms. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Scherling, Ms. Schutt, Ms. Shaw, and Ms. Williams all voting aye. Ms. Beurivage and Ms. Hitz both were absent.

A 15-minute break was given at 10:02 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:17 a.m.

#### **4. NCDHH Proposed Biennial Budget by Executive Director John Wyvill**

Director John Wyvill stated that he is asking for authorization for NCDHH to submit the biennial budget for the next two years.

This outlines the process:

- **March 2022 – Preliminary Board Discussion**
- **June 2022 – Proposed Budget**  
Submitted to the board for their approval.
- **September 2022 – Last minute adjustments to submit online**  
This is where Ms. Jacqueline “Jackie” Novak, Business and Finance Manager submits the budget into the state’s system.
- **January 2023 – Budget recommendation from the Governor**  
Around the state of the state address by the Governor, there is a budget recommendation that is received by NCDHH.
- **February / March 2023 – Appropriation Hearing**  
The Appropriations Committee decides what their recommendations are for our agency. Director Wyvill added that this is when we go and ask for funding.
- **May 2023 – Finalized by Governor and Legislature**  
The budget gets finalized by the Governor, then the budget goes into effect in June 2023.
- **June 2023 – Goes into effect**

Director Wyvill went on to explain about the agency being able to keep our unspent money, meaning the money that we did not spend this fiscal year would carry over to the next. Adding that the Commission also needs to make sure that we have the spending authority for our cash fund. The Commission receives cash funds for sign language interpreter licensing fees and when our staff interpreter provides external, billable interpreting services for other agencies, these funds go into a cash account. NCDHH asks the legislature for the authority to spend that money and that is currently capped at \$36,000. Conversation on what the cash funds can be used for.

Director Wyvill shared that based on feedback, we have asked to include an estimated cost of \$75,000 for a new advocacy specialist specifically for health care. This amount includes salary,

fringe benefits and cost of equipment for an office.

The next item that we are recommending is \$54,000 for NCDHH to support the Hearing Aid Bank Program. Director Wyvill added that there is a constitutional prohibition of us giving money to the Hearing Aid Bank or to the University itself to run the program. NCDHH would be asking for a staff person who would then be working with the Barkley Center and the three hearing aid banks to help with the running of the programs.

Regarding how NCDHH can support the Nebraska Deaf Heritage Museum and Cultural Center (NDHMCC). NCDHH cannot give them money; however, if the organization has a fundraiser, we can be a sponsor at the event.

Director Wyvill added that our recommendation is for two program requests and the opportunity to support the NDHMCC through sponsorship rather than additional funds.

Mr. Robert Feit asked for clarification regarding the handout that was given to the board members regarding the funding for the Hearing Aid Banks. Director Wyvill answered Mr. Feit's questions. Conversation between the members as to why the University is not more supportive of the Hearing Aid Banks.

Ms. Peggy Williams commented regarding the additional advocacy specialist position that we are asking for specifically relating to health care. Would this new position if funded handle the Hearing Aid Bank programs? Director Wyvill replied that would be two different people.

Director Wyvill clarified that the state has said that NCDHH can not give money to the Barkley Center to assist with running the Hearing Aid Banks. NCDHH is offering to absorb the cost of the funded position that would assist with the running of the Hearing Aid Banks. Dr. Stacie Ray would like to have a graduate assistant serving in that position. Conversation between the members of the board and Director Wyvill on how this would work.

Mr. Jonathan Scherling moved to approve the proposed biennial budget as presented by Director Wyvill. Ms. Peggy Williams seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried with Ms. Arteaga, Mr. Feit, Ms. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Scherling, Ms. Schutt, Ms. Shaw, and Ms. Williams all voting aye. Ms. Beurivage and Ms. Hitz both were absent.

## **H. Executive Director Report by John Wyvill**

### **1. Budget Report**

Director Wyvill noted that NCDHH has been frugal with their budget and based on year end for May 2022, we are tracking \$179,000 under budget. Listed various reasons for being under budget.

Ms. Peggy Williams asked for clarification on where the money would fall into play in the budget if NCDHH is able to fund the Hearing Aid Bank position. Conversation on how this would work.

Director Wyvill also added that starting July 1, 2022 we will have two additional categories for the Legal and Rural Access Funds.

Mr. Robert Feit asked if NCDHH has left over money in our budget, is NCDHH able to carry over that money to the following year? Does NCDHH have to go before the appropriations committee to request to keep the carry over money? Director Wyvill responded that we must ask for that approval every two years. Conversation regarding the steps involved in being able to keep our carry over money.

## **2. Language Equality and Acquisition for Deaf Kids (LEAD-K) Update**

Director Wyvill shared that the final report and recommendation on the process has been drafted and approved. The full advisory board for LEAD-K is meeting on June 27, 2022 to vote on the final report and recommendations that are going to be submitted.

NCDHH has also scheduled a meeting with the Commissioner of Education, Dr. Matthew Blomstedt on July 11, 2022. This meeting will take place at the Deaf Heritage Museum to present the report to Commissioner Blomstedt.

## **3. Top 10 Report**

Director Wyvill shared with the members of the board that we have two new team members that have been hired at NCDHH. We have Ms. Briana Stradinger, Advocacy & Technology Specialist, and Ms. Sharon Price, Behavioral Health Coordinator; both are based in our Omaha office.

Director Wyvill also shared that NCDHH will be having a town hall meeting on August 9, 2022 at Heritage Presbyterian Church in Lincoln. Ms. Kim Davis and Ms. Abigail Giambattista, both Advocacy Specialists in Lincoln have been tasked with planning and implementing the town hall meeting. There will be more information to come.

## **4. Marketing Report**

Director Wyvill asked Ms. Kelsey Cruz, Public Information Officer to come forward and give the marketing report.

Events or activities that were discussed:

- Coffee with Cops in Lincoln – This was held right after the March board meeting; this was an awesome success and had news coverage.
- Communication Kits – NCDHH partnered with Aging Partners in putting together these kits. There was a promotional event that was held at Tabitha, which was an educational experience for the nursing staff to get more familiar with the products that deaf and hard of hearing people use.
- Omaha Storm Chasers – This was held on June 8 and was a great success.

Ms. Cruz shared her two biggest priorities right now are promoting the events we have coming up, including the Lincoln Salt Dogs event that will be on July 20, 2022. In addition to the Legal and Rural Access Fund Programs that are both starting on July 1, 2022. Ms. Cruz also referenced the additional activities that were listed in the handout that the board members received.

Ms. Sandra Shaw thanked the Commission for the communication kit that Ms. Kim Davis, Advocacy Specialist from Lincoln delivered. Also noting that she was excited to hear that not all the kits were staying in just Lincoln, with Ms. Davis dropping off two other kits in Seward on her way back to the office.

Chairperson Candice Arteaga thanked Ms. Cruz for her presentation. Chairperson Arteaga asked for a motion to accept the executive director report as presented.

Ms. Diane Schutt moved to accept the executive director report as presented. Ms. Sandra Shaw seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried with Ms. Arteaga, Mr. Feit, Ms. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Scherling, Ms. Schutt, Ms. Shaw, and Ms. Williams all voting aye. Ms. Beurivage and Ms. Hitz both were absent.

**I. Special Order of Business – Presentation of the Dr. Frank Turk Excellence in Education Award**

Chairperson Candice Arteaga introduced that this year's award goes to Ms. Jill Hoffart, asking Ms. Hoffart to come forward and accept the plaque and small token of appreciation from NCDHH, thanking Ms. Hoffart for all her hard work. Various members of the board thanked Ms. Hoffart for all that she has done for the deaf and hard of hearing children and young adults in the school system. Ms. Hoffart thanked everyone for their kind comments and appreciates receiving the Dr. Frank Turk Excellence in Education Award.

**J. Public Comment**

No public comments

**K. Old Business**

**1. North Platte Planning Update**

Director John Wyvill shared with the newer members of the board that prior to COVID we used to have one meeting a year outside of Lincoln or Omaha to ensure that we are getting into the community. The September 9, 2022 meeting will be held in North Platte at the Hampton Inn, with a Town Hall Meeting being offered the evening of September 8, 2022. Ms. Peggy Williams asked if any of the staff will be speaking at the town hall meeting, or how it is going to be conducted. Director Wyvill shared that Ms. Kathy Scusa is the Advocacy Specialist in our North Platte office so she will be the team lead for this meeting. Adding that he will ask Ms. Susan Whitaker, Education and Advocacy Specialist from Scottsbluff to come to the meeting so that she can meet all the board members. Ms. Peggy Williams asked if Chairperson Candice Arteaga could speak at the town hall meeting on behalf of the board. Director Wyvill replied yes.

## **2. Interpreter Issue Committee Report**

Director John Wyvill referenced that this handout was to inform the board of the meeting that was held with the Interpreter Issues Committee regarding LB 1014.

### **L. New Business**

No new business

### **M. Adjourn**

Ms. Diane Schutt moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:11 a.m. Ms. Sandra Shaw seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried with Ms. Arteaga, Mr. Feit, Ms. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Scherling, Ms. Schutt, Ms. Shaw, and Ms. Williams all voting aye. Ms. Beurivage and Ms. Hitz both were absent.

### **Next Meeting Dates**

- September 9, 2022: Hampton Inn, 20 Platte Oasis Parkway, North Platte, NE
- December 9, 2022: 4600 Valley Rd, Room 4A, Lincoln NE