# Minutes

# Iowa Commission for the BlindJune 8, 2021

1. Call to order and determination of quorum. The quarterly meeting of the Iowa Commission for the Blind was called to order at 12:00 p.m., by Sandi Ryan, with the following members present: Sandi Ryan, chair, Geneva Jacobsen, member, and Ryan Brems member, which was a quorum. Others in attendance: Emily Wharton, Janice Eggers, Caroline Barrett (AAG), Tyler Swett, Kim Barber, Al Bickell, Keri Osterhaus, Helen Stevens, Kathy Roat, Cheri Myers, Thomas Topping, Jenny Gries, Shawn Mayo, Kathy Roat, and Kelli Brennan.
2. Public Comment— none.
3. Approval of the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Brems moved and Ms. Jacobsen seconded, and the motion passed.
4. Approval of March 9, 2021 board minutes. Mr. Brems moved approval of the minutes as presented. Ms. Jacobsen seconded, and the motion passed.
5. Agency Director Report - Ms. Wharton shared:
	1. Any questions on any of the written reports in the packet from the leadership team?
	2. New hires: Kelli Brennan as an Accounting Tech II and Jessica Katzung as a Youth Services Worker.
	3. Construction on the new ramp, to replace the old ramp due to structural issues, will begin this summer.
	4. Elevator improvements being made, currently we are awaiting replacement parts.

Commission Chair Ryan expressed her congratulations to the Library Staff for the NLS Library of the Year recognition. Director Wharton shared her appreciation.

1. Approval ILAC Committee. Mr. Brems moved approval of the ILAC Committee as presented. Ms. Jacobsen seconded, and the motion passed.
2. Approval of Policy Revisions as presented. Mr. Brems moved approval of the Board Approval Policy and Driver Policy as presented. Ms. Jacobsen seconded, and on roll call vote the motion passed.
3. Consideration of Closed Session. Ms. Ryan had Ms. Eggers read paragraph 1a from the Code of Iowa, Section 21.5(1)(a) and Section 21.5(1)(i). Ms. Jacobson moved to adjourn to closed session. Mr. Brems, seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote: Ms. Ryan, yes; Mr. Brems, yes; and Ms. Jacobsen, yes. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned into closed session at 12:22 p.m. The meeting entered into closed session at 12:25 p.m.

Mr. Brems moved to enter into open session. Ms. Jacobsen seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting entered open session at 1:02 p.m.

1. Closed Session –
2. Mr. Brems moved that request Item #083, from closed session, approve a loan. Ms. Jacobsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Adjournment – Mr. Brems moved the meeting adjourn. Ms. Jacobsen seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandi Ryan, Chairperson

Commission for the Blind

Janice EggersSecretary to the Commission/ Executive Secretary

Department for the Blind

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