# Minutes

# Iowa Commission for the BlindJune 13, 2023

1. Call to order and determination of quorum. The quarterly meeting of the Iowa Commission for the Blind was called to order at 12:01 p.m., by Janice Eggers, with the following members present Michael Hoenig and Amy Salger. Others in attendance: Emily Wharton, Sarah Willeford, Kim Walford, Karly Prinds, Cheri Myers, Lerone Walker, Keri Osterhaus, Helen Mejia, Connie Mendenhall, Tyler Eason (AAG), Shawn Mayo, Norma Boge-Conyers, Thomas Topping, and Alex Liftka-Reselman.
2. Election of temporary chair. Secretary Eggers opened the floor for nominations. Both commissioner Salger and Hoenig were nominated. After discussion, commissioner Hoening was moved to be temporary chair for this meeting. On a roll call vote, Commissioner Hoenig was approved as the temporary chair for this meeting.
3. Public Comment — none.
4. Welcome to new Commissioner Amy Salger by Commissioner Hoeing.
5. Approval of the consent agenda. Ms. Salger moved approval of the minutes as written. Mr. Hoenig seconded, and the motion passed.
6. Approval of the consent agenda and approval of the March 31, 2023 board minutes. Ms. Salger moved approval of the minutes as written. Mr. Hoenig seconded, and the motion passed.
7. Agency Director Report - Ms. Wharton shared:
   1. Welcome to Commissioner Hoenig.
   2. End of State Fiscal Year.
   3. Salary increases of 3% approved.
   4. DAS MOU.
   5. New IDB website was launched early. Currently working through the items that did not transfer correctly.
   6. The 100th Anniversary is coming up in 2025.

Any questions from the commissioners?

Commissioner Hoenig asked:

1. LEAP participants attending consumer conventions this summer.
2. VR Closures.
3. Gifts and Bequests.
4. Approval of Board Approval Policy
   1. IDB Client Referral Policy

Ms. Salger moved approval of the IDB Client Referral policy as written. Mr. Hoenig seconded, and the motion passed.

* 1. Independent Living Younger Blind Policy

Mr. Hoenig moved approval of option 1 that supports community-based training. Ms. Salger seconded, and the motion passed.

* 1. Referral Application Eligibility and Trial Work Experience Process

Ms. Salger moved approval of the policies as written. Mr. Hoenig seconded, and the motion passed.

1. Policy Review IDB Manual – Reviewed effective June 13, 2023
2. Discussion Item – Announcements and Courtesy posting procedures
3. Consideration of Closed Session. Mr. Hoenig had Ms. Eggers read paragraph 1a from the Code of Iowa, Section 21.5(1)(a). Ms. Salger moved to adjourn to closed session. Mr. Hoenig seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote: Mr. Hoenig, yes; and Ms. Salger, yes. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned into closed session at 12:49 p.m. The meeting entered closed session at 12:53 p.m.

On a motion by Ms. Salger and seconded by Mr. Hoenig to move out of closed session at 1:14 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting entered open session at 1:17 p.m.

1. Closed Session –
2. Ms. Salger moved that request Item #122, from closed session, be approved as a loan up to the amount requested. Mr. Hoenig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Ms. Salger moved that request Item #124, from closed session, be approved as a loan up to the amount requested. Mr. Hoenig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Adjournment – Ms. Salger motioned to adjurn the meeting and Mr. Hoenig seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Hoenig, Acting Chairperson

Commission for the Blind

Janice EggersSecretary to the Commission/ Executive Secretary

Department for the Blind

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