# Minutes

# Iowa Commission for the BlindMarch 12, 2024

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 Janice Eggers, with the following commission members present Michael Hoenig and Amy Salger. Others in attendance: Emily Wharton, Sarah Willeford, Kim Walford, Karly Prinds, Keri Osterhaus, Connie Mendenhall, Ambrose Fowler-Harney, Cheri Myers, Jonna Modde, Jeff Jasper, Sara Coleman, Mary McGee, Tyler Eason, Brad Wright, Shawn Mayo, Helen Mejia, Jim Rechkemmer, Bob Ray, David Gilmore, Craig Deichmann and Thomas Topping.
2. Public Comment – Brad Wright
3. Election of the chair. Secretary Eggers opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Salger volunteered to serve as the temporary chair. Commissioner Hoenig moved to approve Commissioner Salger be temporary chair for this meeting. Commissioner Salger seconded, and the motion passed.
4. Motion to table election of chair until next meeting. Commissioner Salger moved and Commissioner Hoenig seconded to table the election of chair until the June meeting, and the motion passed.
5. Election of the secretary. Commissioner Salger moved to appoint Janice Eggers as Commission Board Secretary. Commissioner Hoenig seconded, the motion passed.
6. Approval of the consent agenda and the December 5, 2023, board minutes. Commissioner Hoenig moved approval of the minutes as presented. Commissioner Salger seconded, and the motion passed.
7. Agency Director Report - Ms. Wharton shared:
   1. Ms. Sara Coleman has been appointed to serve a one-year term as an IDB Commissioner effective May 1, 2024.
   2. Information about the AEA Bill including the process and how the IMC would be impacted.
   3. On Monday, March 11, 2024, Director Wharton went to the capitol and was introduced to the senate. This is part of the process and procedure to be reappointed as Director of Iowa Department for the Blind.
8. Approval of Policies: Commissioner Salger motioned to approve the Referral Application Eligibility Policy, Supported Employment Services Policy, and the Volunteer Policy as presented. Commissioner Hoenig seconded, and the motion passed.
9. Adjournment – Commissioner Hoenig motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Salger seconded, and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Salger, Acting Chairperson

Commission for the Blind

Janice EggersSecretary to the Commission/ Executive Secretary

Department for the Blind

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