# Minutes

# Iowa Commission for the BlindMarch 11, 2025

1. Call to order and determine quorum. The quarterly meeting of the Iowa Commission for the Blind was called to order at 12:00 p.m., by Commission Chair Sara Coleman, with the following commission members present Michael Hoenig, and Sara Coleman. Others in attendance: Sarah Willeford, Janice Eggers, Regan Hodina (AAG), Kim Walford, Karly Prinds, Keri Osterhaus, Cheri Myers, Ambrose Ball-Harney, Doug Pavey, Mary Horton, Abigail Whitford, Sidney Matzdorff, Matthew Gip, McKenzie McKinnon, Carrie Chapman, Cindy Ray, Thomas Topping and Karen .
2. Public Comment – none.
3. Approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Hoenig moved approval of the minutes as written. Commissioner Coleman seconded, and the motion passed.
4. Election of the chair. Commission Chair Coleman opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Hoenig nominated Sara Coleman to be commission chair. Commission Coleman seconded. Role call vote, the motion passed.
5. Election of the secretary. Commissioner Hoenig moved to appoint Janice Eggers as Commission Board Secretary. Commission Coleman seconded, the motion passed.
6. Approval of December 3, 2024, board minutes. Commissioner Hoenig moved approval of the minutes as presented. Commissioner Coleman seconded the minutes with the updates, and the motion passed.
7. Commission Chair Coleman updated the Director position is being interviewed. The governor’s office is working on this.
8. Agency Director Report - Ms. Willeford shared:
   1. Ms. Willeford thanked the new staff coming to the meeting and welcomed them.
   2. The budget is still in the process.
   3. IDB Centennial is on April 2nd from 3-6 pm and all are invited to come.
   4. Commissioner Hoening had a couple of financial questions that CFO Cheri Myers answered.
   5. Commission Chair Coleman inquired about the audit.
   6. Commissioner Chair Coleman shared she is curious with relating to working with other state agencies that provide braille. We are currently working with the state library with a monthly webinar, DE and their staff are aware of what we do at the IMC and what we offer, HHS on client needs and have an agreement with them. Des Moines Performing Arts and doing play bills for the performances, DMACC Stemfest today, ASK Resource Center, and mainly the focus is braille. Education, training, and classes for educators across the state. Denise Bean, youth librarian, is working on the programs for this summer.
9. Adjournment – Commissioner Hoenig motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Coleman seconded, and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Coleman, Chairperson

Iowa Commission for the Blind

Janice EggersSecretary to the Commission/ Executive Secretary

Iowa Department for the Blind

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