

City of Arts & Innovation

COMMISSION OF THE DEAF MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025, 5:30 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

PRESENT: The following Commissioners were present during roll call: Commissioners Garcia, Sacchetti, Rasmus, Reynolds, Wadler, Friend, Price, Youth Ex Officio Vincent-Rose, and Vice Chair Anderson.

ABSENT: Chair Visco.

STAFF PRESENT: Rene Goldman and Daisy Gastelum.

The chair calls the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no e-comments prior to this meeting and no online callers. There were no participants wishing to address the Commission.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Commissioner Wadler and seconded by Commissioner Reynolds to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion carried with Chair Visco absent.

MINUTES

The minutes of November 12, 2025, were approved as presented.

ATTENDANCE

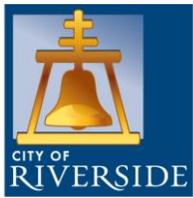
Commission of the Deaf excused the absence of Commissioners Garcia and Price from the meeting on November 12, 2025, regular meeting.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

ABSENCE

After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Wadler and seconded by Commissioner Rasmus to excuse Commissioner Sacchetti's absence from the November 12, 2025, regular meeting. The motion carried with Chair Visco absent.

After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Wadler and seconded by Commissioner Price to continue by-laws discussion to the next Commission meeting. The motion carried with Chair Visco absent.



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2025 WORKPLAN

After discussion it was moved by Commissioner Friend and seconded by Commissioner Price to send updates to close the 2025 workplan and report to committee. After discussion it was moved by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Sacchetti to re-establish the 2026 work plan ad hoc including commissioners Rasmus, Reynolds, Wadler and Price, as the members. The Commission also requested 2026 work plan to continue discussion at the next commission meeting. The motion carried with Chair Visco absent.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Sacchetti to agendize the community outreach to the next commission meeting. The motion carried with Chair Visco absent.

COMMUNICATION

COTD AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES

No update from the By Laws Ad Hoc provided.

No update from the Workplan Ad Hoc provided.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY THE COMMISSION MEMBERS

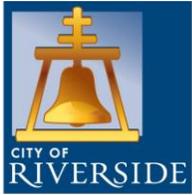
Commissioner Sacchetti requested to agendize an item for discussion regarding interpreter issues from the city council meeting that took place on January 13, 2026. Vice Chair Anderson requested to agendize presentation discussion at community events.

COMMISSION OF THE DEAF STAFF UPDATES

HR Director Rene Goldman provided an update regarding the Mayors State of the City event that will take place on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 4 p.m.

BRIEF REPORTS ON CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, FUTURE EVENTS, AND EVENTS OR MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COTD

Commissioner Sacchetti reported on events starting January 15, 2026, a monthly ASL town that will include story time for families and children. Commissioner Reynolds reported on attending different events to increase visibility to Commission of the Deaf. Commissioner Reynolds attended a Parks and Recreation commission meeting. Commissioner Reynolds also attended a Deaf Poetry Night at Back to the Grind, he also attended the DCR board event on January 10, 2026. Commissioner Reynolds attended the Human and Housing Commission meeting. Commissioner Wadler attended the Back to the Grind Poetry Night



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and reported a new event for Poetry on April 10, 2026. Commissioner Price reported an event hosted by KODIE in December 2025, Commissioner Price also reported on tax preparers if anyone would like to participate to assist the Deaf community. Commissioner Price reported on Love and Literacy event. Commissioner Rasmus reported on Civil Rights institute regarding a black deaf organization project as well as collecting stories from all community members in the community focused on Latino, African American and Asian background. Commissioner Rasmus also reported on a small deaf business intensive vendor fair (fundraiser) which is to donate to a good cause. Vice Chair Anderson reported on a meeting regarding DeaFestival becoming an annual event. Vice Chair Anderson also reported on attending different places to make Commission of the Deaf more visible.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, 2026.

Vice Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DAISY GASTELUM
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT