



City of Arts & Innovation

COMMISSION OF THE DEAF MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 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: Commissioner Reynolds, Wadler, Friend, Price, Chair Visco and Vice Chair Anderson.

ABSENT: Commissioner Garcia, Sacchetti, Rasmus, and Youth Ex Officio Vincent-Rose.

STAFF PRESENT: Rene Goldman, Daisy Gastelum and Analicia Martinez.

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 was one participant wishing to address the Commission of the Deaf Kevin Bernadt who spoke about Deaf Community Belonging Research Project.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Commissioner Reynolds and seconded by Commissioner Wadler to approve the absences as excused. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTENDANCE

Commission of the Deaf excused the absence of Commissioners Wadler and Commissioner Reynolds from the meeting on May 14, 2025.

It was moved by Commissioner Wadler and seconded by Commissioner Price to move the minutes to the discussion calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

The minutes of May 14, 2025, were approved with amendments.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

Annual Review of Code of Ethics and Conduct

Commission received the Annual Review of Code of ethics and Conduct by Commissioner Hernandez.



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REVIEW RULES AND REGULATIONS OF PROCEDURES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS (BYLAWS)
It was moved by Commissioner Wadler and seconded by Commissioner Price to agendaize/table Rules and regulation of procedures and order of business bylaws for the July 2025 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

2025 WORKPLAN

It was moved by Commissioner Wadler and seconded by Commissioner Price to agendaize/table 2025 workplan for the July 2025 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Vice Chair Anderson requested a Commission presence or tabling at the following events, New Family Orientation taking place August 18, 2025, Vice Chair Anderson and Commissioner Rasmus, and Reynolds will attend from 1-3pm, Center on Deafness Inland Empire taking place on September 26, 2025 Vice Chair Anderson and Commissioner Friend will attend, from 10-2pm, and DeaFestival taking place September 20, 2025, from 10am-4pm. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Friend to approve tabling at said events. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATION

COTD AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES

No ad hoc committee updates

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

Commissioner Reynolds attended a Lincoln Park event on June 7, 2025. Commissioner Reynolds will be attending the "No King" protest on June 14, 2025. Commissioner Wadler attended an event in Downtown Riverside on June 7, 2025. Commissioner Wadler will be attending a fundraising event at CBOR on June 14, 2025. Commissioner Wadler will be attending an ASL Teacher Association conference from July 8-12, 2025, at Washington DC. Commissioner Friend attended the Riverside Blue Zones Kick-Off May 17, 2025. Commissioner Friend also attended an activity "Art in the Park" held at Lincoln Park on June 7, 2025. Commissioner Friend will be attending/volunteering at an International AA Convention in Vancouver, Canada from July 2 – 6, 2025. Vice Chair Anderson invited all to DeaFestival taking place in September 2025. Vice Chair Anderson mentioned a Gala that will be taking place in September 2025. Chair Visco asked for volunteers for the webpage ASL videos, recording will take place on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 10am at the Riverside TV studio. Chair Visco requested if commissioners would like to volunteer



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for a deaf movie taking place in Riverside. Commissioner Wadler attended an event on June 7, 2025, the Deaf Commemorative Counseling Network at Center of Deafness of Inland Empire.

COMMISSION OF THE DEAF STAFF UPDATES

The Commission of the Deaf Secretary, Ms. Gastelum, reminded the commissioners again about the change in the sunshine ordinance regarding the three-day agenda publishing. Human Resources Director Rene Goldman gave an update for the Commission, Riverside Library will have ASL interpreters at several summer reading programs. Information will be on the website and will be provided to the commission.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY THE COMMISSION MEMBERS

Chair Visco would like to bring back items agendaized for the June meeting, By-laws and 2025 COTD Workplan, outreach and the ASL interpreter logo as well as agendaizing a topic regarding T-Mobile.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 13, 2025.

Chair Visco adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DAISY GASTELUM
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT