



Please Note: Since a quorum was not achieved, this is an unofficial record of proceedings.

DHHCAN Meeting

December 4, 2019

Gallaudet University Peikoff Alumni House Conference Room

(Thanks to Alumni Relations/GUAA for allowing DHHCAN to use the Conference Room)

ROLL CALL

Voting Members	Organizational Partners	Others
Zainab Alkebsi, NAD	Caroline Pezzarossi, ADARA	Sam Jones, general public guest
Mark Hill, CPADO	Khianti Thomas, RID	Ron Sutcliffe, CSD
Marcia Zisman, GUAA	Barbara Raimondo, CEASD	Angela Pettigrew, NAD policy intern
	Eileen McCartin, NVRC	Michele Mulligan, CPADO
	Tyrone Giordano, CSD	
	Kelby Brick, NASADHH	

Communication protocols were shared.

Introductions were made.

Meeting called to order: 12:09p.

Quorum: Not met

Chair's Report

- Due to members' travels and illnesses, meeting quorum was not met. The election will be held at our next meeting on January 8th. Please let Zainab know if you have a conflict with January 8th.
- This will be our final meeting of the year. She hopes that we will hit the ground running in 2020. A lot of ground was covered in 2019.
- Upon the completion of November's meeting, she met with Dr. Sheridan's students who asked many wonderful questions about DHHCAN (meetings, membership structure, history) as well as issues related to transportation, telecommunications, and the upcoming presidential election. All left with a good impression of DHHCAN.

Vice-Chair's Report (absent)

Secretary's Report

- Due to today's lack of quorum, we will need to approve the November 6th minutes at our next meeting. As previously agreed, the notes for today's meeting will be unofficial.

Treasurer's Report (absent)

POLICY REPORTS

TRANSPORTATION

- Work continues on the deaf pilot petition (to be filed with FAA) and pushing the DOT to finally issue its rulemaking for in-flight entertainment (IFE). We should not expect anything to happen between now and the presidential election.

CIVIL RIGHTS PROTECTION AND ENFORCEMENT

- Senator Peters has decided to withdraw the proposed bill concerning communications assistants' ability to report an emergency situation during a TRS call.

EDUCATION

- Information on the upcoming Education and Advocacy Summit has been shared with the DHHCAN membership. If unable to attend the entire summit, members are encouraged to try to attend the legislative briefing on February 26th from 8:30a to 10:00a.

EMPLOYMENT

- DHHCAN Chair continues her effort to fill the chair role for this policy committee. There is a possibility in the works.

HEALTH CARE (absent)

HOUSING (absent)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION SERVICES, AND VIDEO PROGRAMMING (absent)

OLD BUSINESS:

The DHHCAN election will take place on January 8th.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NVRC will be hosting a gala on December 14th.
- One member has noticed a decline in caption quality on local news. It's best to file a complaint with the FCC to ensure there is a record of the problem and that there will be a follow up. There are numerous problems with local news programming and the caption quality since there are no measurable quality standards in place at the FCC. The FCC complaint process is not user friendly and needs to be improved.
- CPADO will have a board meeting on February 22, 2020 at the NAD office.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:46p.m.

The next meeting will be January 8, 2020. There will be no meeting in February.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to all!