# Minutes

# Iowa Commission for the BlindJune 11, 2019

1. Call to order and determination of quorum. The quarterly meeting of the Iowa Commission for the Blind was called to order at 10:00 a.m., by Sandi Ryan, with the following members present: Sandi Ryan, chair, Joe Van Lent, member, and Ryan Brems member, which was a quorum. Others in attendance: Emily Wharton, Shawn Mayo, Sarah Willeford, Alan Bickell, Cheri Myers, Kim Barber, Keri Osterhaus, Janice Eggers, Niah Howard, Andrew Joines, Lisa Ortner, John Wallace, John Gonzalez, Dawn Francis, Carla Brems, Lora Van Lent, Carrie Chapman (telephonically), and Michael Barber (telephonically). Thank you and welcome.
2. Public Comment – No comments
3. Approval of the agenda. Mr. Van Lent moved approval of the agenda as presented. Mr. Brems seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. Approval of March 5, 2019 board minutes. Mr. Van Lent moved approval of the minutes as presented. Mr. Brems seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
5. SILC Presentation – Dawn Francis, Statewide Independent Living Counsel, presented to the board. She is the first Director of SILC, established in 2006. Currently there are six independent centers statewide. She discussed history, funding, core values, and services provided. Dawn spoke in detail about the funding sources both federal and state match.
6. Approval of the ILAC Committee - Mr. Brems moved approval of the ILAC Committee as presented. Mr. Van Lent seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
7. Gifts and Bequests Applications – none.
8. Agency Director Report - Ms. Wharton shared:
   1. The new IDB videos are on YouTube to view prior to the meeting today. The descriptive and audio portions of the video will be posted to the website as soon as they are complete.
   2. Quarterly Staff meeting was held last Friday.
   3. Teamfest meeting was held last week. Presentations were done by each team. The teams’ goals for next year were established.
   4. Will be updating the phones and more information will be forthcoming.
   5. The Aides and Devices store will be closing at the end of July. Ms. Wharton explained the reasons why. A letter will be sent to customers and will include a list of resources. The information will be posted to the website later today.
   6. Name of our Library will be changing to Iowa Library for Accessible Statewide Services. This was due to the change from the National Library Services removing handicapped and changing their name. Discussion ensued. Information regarding the name change will be on the IDB website later today.
   7. Emily Wharton introduced our new CFO, Cheri Myers.
9. Formation of Youth Advisory Committee – Director Wharton discussed formation of the Youth Advisory Committee. Mr. Brems moved approval of the formation of Youth Advisory Committee as presented. Mr. Van Lent seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
10. Consideration of Closed Session. Ms. Ryan had Ms. Eggers read paragraph 1a from the Code of Iowa, Section 21.5(1)(a) and 21.5(1)(i). Mr. Van Lent moved to adjourn to closed session. Mr. Brems seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote: Ms. Ryan, yes; Mr. Van Lent, yes; and Mr. Brems, yes. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned into closed session at 12:01 p.m. The meeting entered into closed session at 12:03 p.m. The closed session adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Van Lent and seconded by Mr. Brems, the meeting entered into open session at 12:15 p.m.

1. Closed Session –
2. Mr. Brems moved that request Item #001, from closed session, approve a loan for $25/month. Mr. Van Lent seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote: Ms. Ryan, yes; Mr. Van Lent, yes; and Mr. Brems, yes. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Mr. Van Lent moved the meeting adjourn. Mr. Brems seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandi Ryan, Chairperson

Commission for the Blind

Janice EggersSecretary to the Commission/ Executive Secretary

Department for the Blind

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