

1 **GREATER LOS ANGELES AGENCY ON DEAFNESS, INC.**
2 **Executive Agency Board of Directors**
3 **Wednesday, May 25, 2022**
4 **MINUTES**

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6 **President Sidansky called the meeting to order at 6:32PM. A quorum was present.**

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8 **I. ROLL CALL**

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10 Board Members Present:

11 Robert Sidansky- President, D'yann Crosby, Ron Herbold, Scott Hostetler, Mitch Kurs, Sharon Wilson,
12 Karen Bowman, Daryl Crouse

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15 Absent:

16 Justin Jackerson, Elaine Aikins, Modela Kurzet, Stacey Woods

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18 Visitors:

19 None

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21 Staff Present:

22 CEO Patricia Hughes, Ph.D.

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24 Interpreter:

25 Barbara Mathis

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27 Minutes Recorded by:

28 Kelsey Peterson

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30 **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 2022**

31 Karen Bowman motioned to approve the minutes. D'yann Crosby seconded. M.S.C. (Motion Seconded,
32 Carried)

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34 **III. OFFICER'S REPORTS**

35 President's Report:

36 Robert is appreciative of everyone who was able to make it especially Karen Bowman who is on the East
37 Coast today.

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39 Vice President's Report:

40 No Report

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42 Treasurer's Report:

43 No Report

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45 Secretary's Report:

46 None

47 **IV. CEO's REPORT**

- 48 - We are wrapping up the 21-22 fiscal year. All DSS contract amendments submitted were denied
49 due to a change in the way that the contracts works this year. Instead, budget modifications will

1 be submitted before the end of the fiscal year. Dr. Hughes and regional directors are identifying
2 areas that need budget modifications.

- 3 - The President asked whether the CA budget surplus would increase the DSS contract budget. Dr.
4 Hughes and the CA Coalition of Agencies Serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCASDHH) had
5 asked DSS the same question. DSS indicated because the contract term is five years the surplus
6 would not increase the budget.
- 7 - Dr. Hughes will attend the NAD conference in Orlando, FL June 30 to July 4, 2022 DSS
8 approved the flight expense because AB 1887 does not apply to nonprofit organizations.¹Dr.
9 Hughes is looking forward to the NAD conference. She will be visiting family for two weeks
10 after the conference, but will be accessible for emergencies.
- 11 - GLAD won a grant from Rose Hill Foundation - \$150,000 for two years (\$75,000 per year). The
12 grant is limited to assistance with operations and COVID related issues. The grant cannot be
13 used for building related expenses.
- 14 - Dr. Hughes is speaking with the District 14 representative to assist with payment for the building
15 and retrofit. According to the order by the city of LA, if the order to retrofit is not completed the
16 city will require the building be demolished.
- 17 - HUD, GLAD, and a third-party company, Genessy, will meet next week to determine what
18 expenses can be covered by DAHC funds. The apartments are full and have a little over 40
19 people on the waiting list. Recently a tenant moved out, so a new tenant moved in. There is a
20 definite need for more units.
- 21 - GLAD is partnering with beach safety officers to deploy the Beach Emergency Evacuation
22 Lights System (BEELS). The Beach Emergency Evacuation Lights System, also known as
23 BEELS, is a new beach evacuation alert system designed for all beachgoers, including those who
24 are deaf or hard of hearing. During a beach evacuation, BEELS will flash white LED lights
25 mounted on permanent structures and some lifeguard towers, as well as broadcast a siren and an
26 audible evacuation alert in both English and Spanish. The alert message will change depending
27 on the evacuation type, and the lights will flash slowly for a water-only evacuation and quickly
28 for a full beach evacuation. GLAD advised that white lights would be hard to see. Alternative
29 colors must not conflict with maritime and lifeguard rules.
- 30 - GLAD played a supportive role with getting LAUSD board to vote 100% to set up Deaf
31 Education within LAUSD system.
- 32 - Karen asked about the current status of drug and alcohol programs for Deaf in LA. Dr. Hughes
33 replied there are none, but it is desperately needed.
- 34 - GLAD will be an official voting center on June 7th. Voting will be hosted in the dining room on
35 the first floor for staff, residents, and the community.
- 36 - LifeSigns board will meet June 1st. LifeSigns is switching to a different website developer with
37 the goal of improving the LifeSigns webpage.

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- ¹ AB 1887 prohibits a state agency, department, board or commission from requiring any state employees, officers, or members to travel to a state that, after June 26, 2015, has enacted a law that (1) has the effect of voiding or repealing existing state or local protections against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; (2) authorizes or requires discrimination against same-sex couples or their families or on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; or (3) creates an exemption to antidiscrimination laws in order to permit discrimination against same-sex couples or their families or on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. (Gov. Code, § 11139.8, subs. (b)(1), (2).) In addition, the law prohibits California from approving a request for state-funded or state-sponsored travel to such a state. (Gov. Code, § 11139.8, subd. (b)(2).) The travel prohibition applies to state agencies, departments, boards, authorities, and commissions, including an agency, department, board, authority, or commission of the University of California, the Board of Regents of the University of California, and the California State University. (Gov. Code, § 11139.8, subd. (b).)

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3 **V. SUBSIDIARY REPORTS**

4 LifeSigns Report:

5 No report.

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7 DAHC Report:

8 All units are occupied. A resident just moved to a nursing home. Unfortunately, the former resident is the
9 only Deaf person at the nursing home. DAHC is setting up visits for residents to visit.

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11 CODIE Report:

12 No report. The group met yesterday via zoom but did not have a quorum. A successful well attended event
13 was hosted outside to raise awareness of wellness.

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15 TRI-COUNTY Report:

16 No representative to report. Tri has a separate contract with Ventura for mental health, they host a lot of
17 workshops and there is a separate line in the contract specifically addressing staff training. The staff had
18 training from Gallaudet University and National Deaf Therapy. Future trainings will be about Bipolar
19 Disorder, Fentanyl, and cyber security awareness/prevention and anxiety.

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21 OC-DEAF Report:

22 OC board meeting is postponed to the end of June due to a conflict with tonight’s board meeting. OC has
23 had several events including Knottsberry farm on May 14th and over 300 tickets were sold. OC has an intern
24 working on career assessment sessions for meeting goals and helping people decide what career they are
25 interested in. OCDEAF hosted a 1:1 DMV test session. May 27th will be an outing to an Angel’s baseball
26 game. The theme that night is Star Wars bobble heads. They are thinking about hosting a fundraiser at
27 Golden Brewery across from the Angels stadium.

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29 **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

30 Finance Committee Report:

Greater Los Angeles Agency on Deafness, Inc.				
Consolidated Financial Information				
As of 5/20/22				
<u>Cash Position</u>				
<u>Accounts</u>	<u>GLAD</u>	<u>DAHC</u>	<u>LifeSigns</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cash/checking	\$ 1,113,752	\$ 159,712	\$ 2,881,440	\$ 4,154,904
Paypal/GiveBox	105,811			105,811
Board Accounts	53,553			53,553
Investments	349,999		103,309	453,308
Reserve accounts		301,132		301,132
Total cash on hand	\$ 1,623,115	\$ 460,844	\$ 2,984,749	\$ 5,068,708
<u>Accounts Receivable</u>				
<u>Aging</u>	<u>GLAD</u>	<u>DAHC</u>	<u>LifeSigns</u>	<u>Total</u>
1-30 Days	\$ 287,033	\$ -	\$ 171,533	\$ 458,566
31-60	315,355	-	14,311	329,666
61-90	31,217	-	4,011	35,228
90-360	-	-	4,648	4,648
>360			4,345	4,345
Total AR	\$ 633,605	\$ -	\$ 198,848	\$ 832,453
<u>Net Profit (loss) as of 4/30/22</u>				
	<u>GLAD</u>	<u>DAHC</u>	<u>LifeSigns</u>	<u>Total</u>
Net Profit	\$ 173,229	\$ (3,432)	\$ 169,788	\$ 339,585
Net Profit (Loss) Consolidated				\$ 339,585

1 Governance Committee:

2 No Report

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4 Nominations Committee:

5 No report

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7 Personnel Committee:

8 No report

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10 Fundraising Committee:

11 No Report

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13 **VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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16 **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

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19 **IX. PUBLIC INPUT**

20 **None**

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22 **X. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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25 **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

26 Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM. The next Board Meeting will be held on August 24th, 2022 at 6:30PM.

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30 Board Secretary
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