



State Board of Sign Language Interpreters Board Special Meeting  
August 14, 2025  
Via Zoom

## **In Attendance**

### *Board Members*

Jacob Leffler, Community Member and Chair  
Leslie Puzio, Community Member and Vice Chair  
Susan Beaver, Community Member  
Paige Franklin, DeafBlind Representative

### *Governor's Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing (GODHH)*

Usherla DeBerry, Director  
Tanéa Brown, Outreach Interpreter Manager  
Diamon Halliburton, Administrative Assistant

### *Others*

Ethan Sonnenstrahl, Assistant Attorney General  
Community members (non-participating; viewers only)

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 PM

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Vice Chair Puzio and seconded by Member Paige Franklin; the motion was carried.

The primary purpose of the meeting was to consider and vote on proposed changes to the regulations that must be finalized prior to posting them for public review and comment.

The Board discussed the definition of the Mentorship which means a formal arrangement with a designated mentor-mentee pairing, with a set duration, defined objectives, and structured oversight. All programs must be approved by the Board.

The Board also discussed and clarified the definition of the agencies. Agencies shall provide interpreters who are either provisionally licensed or fully licensed, in accordance with the settings permitted by law or regulation.

Vice Chair Puzio then moved to approve the full set of regulations with the incorporated changes and any revisions that are needed by the Assistant Attorney General. The motion was seconded by Member Beaver and carried.

Chair Leffler informed the attendees that there would be a 30-day public comment period during which members of the public could submit feedback on the proposed regulations. He noted that all comments would be reviewed and addressed at the October meeting. Chair Leffler also expressed gratitude to the community for their continued feedback and support.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 PM.