

**KENTUCKY COMMISSION ON THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING  
188<sup>th</sup> QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING**

**Date:** January 23, 2026

**Time:** 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Location:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81981377818?pwd=Nlwlu2Osgb6JrS8SxFXCLH58Bdhape.1>

Meeting ID: 819 8137 7818

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**AGENDA**

**Welcome and Call to Order**.....Ms. McCubbin **12:30-12:35**

**Roll Call (Quorum = 8 Voting Members\*)** ..... Ms. Kelly **12:35-12:40**

- Secretary Jamie Link (Education and Labor Cabinet)
- Michelle Niehaus (Cabinet for Health & Family Services)
- Jason Smith (Kentucky Association of the Deaf)
- Tommy Evans (Kentucky Speech Hearing Association)
- Marva Johnson (Kentucky Registry of Interpreters)
- John Perry (AARP)
- Alexander Ansley (A.G. Bell)
- Bonnie Covey (Hearing Loss Association of America)
- Gerry Gordon-Brown (Kentucky Association of the Deaf)
- Erin Rhoden (Kentucky Association of the Deaf)
- Barbie Harris (Kentucky Association of the Deaf)
- Sarah Roof (Parent)
- Melissa Kelly (Service Provider)
- Mona McCubbin (Member-at-Large)
- Anita Dowd (KCDHH Executive Director)
- Amy Hatzel (Emeritus)

**Acceptance of 187th Quarterly Commission Minutes**..... Ms. McCubbin **12:40-12:45**

**Acceptance of Executive Board Minutes**..... Ms. McCubbin **12:45-12:50**

## REPORTS

<b>Commission Chair Report</b>	.....	Ms. McCubbin	<b>12:50-1:05</b>
• Welcome to our new Commissioners			
▪ Erin Rhoden – KAD ( <i>replacing Nancy Perry</i> )			
▪ Bonnie Covey – HLAA ( <i>Jeannie Taylor</i> )			
<b>Agency Report</b>	.....	Ms. Dowd	<b>1:05-1:45</b>
<b>- BREAK</b>			<b>1:45-1:55</b>
<b>Staff Spotlight</b>	.....		<b>1:55-2:05</b>
<b>Old Business</b>	.....	Ms. McCubbin & Ms. Dowd	<b>2:05-2:25</b>
• Commissioner Quarterly Report (Attached)			
<b>New Business</b>	.....	Ms. McCubbin & Ms. Dowd	<b>2:25-3:00</b>
• Commissioner Roles & Responsibilities (Attached)			
• Nominations Open for Emeritus Position (Elections occur at April meeting)			
• Dates for 2026 Commission meetings-			
January 23 – (Zoom) • April 24 • July 24 • October 23			
• KCDHH Commissioner Expiring Terms – 6/30/2026			
▪ AARP – John Perry			
▪ KAD – Barbie Harris			
▪ Parent – Sarah Roof			
<b>Board Open Forum</b>			<b>3:00-3:25</b>
<b>Announcements</b>			
• E-Board Meetings - March 6, May 29, September 4, and December 4, 2026			
• <b>189<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Commission Meeting, April 24, 2026</b>			
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>			