

**KENTUCKY COMMISSION ON THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING
188th 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=Nlwlw2Osgb6JrS8SxFXCLH58Bdhape.1>

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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

Commission Chair Report..... Ms. McCubbin **12:50-1:05**

- Welcome to our new Commissioners
 - Erin Rhoden – KAD (*replacing Nancy Perry*)
 - Bonnie Covey – HLAA (*Jeannie Taylor*)

Agency Report..... Ms. Dowd **1:05-1:45**

- BREAK **1:45-1:55**

Staff Spotlight **1:55-2:05**

Old Business..... Ms. McCubbin & Ms. Dowd **2:05-2:25**

- Commissioner Quarterly Report (Attached)

New Business..... Ms. McCubbin & Ms. Dowd **2:25-3:00**

- 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

Board Open Forum **3:00-3:25**

Announcements

- E-Board Meetings - March 6, May 29, September 4, and December 4, 2026
- **189th Quarterly Commission Meeting, April 24, 2026**

ADJOURNMENT