

# Director and Chair Report

March 10, 2022

## General Updates

- New Executive Director appointed and started February 21, 2022 - Welcome Obioma
  - Lots of training to do by ADSD
- Interim Session Public Comment (see attached)
  - 01.20.22: Eric Wilcox – Interim Committee on Education
  - 02.15.22: Eli Schwartz – Interim Committee on Government Affairs
- Upcoming Interim Committees
  - Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults with Special Needs
  - Interim Committee on Health and Human Services – March 24, 2022 9:00 AM
- Budget Update
  - Total Expenses (thru 1/31/22): \$5,925.88
  - Balance (as of 1/31/22): \$18,744.34
- Healthcare Brochure and Communication Card
  - Have received 2 requests from hospitals for more of the Healthcare Rights Brochure and Communication Cards that were published in 2020.
  - Recommendation – Obioma be given the authority to update and publish as needed.
- Membership Updates
  - Open position – Parent of a Child who is deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired
    - Eric Wilcox has offered to move into that position as it is traditionally hard to fill. That would open his position “One member who represents an advocacy organization whose membership consists of persons who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired” for recruitment.

## 2022 Meeting Schedule

- Regular Commission Meetings: May 12, July 14, September 8, November 10
- Subcommittees
  - Education Subcommittee: April 5, October 4
  - Legislative Subcommittee: April 7, October 6
  - Accessibility Subcommittee: June 7, December 6
  - Employment Subcommittee: June 9, December 8

## Community Contacts

This section is being added for the Director to report major issues/concerns reported by the community to the Commission.

- Unemployment Issues – continued access issues by the deaf, hard of hearing, and speech impaired community at the Unemployment Division.
  - Recommendation #1 – Executive Director and/or Chair write a letter and invite UI to Employment Subcommittee
- Commission and Community Engagement – Community engaging with the Commission and the Commission engaging with the Community.
  - Recommendation #1– Subcommittee Membership and Recruitment idea Agenda Item #9 – Proposed Bylaw Changes.
  - Recommendation #2 – Brainstorming session in Agenda Item #7 – Work of the Commission, Target Populations and Community Engagement