



Deaf Community of Riverside  
Quarterly Meeting  
November 17, 2025

**Location:** Center on Deafness Inland Empire (CODIE)  
**Time:** 7:00pm

Meeting Agenda

- President**  
Barbie Gomez
- Vice President**  
Jens Rechenberg
- Secretary**  
Ryan "RyRy" Fingerle
- Interim Treasurer**  
Kaveh Angoorani
- Center on Deafness,  
Inland Empire**  
Lisa Price,  
Regional Director
- California School for the  
Deaf, Riverside**  
Moon Feris
- Appointed  
Community-at-Large**  
David Reynolds
- DeaFestival Coordinator-**  
Mike Anderson

- I: Housekeeping - 7:05 p.m.
- II: President's comments - 8 visitors, all boards are present.
- III: Minutes: 7.21.2025 - Approved.
- III: Reports:
  - President Report: Barbie Gomez - Welcome to our DCR meeting! Greeted the audience and thanked them for their presence. [Attached Report (A)]
  - Vice President Report: Jens Rechenberg - Discussed improved social media outreach throughout Instagram and Facebook. Thanks to Blaire Rasmus for her help with deeper technical knowledge and efficiency. Jens will continue to assist and post any events on these platforms while Mike focuses on his DCR website. Talked about the grant situation for DCR. It has been a very difficult and challenging experience learning how to handle the application process and find the right grants. It is suggested to hire a professional with expertise in navigating this complex bureaucracy. Additionally, President Trump's numerous cutbacks on federal funding have limited our grants. Informed the board about an official looking scam letter I received in the mail asking for money from DCR to continue licensing. After researching, I discovered it was a scam, and our nonprofit organization is not required to pay it. This is not the first time. It has happened several times in the past. We need to remain vigilant and watch out for suspicious letters demanding payment with urgent deadlines.
  - Secretary Report: RyRy Fingerle - Collarboating with CRIISC to promote The Black Deaf Project and Deaf Poetry
  - Treasurer Report: Kaveh Angoorani - Balance: \$17,373.07
- IV: Committees Report:
  - 1) DeaFestival 2025
    - a) Final Report: 101 registrations for DeaFestival. We have 101 booths set up yet only 91 showed up. We have 7 no shows. The total of attendance was approximately 1,900. Been having a lot of e-blast on social media especially since Congressman Mark Takano had enlightened us with his presence and repost our DeaFestival on his social media. Councilmember Clarissa Cervantes had been part of the event. [Attached Report (B & C)]
  - 2) Roaring 20's

- a) Final Report: The gala had a great turnout. Many people attended and truly enjoyed it. The food met our expectations, and we were especially grateful to the volunteers who ensured smooth food service throughout the gala. We receive no complaints about the event, which is great news. I have also received the photos from Diana, and the pictures look beautiful especially with the sepia tone. I will discuss with the board how we might send the photos to the attendees.
- 3) Grants
  - a) Updates: We have been learning more about the grant process. Mike and Lori have been in a conversation with a woman who offers grant writing services. If we pay her \$225 per week, she will actively pursue various grant opportunities on our behalf and stay on top of the entire process. Once we are awarded a grant, she would receive 10% of the grant amount as her commission.
- 4) CAD Liaison - *Lori and Peter*
  - a) Final Report : Lori and Peter helped provide food for Nexus. They covered the cost upfront and have since been reimbursed. In addition to their support with catering, they also assisted with social media marketing for CAD in collaboration with DCR.

V: Community Report:

- 1) Center on Deafness Inland Empire: Lisa Price \*
- 2) Commission of the Deaf: Rene Visco - Mike is standing in for Rene and has been collaborating with Jan Ad-Hoc projects related to Outreach and Deaf Education.
- 3) California School for the Deaf, Riverside: Moon Feris\*
- 4) Riverside Community: David O Reynolds \* - [ ATTACHMENT (B) ]
- 5) University of California Riverside: Up-To-Date Mike A - No Report
- 6) Deaf Cultural Community Center: Up-To-Date- David R - No Report
- 7) Housing/homelessness projects: David R.

VI: UpComing Events:

- 1) CODIE's Holiday event
- 2) ASL Improv Nite! - Will Happen on December 12, 2025

VII: Business motion:

- 1) President's 2026 calendar
- 2) DeaFestival 2026 coordinator
- 3)

VIII: Announcement:

Next DCR meeting: January 2026

IX: Adjourned 9:39 p.m.

\*written transcript if possible