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LOOKING FOR INTERPRETERS?

From Kristen Guynes, PhD, FSU

There is a severe shortage of interpreters in our area and throughout many counties in Florida. These are the best go-to resources that Dr. Guynes has:

You can search for an individual interpreter that is a member of RID (the national organization) here:

<https://myaccount.rid.org/Public/Search/Member.aspx>

Another option that is increasingly utilized is an interpreting service that is completely remote (although it is not without its issues). Here is one that seems reputable. (I would be more hesitant about the ones that provide so many different languages, because ASL does have its own unique considerations such as background/attire color, etc.) <https://www.deaf-interpreter.com/>

If these board meetings have a call-in number (or one can be made available), and the Deaf person is connecting remotely, they should be able to use their video phone to connect through an interpreter at no cost to them nor to the organization.

Lastly, it is completely appropriate to ask the Deaf person if they have a preferred professional interpreter or agency. Typically, they appreciate the opportunity for input as specific language needs and preferences are so variable.



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