Cynthia Perez, Chairperson, called the meeting to order. Cynthia shared future health care interpreting events and conferences that will take place throughout the remainder of 2009. She also provided updates regarding the national certification of health care interpreters and thanked all of those present who participated in the National Medical Interpreters pilot test which took place at Waubonsee Community College in July and August 2009.

Laura Marti, Vice Chairperson, handed out the sealed results to those present who had taken the pilot test.

Cynthia encouraged all who took part in the pilot test program to offer feedback to Language Line, and she provided a link where all could respond. The written portion of the national certification will be held in the near future at a testing site in West Chicago, IL. Cynthia Perez is in the process of gathering information regarding this written portion of the test.

A plan to form a national certification study group was proposed. The purpose of this study group is to offer participants a way to prepare for certification tests in a small study group setting where questions can be asked and answered and relevant material can be practiced and studied. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Cynthia will use the information from the sign-up sheet to plan days and times convenient for the majority of those interested.

Cynthia announced that the State of California has created a council which has launched another medical interpreter pilot test due out Fall 2010.

Lilia Mendoza, WCC Full-time Spanish Faculty, presented the Learning Exchange which included everyone in a Legal Interpreting exercise.