

**LDEFC/RMDS Board Meeting
Amended Minutes for
Thursday, January 7, 2010
1921 Youngfield St.
Golden, CO 80401
APPROVED**

On January 7, 2010, at the LDEFC/RMDS Special Board Meeting, there were some critical comments made regarding Winter & Company. Christine Pendley, RMDS Board of Directors President, researched the conflicting information that was presented during public comments.

- Winter & Company was founded in 1985 by Nore Winter, who then brought John Dickinson onboard as a partner in 1999 as the director of the Special Need Studio. Through the years they have designed deaf senior housing across the United States and three international projects.
- Winter & Company Special Need Studio wrote the standard used by the BEST Board as guidelines when designing a Special Needs facility. The title of the publication is “National Standards K-12 Educational Facilities Design Guidelines for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Students”.
- We have references regarding John Dickinson from Ohio School for the Deaf and the Ohio School for the Blind, Early Childhood Center at the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, Governor Baxter School for the Deaf in Maine, and the American School for the Deaf. All of the above mentioned references highly recommended John Dickinson noting his architectural, life and general designing experience in addition to his experience with LEED and special need designs. It was also noted that John was in constant communication with staff and administration and incorporated their input while providing feedback in order to make changes as needed. One reference stated, “the master plan he helped design is so impressive that it recently attracted a 1 million dollar donor! Now that’s satisfaction!”