

## MEETING MINUTES

### NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

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#### Opening:

The regular board meeting of NCAD duly called and held on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at the Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Davidson County (SDHHDC), 8 Franklin Street in Lexington, NC at 10:00 AM.

#### Present were:

President – Craig Blevins  
Vice President – Donnie Dove  
Secretary – Jaime Marshall Staley  
Northeast Regional Representative – Linda Nelson  
Western Regional Representative – Laura Herman  
Treasurer – Martina Moore-Reid

#### Not Present:

Central Regional Representative – Christa Butner  
Southeast Regional Representative – Vacant

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With the approval of the board members present, President Blevins acted as Chairman of the meeting and Secretary Jaime Marshall Staley recorded the minutes.

Meeting Minutes from the last board meeting (2/9/19) was reviewed and accepted (corrections are to be made).

**Motion by:** Treasurer Moore-Reid

**Seconded by:** Rep. Laura Herman

**Vote Count:** Majority

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#### Presidents Report:

President Blevins updates the Board about being on the interviewing panel regarding the next school director position at NCSD. The interviewing committee has allowed two representatives from NCAD to serve: President Blevins and Lawson McNally of Glen Alpine. A summary of the applicants is given: over 30 candidates applied for the position. Human Resources narrowed down the candidate pool to 5 candidates and they were interviewed on May 8, 2019 at NCSD. The final two candidates will undergo a second-round interview on May 22, 2019.

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#### Vice Presidents Report:

Vice President Dove continues to hold a position on the NCITLB – North Carolina Interpreter & Transliterator Licensing Board. Annual NCITLB forum is to take place at UNC-G on Friday, June 28, 2019. Due to “hostility” that NCITLBoard experienced at the last NCRID/NCAD

Conference in 2017, the NCITLB will host their annual forum the week after the NCITLB/NCAD Conference again this year.

Vice-President Dove shares that there has been no response to the “Reviewing ByLaws Prior to General Assembly” video on our website, OurNCAD.org, which was online for 60 days. The video will be removed from the website by May 26, 2019.

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### **Treasurer Report:**

Treasurer Moore-Reid announces that NCAD has 45 members (annual membership fee is \$25 which has increased the “buffer” by \$1,125.00).

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### **Secretary Report:**

Secretary Marshall shares that Morganton Regional Center (MRC) is not returning calls promptly. The issue of “difficulty of prompt calls” is ongoing. President Blevins communicated the community’s concern with the DSDHH Director in December 2017 and this issue has arisen again due to another complaint made by a resident of Burke County. The client contacted MRC five times (once to the VideoPhone line and 4 times via Video Relay Service to the “hearing” line) on May 9, 2019. The client’s call had not been returned for 7 days.

Calls made to the primary VP phone number at MRC are answered by an answering machine and not a live person whereas calls made via VRS are answered by a live person. Hence, unequal access to service. On May 16, 2019: Secretary Marshall shared the client’s “frustration” with the MRC Manager, Heather Hodges-Foster, and Supervisor named Brian Michaels who then explained that DSDHH’s IT Support Specialist has been working on resolving this “complicated phone system” over a year and should be resolved very soon.

President Blevins comments that he has suggested in the past that the DSDHH eliminates the VP line so that all calls made by Deaf/Hard of Hearing/Hearing clients be answered by a live person.

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### **Representative Nelson reports:**

Rep. Linda Nelson expresses Hal Wright’s concerns regarding House Bill 932. Hal Wright is an alumnus from ENCSD and holds a seat on ENCSD’s Advisory Council.

Summarizing the HB 932:

This bill establishes administrative authority with boards of 11 people for each of the three state schools (2 Schools for the Deaf and 1 School for the Blind)

- Responsibility from the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) will be taken away

- Each Board of Trustees will be able to focus on that particular school and knows its operations best and is most effectively able to supervise the school director

President Blevins shares that he has been communicating with Kim Bianco Majeri, NAD Legislative Affairs Program about this HB 932. NAD had some suggestions for the NCAD to ask / write in regulations:

- 1) Of the 11 people selected to serve on each Board of Trustee for a residential School for the Deaf:
  - a. Two be parents of students enrolled at that specific school
  - b. Two be Deaf Community members
  - c. One be a NCAD representative
  - d. One be a LEA from a public school in the region that each school serves
  - e. One be an alumnus/alumnae
  - f. 4 members at large (one will be from DPI)
- 2) Write regulations that require EHDI to report numbers to each school (School for the Blind if the child is DeafBlind)
- 3) Write regulations that each school is to establish a statewide outreach center

Rep. Linda Nelson shares the turnout at the “Capital District Day” Event that NC Deaf Grassroots Movement planned on May 15, 2019. Nearly 30 Deaf & DeafBlind participants joined the Capital Tour.

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### **Representative Herman Reports:**

Rep. Laura Herman, NCAD Conference Chairperson, reports that NCAD has 39 registrants for the upcoming NCAD Conference on June 22-23, 2019. More people are expected to register. NCAD Board Members are to check in the hotel on Thursday, June 21. Rep. Laura Herman gives each board members two signed letters, requesting donations (for door prizes) from various businesses.

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### **AGENDA TOPIC: Treasurer Report**

**Motion:** the NCAD Board approves the Treasurer Report.

**Motion By:** Representative Linda Nelson

**Seconded By:** Representative Laura Herman

**Vote Count:** Majority

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**AGENDA TOPIC: 2019 NAD Leadership's Training Conference Discussion**

**Motion:** NCAD rescinds Linda Nelson's motion from the last board meeting.

**Motion By:** Rep. Linda Nelson

**Seconded By:** Vice- President Dove

**Vote Count:** Majority

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**AGENDA TOPIC: New Standing Banners and Booth Tablecloth**

**Motion:** NCAD appoints an individual to design/order banners/tablecloth with NCAD's logo.

**Motion By:** Rep. Laura Herman

**Seconded By:** Secretary Marshall

**Vote Count:** Majority

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**AGENDA TOPIC: Budget for Standing Banners and Booth Tablecloth**

**Motion:** NCAD sets \$500 budget, incl. order and labor & must be completed by June 15, 2019.

**Motion By:** Rep. Laura Herman

**Seconded By:** Rep. Linda Nelson

**Vote Count:** Majority

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**AGENDA TOPIC: Registration Fees for Upcoming NCAD Conference**

**Motion:** Registration Fee remains \$115 until June 20 in which the fee increases to \$130 at door.

**Motion By:** Rep. Laura Herman

**Seconded By:** Secretary Marshall

**Vote Count:** Majority

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**Announcements:**

Deaf Awareness Day at Western Nature Center, Asheville is scheduled for September 17, 2019

**Meeting Adjourned:** 1:08 PM