

**National Association of the Deaf  
NAD Board of Directors Meeting  
Chicago, Illinois  
July 1, 2024**

**Monday, July 1, 2024**

**Sheraton Grand Chicago Riverwalk - Chicago  
Sheraton Room I**

Board Members Present: President Jenny Buechner (2022-2024); Vice President Stephanie Hakulin (2022-2024); Secretary Milmaglyn Morales (2022-2024); Treasurer Michelle Cline (2022-2024); Region I Board Members: Jacob Leffler (2020-2024) and Region I Board Member: Nicholas Lalanne (2022-2026); Region II Board Members: Linsay Darnall, Jr. (2020-2024) and Kevin Ryan (2022-2026); Region III Board Members: Lisa Rose (2020-2024) and Michael Deuel (2022-2026); Region IV Board Member: James Christianson, Jr. (2020-2024) and Laura Kim (2022-2026); Appointed Board Member: Kimberly Thornsberry (2022-2024); Affiliate Board Member: Affiliate Board Member: Tyese Wright (2020-2024) and Dawnmarie Caggiano (2022-2026); Ex Officio Member: Bobbie Beth Scoggins, Interim Chief Executive Officer.

Not present: Appointed Board Members: Vyron Kinson (2022-2024)

Visitors: Karen Atwood, Mike Izak, Steve Lovi, Harvey Corson, Mary Ann Corson, Kristy Stellato, Sheila Coombs, Meli Stamp, Heather Richards Kretlow, Sitara Sheikh, Thomas Minch, Andrew Veith, Larry McNulty, Jr., Lynn Kay Stroud, Eliza Kragh, Chris Haulmark, Lisa Myhand, Derick Horne, Nancy Horne, Calvin Britt, Marsellette David, Marlene Valle, Feta Fernsler, Keith Robertson, Brian Thornsberry, Rann Gordon, Ryan McDonald, Christie Cumbest, Octavio Clenca Mardorias (unclear writing), Joshua Beckman, Maribeth Zeleski-Emmons, Tar Burt, Robert Probst, Holly Ketchum, J. Eugenio Ravelo Mendoza, Curt Hayward, Debbie Thomas, Roberto Garcia, and Chris Estrin.

President Jenny Buechner called the meeting to order at 2:11 PM.

President Jenny Buechner welcomed the visitors to the Pre-Conference Board meeting.

Introductions of 2022-2024 Board Members

President Jenny Buechner explained the agenda for the board meeting.

**Motion:** Region II Board Member Linsay Darnall, Jr. moved to ratify the motions made since the last in-person Board meeting. Seconded by Kevin Ryan. **Carried.**

**April 25, 2024**

**Motion:** Lisa Rose moves to approve the Resolution for granting authorization to the president and treasurer for NAD Investment Accounts. Seconded by Linsay Darnall, Jr. **Carried.**

**June 9, 2024**

**Motion:** Linsay Darnall, Jr. moves to approve the Zero Tolerance Policy. Seconded by Nicholas Lalanne. **Carried.**

**Motion:** Dawnmarie Caggiano moves to approve the April Board minutes as read. Seconded by Kimberly Thornsberry. **Carried.**

**June 24, 2024**

**Motion:** Michelle Cline moved to withdraw \$500,000 from the board-designated funds to pay for the conference. Seconded by Dawnmarie Caggiano. **Carried.**

During the board meeting, President Jenny Buechner explained the process of American Sign Language Interpreter Agency Accreditation (AIAA). She also shared the updates about the World Federation for the Deaf, National Association of State Agencies of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Deaf in Government, and National Deaf Education Conference.

**Board Reports**

The Board Members shared their reports in writing and did not have any urgent matters to discuss in person except:

Region II Board Member Linsay Darnall, Jr. shared that the Ohio Deaf Association is now affiliated with the NAD.

Region III Board Member Lisa Rose shared that the Texas Association of the Deaf has resolved its issues. Tar Burt has taken on the role of Vice-President and has been encouraged to regain the trust of the members. She also shared that the Tennessee Association of the Deaf is now affiliated with the NAD. Additionally, Lisa shared that she and Region III Board member Michael Deuel are working with the Mississippi Association of the Deaf in hopes that they will also affiliate with the NAD.

Region IV Board Members James "Dino" Christainson and Laura Kim shared an update regarding Wyoming Association of the Deaf in hopes that they will also affiliate with the NAD and discuss the US Territories.

President Jenny Buechner provided an update on the Policy Procedure Manual (PPM) and will need the board's approval. This update includes the Memorandum of Understanding procedures and operations. After the conference, the board will need to finalize the PPM before putting it into practice.

Region I Board Member Jacob Leffler provided an update on position statements. He mentioned that he collaborates closely with Zainab Alkebsi, Policy Counsel, and that some positions would need to be updated, including Mental Health (2003). Jacob also mentioned that he is looking for 2 or 3 more people to help with this task. He highlighted that he will need to continue working on this before submitting to the board. While updating the position statements, the main concern was a lack of current research materials. Jacob asked for input from the community for this task as well.

Region I Board Member Jacob Leffler reviewed the standing rules, including the COR, Forum, and Caucus.

Treasurer Michelle Cline and Secretary Milmaglyn Morales, who also serve as Conference Co-Chairs, provided an update on the NAD Conference 2024. They discussed the NAD COR and Conference schedule with the Board.

President Jenny Buechner reviewed the schedule, process, and procedure for the NAD's Council of Representatives Business Meeting.

President Jenny Buechner expressed her gratitude to the board for their support over the past two years. She specifically wanted to thank Bobbie Beth Scoggins for stepping into the role of Interim CEO. Additionally, she acknowledged the hard work of Sara Bianco, the Conference Planner, and the NAD team.

President Jenny Buechner adjourned the meeting at 2:30 PM.

**Saturday, July 6, 2024**  
**Sheraton Grand Chicago Riverwalk - Chicago**  
**Sheraton 2 Room**

Board Members Present: President Lisa Rose (2024-2026); Vice President Stephanie Hakulin (2024-2026); Secretary Milmaglyn Morales (2024-2026); Treasurer James "Dino" Christianson (2024-2026); Region I Board Members: Nicholas Lalanne (2022-2026) and Jacob Leffler (2024-2028); Region II Board Members: Kevin Ryan (2022-2026) and Chris Haulmark (2024-2028); Region III Board Members: Michael Deuel (2022-2026) and Christopher Patterson (2024-2028); Affiliate Board Member: Dawnmarie Caggiano (2022-2026); and Ex Officio Member: Bobbie Beth Scoggins, Interim Chief Executive Officer.

Outgoing Board Members Present: Kim Thornsberry, Tyese Wright, Lindsay Darnall Jr., and Michelle Cline.

Visitors: Philip Wismer, Catherine Vest, Sheila Coombs, Kristy Stellato, Heather Richards Kretlow, Feta Fernsler, Gideon Friant, Steve Lovi, Thomas Minch, Mary Ann Corson, Harvey Corson, Tina Joyner, Meli Stamp, Eliza Kragh, Karen Atwood, Frances Biderman, Jerry Nelson, Nancy Bloch, Joshua Wojnar, Alex Abenchnclean, Jack Cooper, Ann Cooper, Holly Ketchum, Tar Burt, Jay Isch, Larry Yates, Paul Lebuup (unclear writing), Shana Gibbs, Bucky Jastin (unclear writing), Joshua Beckham, Philip Sublett, Elvia Guillermo, Melissa Draganc Hawk, and Anette Caraway.

President Lisa Rose called the meeting to order at 8:40 AM.

President Lisa Rose explained the agenda for the Post- Conference Board meeting.

President Lisa Rose expressed her gratitude to the outgoing board members.

Conference Co-Chair Michelle Cline provided updates on NAD Conference 2024, including information about registration, a survey, Mental Health First Aid, and expressed appreciation for the assistance of Milmaglyn Morales, Conference Co-Chair.

President Lisa Rose and the board specified the locations and dates for the Board's quarterly meetings, including the retreat, NLTC, and the 2026 Conference.

Region I - Retreat in Maine

Region II - Michigan, North Dakota, or Ohio

Region III - Tennessee, Mississippi, or Oklahoma

Region IV - Idaho or Wyoming

President Lisa Rose requested updates on the 2024 - 2026 priorities.

Region I Board Member Jacob Leffler shared the 2024 - 2026 priorities as follows:

- DECLARE: Deaf Children's Language Rights Everywhere
- Address Deaf Youth Well-Being and the Outreach Needs
- Deaf Seniors Issues
- Access to Resources for DeafDisabled Citizens and Enhancing Services for DeafBlind Communities
- Deaf Community Needs: Access Emergency Responders and Emergency Notification.

President Lisa Rose has requested nominations for three positions: Appointed Board Members and an Affiliates Board Member and has received the list of nominations.

Vice President Stephanie Haulkin explained the transition process, which will take 30 days for a full transition, and will provide the board with a list of sections for them to consider regarding their choice of liaison.

President Lisa Rose informed the new Board members that they would receive a new NAD email account.

President Lisa Rose asked the board to provide feedback on the COR, and the board responded with multiple pieces of feedback, including the conference.

Interim CEO Bobbie Beth Scoggins explained the challenges regarding the current hotel contract in a union-based state with their holiday and weekend rates doubling the costs to run the conference and would like to ensure that it doesn't happen again by providing due diligence to monitor when and how the conference schedule will work around those restrictions minimizing the expenses.

Treasurer James "Dino" Christianson stated that 5 bylaws amendments from the COR meeting will be referred to the new Bylaws committee for review. He also inquired about an interest in joining the committee.

President Lisa Rose informed the board that the board will meet monthly on the third Sunday of every month at 8pm EST. The first Board meeting will be on August 18, 2024.

President Lisa Rose reviewed the Town Hall meeting agenda.

Interim CEO Bobbie Beth Scoggins provided an update on the American Sign Language Interpreting Agencies Accreditation (AIAA) and its timelines. She also mentioned that the NAD would need at least \$125,000 to launch and implement the AIAA Program.. Additionally, she explained about AI Technology services that designed and developed captions within those glasses. Dialogue between Xiaox and NAD has been ongoing and they expressed an interest in sponsoring the 2026 conference.

Interim CEO Bobbie Beth Scoggins shared the NAD team's perspective on the 2025 NLTC. She would like the board to consider having the 2025 NLTC as a virtual conference. The NAD team will meet within the next two weeks to review the 2026 conference and will make recommendations to present to the board at the next board meeting.

Secretary Milmaglyn Morales briefed the new board members on the purpose of confidentiality and conflict of interest forms.

President Lisa Rose adjourned the meeting at 10:10 AM.