

MEETING MINUTES

NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

Opening:

The regular board meeting of NCAD duly called and held on Saturday, January 29, 2022 via ZOOM (online streaming) at 8:32 AM.

Present were:

President – Craig Blevins
Vice President – Meredith De Naples
Treasurer – Martina Moore-Reid
Secretary – Jaime Marshall
Western Regional Representative – Dayamarali Espinosa
Central Regional Representative – Linda Nelson
Eastern Regional Representative – Mike Lupo
Social Media Coordinator – Theresa Moss

AGENDA TOPIC: HB 1030

Session Law 2016-94 House Bill 1030 Consent for Release of Contact Information

A law that gives parents, guardians or custodians of students identified under the IDEA with hearing and or vision loss, the choice to release their constant information and their student disability information to the three residential school for the deaf and blind.

An actual copy of letter that parents of a deaf/hard of hearing child receive (below):

Session Law 2016-94 House Bill 1030 Consent for Release of Information

North Carolina provides three public residential schools serving visually and hearing-impaired students: The Governor Morehead School for the Blind, the Eastern NC School for the Deaf, and the North Carolina School for the Deaf.

Beginning July 14, 2016, a law was passed that gives parents, guardians, or custodians of students identified under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) with hearing and/or vision loss, the choice to release their contact information and their student's disability information to the three residential schools for the deaf and blind.

"§ 115C-150.15. Reporting to residential schools on deaf and blind children. (a) Request for Consent. – Local superintendents shall require that the following request for written consent be

presented to parents, guardians, or custodians of any hearing impaired or visually impaired children no later than October 1 of each school year.

Please read the information below, indicate whether or not you give your consent, and return to your child's teacher by October 1, 2021.

Do you consent to the release of your contact information and information regarding your child and his or her impairment to these schools so that you can receive more information on services offered by those campuses?

_____ YES, you may release my contact information, information regarding my child and his/her impairment.

_____ NO, you may not release my contact information, information regarding my child and his/her impairment.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

***If YES, please provide:*

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Representative Lupo proposes that the HB 1030 letter be discussed with two other members serving on the Education Committee (NC Council of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing) for editing: Linda Amato, Hard of Hearing Representative, and Dr. Claudia Pagliaro, Deaf Education Program Representative.

President Blevins suggested a possible zoom meeting with both school directors, Mark Patrick from NC School for the Deaf and Dr. Michele Handley from Eastern NC School for the Deaf regarding the HB 1030 Letter.

AGENDA TOPIC: NCAD Conference Coordinator

President Blevins appoints Theresa Moss, Social Media Coordinator, as the Conference Chairperson for the upcoming 2023 NCAD Conference taking place in Blowing Rock during April.

ALL IN FAVOR

Meeting Adjourned: 10:31 AM