

## 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 7, 2022 at Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing of Davidson County, 8 Franklin Street, Lexington, NC at 9:17 AM.

#### **Present were:**

President – Craig Blevins  
Treasurer – Martina Moore-Reid  
Secretary – Jaime Marshall  
Central Regional Representative – Linda Nelson  
Eastern Regional Representative – Mike Lupo  
Social Media Coordinator – Theresa Moss

#### **Absent:**

Western Regional Representative – Dayamarali Espinosa  
Vice President - Vacant

#### **Guest:**

- Mark Lineberger, NCITLB (NC Interpreter & Transliterator Licensing Board) Board Member, Representing NCRID (NC Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf)
- Jimmy Autrey, NC School for the Deaf Historical Museum President
- Shahrayar Shilati, NCAD Member
- Sam Moss, NCAD Member / NCAD Web Designer

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

Meeting Minutes from the last two board meetings (1/29/2022 and 3/12/2022) were reviewed.

**Motion by:** Representative Lupo

**Seconded by:** Treasurer Moore-Reid

**Vote Count:** Majority

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#### **Presidents Reports**

President Blevins welcomes everyone as this is our first in-person board meeting in the past two years due to the pandemic. The last NCAD board meeting had over 40 viewers via zoom.

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## AGENDA TOPIC: NCITLB's Proposed Amendment to 90D-7 & 90D-8

Invited Guest Speaker: Mark Lineberger, NCITLB (NC Interpreter & Transliterator Licensing Board) Board Member, Representing NCRID (NC Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf)

Mark Lineberger reviews what the law, 90D-2, states:

The practice of manual or oral interpreting and transliterating services affects the public health, safety and welfare, and therefore the **licensure of these practices is necessary to ensure minimum standards of competency** and to provide the public with safe and accurate manual or oral interpreting or transliterating services.

Licenses issued since October 1, 2021: a total of 37

Full License, 7

*Provisional License, 30* (out of 30, 19 qualified for licensure by obtaining a 2-year degree from ITP/IEP (Interpreter Training Program / Interpreter Education Program))

Mark Lineberger explains that the NC Interpreter & Transliterator Licensing Board had many discussions on the interpretation of what the law, 90D-2, states. Is 2-year degree from a ITP/IEP considered “minimum standards of competency”? After getting feedback and complaints from the community, NCITLB proposes an amendment to change the criteria for becoming provisionally licensed by adding:

For those who hold at least a two-year interpreting degree from an accredited institution **and** satisfied one of the following:

- a. Holds a quality assurance NC Interpreter Classification System (NCISM) level C Classification
- b. Holds a valid National Association of the Deaf (NCAD) level 2 or 3 certificate
- c. **Holds a current Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) level 3.5 or above classification**
- d. Repealed by Session Laws 2005-299, s. 2, effective August 22, 2005
- e. **Holds such other certification or classification or meets such other criteria or standards as may be adopted by the Board through rulemaking**

Secretary Marshall inquires section e where it states “other certification.” Mark Lineberger responds that the NCITLB Board is considering other certifications such as BEI, NAD, VQUAS, EIPA, etc.

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**Motion:** We, the NCAD Board, supports NCITLB's Proposed Amendment to 90D-7 and 90D-8 and will be sending an official letter to the NC Interpreter & Transliterator Licensing Board to show our support.

**Motion by:** Secretary Marshall

**Seconded by:** Treasurer Moore-Reid

**Vote Count:** Majority

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**AGENDA TOPIC: Education Committee**

Representative Lupo chairs the Education Committee, a subcommittee of NC Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Approximately there are 15 vacancies for the Teacher of the Deaf position across the state. Because many teachers are not licensed to teach children between 0 – 5, as a result deaf/hard of hearing children are placed in the wrong setting.

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**AGENDA TOPIC: Deaf Mentor Program Funded by United Way**

Over 125+ Deaf and Hard of Hearing students are enrolled in Wilmington Region covering four counties: New Hanover, Brunswick, Columbus, and Pender. The Deaf/HH students are socially isolated from their peers and the Deaf community, many experience severe language delays. This is due to communication mainly conducted in spoken language. There is a need for Deaf Mentor Program where Deaf mentors can assist D/HH children and their families in becoming more knowledgeable and engaged in their child’s social and academic growth. This program would be available to students enrolled in public school, over age 3.

Representative Lupo inquires whether NCAD would be willing to start the Deaf Mentor program as United Way would only provide funding towards a 501C-3 organization.

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**Motion:** We, the NCAD Board, support the partnership with United Way in the purpose of creating a Deaf Mentor Program, working with children enrolled in public school in 4+ counties.

**Motion by:** Representative Nelson

**Seconded by:** Treasurer Moore-Reid

**Vote Count:** Majority

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**AGENDA TOPIC: Cochlear Implant Letter**

Board agrees to write a letter to Roy Cooper, expressing concerns about supporting a product – cochlear implant.

President Blevins and Representative Lupo will work together to draft a letter to Governor Cooper. Deadline: July 1, 2022

We do not endorse a technological product and Cochlear Implants are devices that allow some individuals to be able to access sounds. Not all people are able to obtain cochlear implants. We would support all options in accessing sound. We firmly believe that by placing an importance on cochlear implants, which is merely a device on equal footing to glasses, we are marginalizing all

other technologies and the importance of acquiring language which includes American Sign Language.

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**Treasurer Report:**

Treasurer Moore-Reid discusses bank accounts and donations that the Board has received via pay pal. The pandemic has impacted contributions as NCAD has not been able to host a conference the past two years.

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**Motion:** We, the NCAD Board, approves Treasurer's Report.

**Motion by:** Coordinator Moss

**Seconded by:** Secretary Marshall

**Vote Count:** Majority

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**Motion:** We, the NCAD Board, proposed that Martina Moore to be the official delegate at the upcoming NAD conference in Orlando with a stipend of \$500.00.

**Motion by:** Representative Nelson

**Seconded by:** Social Media Coordinator Moss

**Vote Count:** Majority

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**AGENDA TOPIC: NC School for the Deaf Historical Museum**

Invited Guest Speaker: Jimmy Autrey, NCSD Historical Museum President

Autrey lists individuals who give support from the community in regards to the NC Digital Library Museum:

Hal Wright, ENSD Historical Museum

Kyle Kiser, NC ASLTA

Donna McCord, NC Grassroot Movement

Roosevelt Odom, Outreach Liaison for Deaf Consumers

Laurie Johnson, Burke County Library

Javonda Adams, Online - Chat Facilitator

Allison Snow, Deaf Blind Representative

Autrey hopes to create a community diversity group. Martina will invite Jimmy to present at the next NCBDA board meeting to look for a representative to join NC Digital Museum Committee.

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**AGENDA TOPIC: 2023 NCAD Conference**

NCAD 2023 Conference Chairperson, Theresa Moss, shares that there will be eight workshops on Saturday, April 22. Two workshops will happen simultaneously during four slots.

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**Announcements:**

Upcoming NCAD Board Meetings

Saturday, August 20, 9 AM – 3 PM

Location: Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Raleigh Regional Center

Saturday, October 28, 9 AM – 3 PM

Location: Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Greensboro Regional Center

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**Meeting Adjourned: 12:59 PM**