

**MEETING MINUTES
NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF**

Opening:

The regular board meeting of NCAD duly called and held on Saturday, May 4, 2024 at the resident home of President Lupo in Wilmington, NC at 9:16 AM.

Present were:

President – Mike Lupo
Vice President – Sion (Sam) Moss
Treasurer – Martina Moore-Reid
Secretary – Jaime Marshall

Western Regional Representative – James Ledford
Central Regional Representative – Tina E. Hanford
Eastern Regional Representative - Linda Nelson
Social Media Coordinator – Theresa Moss

Guest: Billy Thompson, SSP (Services Support Provider)

AGENDA TOPIC:

With the approval of the board members present, President Lupo facilitated the meeting and Secretary Jaime Marshall recorded the minutes. Meeting Minutes from the last board meeting (11/4/2023) was reviewed.

Motion by: Treasurer Moore-Reid

Seconded by: Representative Nelson

Vote Count: Majority

AGENDA TOPIC: Parliamentary Procedures

Treasurer Moore-Reid agrees to arrange a training course on Parliamentary Procedures for the NCAD Board which will be scheduled for August 17, 2024.

AGENDA TOPIC: Treasurer Report

Treasurer Moore-Reid reports that she is assisting Gideon Friant, an appointed delegate of NCAD, with his travel plans (flight, hotel & meal expenses will be covered by NCAD). Representative Moore-Reid and Gideon Friant of Wilmington are attending the National Association of the Deaf conference during the first week of July this year. Gideon Friant represents NCAD while Representative Moore-Reid represents NC Black Deaf Advocates (NCBDA) at the upcoming NAD conference in Chicago.

Representative Nelson adds that Deaf Seniors of NC is sponsoring this trip to NAD conference by a donation of \$1,000.

Motion: We, the NCAD members, approve the Treasurer Report as read.

Motion By: Representative Ledford

Seconded By: Vice-President Moss

Vote Count: All in favor

AGENDA TOPIC: Eastern Regional Representative Report

Representative Nelson shares the recent events in Wilmington: amateur pickleball tournament, Deaf Women of Wilmington club, Deaf Coastal Silent Dinner

Representative Nelson shares that she is currently the President of Deaf Seniors of North Carolina.

AGENDA TOPIC: Central Regional Representative Report

Representative Hanford shares the recent event in Lexington: Roast and Toast Comedy Show at the Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Davidson County.

Representative Hanford shares that she serves as a board member for NCAD, Piedmont Association of the Deaf (PAD), Communication Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CSDHH) and NC American Sign Language Teacher Association (NCASLTA).

AGENDA TOPIC: Western Regional Representative Report

Representative Ledford shares the upcoming NCSDDAA reunion on June 22, 2024.

Representative Ledford shares that he is currently the President of the NC School for the Deaf Alumni Association.

AGENDA TOPIC: Tillinghast Place Apartments

Tillinghast Place Apartment, owned by NC Association of the Deaf, is located in Charlotte, NC (6604 Rockwell Church Road). James Wilson, a former NCAD President, is the President of the Tillinghast Place Board.

Due to recent complaints from the tenants, several NCAD Board members visited the Tillinghast Apartments to meet with some of the residents.

The board discusses the structural system of the Tillinghast Place: Property Manger > Housing of Urban Development > NC Housing Services and Management.

While the tenants expressed complaints regarding the property manager of the Tillinghast Apartments, the complaints are not being relayed to the next supervisor in command.

President Lupo is in the process of scheduling a meeting with the manager, David Fitzsimmons, of Charlotte Regional Center (under NC DSDHH) to provide 1) communication access training and 2) advocacy training for the residents at the Tillinghast Place.

The NCAD Board is seeking a new President for the Tillinghast Board. The president must reside within 70 mile radius of the Tillinghast Place.

AGENDA TOPIC: The Tillinghast Board President

Motion: We, the NCAD members, appoint Craig Blevins of Hamptonville, NC to serve as the President of the Tillinghast Place Board along with a list of recommendation of local potential board members.

Motion by: Secretary Marshall

Seconded by: Treasurer Moore-Reid

Vote Count: Majority

AGENDA TOPIC: Language First Conference

The conference will be held in Wilmington, November 6, 7 & 8 (Wednesday – Friday).



Announcements:

2024 NCAD Board Meetings:

August 17 (10 am- 1 pm) @ NC DSDHH, Raleigh, Regional Resources Center
November 2 (9 am – 12 pm) via zoom

Future NAD IV Regional Meeting attendants:

Meeting Adjourned: 2:50 PM