



Board Meeting

Meeting Date: July 16, 2025 **Location of Meeting:** ZOOM

Officers Present: Sherry Crosby, Jerrod Wingate, Cammy Gaspar, Ben Wimberly, Megan Montet, Rosalyn Watson, Jay Isch

Absent: Katrina Williams (excused)

Meeting called to the order: 6:39PM

MINUTES

1. Approval of Agenda

- 1.1. **Cammy Gaspar(Megan Montet)** moves to approve the agenda. **The motion is PASSED.**

2. Reading & Approval of Minute(s)

- 2.1. **06/04/2025 Board Meeting: Cammy Gaspar (Jerrod Wingate)** moves to approve the minutes. **The motion is PASSED.**
- 2.2. **06/25/2025 Board Meeting: Jerrod Wingate (Cammy Gaspar)** moves to approve the minutes. **The motion is PASSED.**
- 2.3. **07/09/2025 Special Board Meeting: Jerrod Wingate (Megan Montet)** moves to approve the minutes. **The motion is PASSED.**

3. President's Report

- 3.1. **President Crosby** reports we had a tremendous amount of positive outcomes and comments in regards to the LAD Conference. In a few days the former Treasurer and current Treasurer will start the transition process. I mentioned we need a board training workshop, Chris Haulmark connected us with a company DeafGain that will help us better our skills and leadership for the community. We need to have our Board Retreat ASAP, the board agrees in the last week of September. Disability Access Solutions (DAS) offered us a state contract and we've accepted it. We will have a 3rd party auditor soon. LAAD accepted our proposal.

4. Vice President's Report

- 4.1. **Vice President Wingate** reports will work on the updated Bylaws and PPM.

5. Interim Secretary's Report

- 5.1. **Interim Secretary Gaspar** no report.

6. Interim Treasurer's Report

As of July 16, 2025

Operating fund: \$47,112.67

Savings Account: \$16,516.27

Youth Fund: \$5,615.11

H.J. Soland Jr. Scholarship Fund: \$2,023.61

Apparel Fund: \$1,082.02

Book Drive: \$1,706.38

Toy Drive: \$2,204.69

Emergency Disaster Fund: \$2,471.93

Professional Development Fund: \$1,403.02

Interest Gains: \$9.37

Investments: \$327,493.30

TOTAL: \$ 391,122.24

- 6.1. **Interim Treasurer Wimberly** will begin the transition process this weekend with the former Treasurer.

7. Member at Large's Report

- 7.1. **Member-At-Large Williams** ABSENT
- 7.2. **Member-At-Large Montet** I'm sorry I missed the Conference. I want to look into starting up a "DEAF CAN!" project. I will be in touch with LAD's media contractor about that.
- 7.3. **Member-At-Large Watson** reports will start on her painting project soon.

8. Executive Director's Report

- 8.1. Executive Director Isch** reports that he has been out on medical leave for these past couple weeks immediately following the successful Biennial Conference held by LAD in Baton Rouge. Since being discharged this past Monday, he has been working feverishly in catching up on his correspondence and organizational contractual obligations as well as invoices. Lastly, Jay is happy to report that LAAD has accepted LAD's initial offer in maintaining the property.

9. Committee's Reports

- 8.1 Auditing:** Will be sourcing a 3rd party company to do our auditing soon. (07/16/2025)
- 8.2 Governance:** New bylaws will be updated soon (7/16/2025)
- 8.3 Office Renovations:** No updates (07/16/2025)
- 8.4 Finance:** Will meet with the Auditing committee next week. (07/16/2025)
- 8.5 Senior Citizen:** Recently we had a meeting and we found a presenter with expertise in Medicare/Medicaid for the Senior Citizen Event on August 21st. (07/16/2025)
- 8.6 Youth:** No update. (07/16/2025)
- 8.7 Investments:** No update (07/16/2025)
- 8.8 Community Spotlight:** Chairperson is still waiting for the final edits of the interview with recent candidates to be completed for release. (7/16/2025)
- 8.9 2025 Biennial Conference:** Conference was a success with nearly 105 attending the Banquet. We had the Fmr. Gov John Bel Edwards in attendance, accepting an award, along with other beautiful people. Jay should have the conference report finalized by this Saturday's Quarterly Board Meeting. (7/16/2025)
- 8.10 Annual Christmas Toy Drive:** Starts collecting in October (07/16/2025)
- 8.11 Annual Book Drive:** Do research on costs for Kindles (07/16/2025)
- 8.12 Annual Holiday Card:** Rosalyn will take over and find students in October 2025, she will also reach out with LSD Outreach Dept. (07/16/2025)

10. Old Business

- 10.1. **ED Life Insurance:** Executive Director reports that he met with a Financial Advisor, Lesley Harleaux, from Elite Financial Group and discussed the options. **Deferred to the next meeting. (07/16/2025)**
- 10.2. **Property for Group Home: Deferred to the next meeting. (4/23/2025)**

11. New Business

- 11.1. **NADBA Donation**
Cammy Gaspar (Megan Montet) moves to donate \$500 to the annual Louisiana DeafBlind Day. **The motion is PASSED.**
- 11.2. **LSD Donation**
Deferred to the next meeting.
- 11.3. **Deaf Own Business workshop**
Megan Montet (Cammy Gaspar) moves to host a “Business 101” workshop(s) to provide for the Deaf community. **The motion is PASSED.**
- 11.4. **Membership Refunds**
Sherry Crosby (Rosalyn Watson) Membership refunds shall be allowed on the same business day as purchase. **The motion is PASSED.**
- 11.5. **Fund Reallocation**
Jerrold Wingate (Ben Wimberly) moves to reallocate funds. **The motion is PASSED.**

Meeting is adjourned at 8:45PM.

Next Quarterly meeting will be on July 19, 2025 at 9:00AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cammy Gaspar
Interim Secretary