



Board Meeting

Meeting Date: February 11, 2026 **Location of Meeting:** ZOOM

Officers Present: Sherry Crosby, Jerrod Wingate, Cammy Gaspar, Katrina Williams, Rosalyn Watson, Jay Isch

Visitor: Ben Wimberly(unexcused)

Meeting called to the order: 6:33PM

MINUTES

1. Approval of Agenda

- 1.1. **Cammy Gaspar(Katrina Williams)** moves to accept the agenda. **The motion is PASSED.**

2. Reading & Approval of Minute(s)

- 2.1. **January 14, 2026 Board Meeting:** Jerrod Wingate(Katrina Williams) moves to approve the minutes without corrections. **The motion is PASSED.**

3. President's Report

- 3.1. **President Crosby** Member at Large search is still continuing. I've been impressed with our Executive Director lately. He's been on a roll with our projects that we are working on currently. I have great concerns about what is happening within SSD, we need to continue to pay attention to what is happening with LSD.

4. Vice President's Report

- 4.1. **Vice President Wingate** being on the LCD board has been a rich experience. I look forward to implementing what I have learned so far to being on LCD's board.

5. Secretary's Report

- 5.1. **Secretary Gaspar** reports no new members since 01/14/2026. All approved meeting minutes have been uploaded to LAD's website. I am still waiting for LAD's website to be updated for me to label the meetings correctly for "Special Meetings".

6. Treasurer's Report

As of today 02/11/2026

Operating fund: \$31,727.83

Investment: \$261,596.55

Long Term: \$131,626.72

Stock Value: \$113,590.38

EFT/Money Mkt: \$16,379.45

		<u>12/31/25</u>	<u>12/31/25</u>	<u>01/31/26</u>	<u>01/31/26</u>
	<u>Invested</u>	<u>Gain/Loss</u>	<u>Market Value</u>	<u>Gain/Loss</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
Youth Fund	\$ 5,615.11	\$ 624.66	\$ 6,239.77	\$ (765.01)	\$ 5,474.76
Scholarship Fund	\$ 2,023.61	\$ 224.88	\$ 2,248.49	\$ (275.45)	\$ 1,973.04
Apparel Fund	\$ 1,082.02	\$ 120.28	\$ 1,202.30	\$ (146.57)	\$ 1,055.73
Book Drive	\$ 1,706.38	\$ 189.61	\$ 1,895.99	\$ (231.93)	\$ 1,664.06
Toy Drive	\$ 2,204.69	\$ 244.98	\$ 2,449.67	\$ (299.79)	\$ 2,149.88
Disaster Fund	\$ 2,471.93	\$ 274.71	\$ 2,746.64	\$ (334.84)	\$ 2,411.80
Professional Development	\$ 1,403.02	\$ 155.72	\$ 1,558.74	\$ (194.64)	\$ 1,364.10
Total Invested / Gain	\$16,506.76	\$ 1,834.84	\$ 18,341.60	\$ (2,248.23)	\$ 16,093.37
Uninvested Cash	\$ 286.08	\$ -	\$ 286.08	\$ -	\$ 286.08
Total	\$16,792.84		\$ 18,627.68		\$ 16,379.45

TOTAL: \$293,324.38 (-\$17,188.37 since 01/14/2026)

6.1. Treasurer Wimberly reports.

6.1.1. Accounts Receivable:

6.1.1.1. The A/R report shows a total receivable balance of \$11,102.00 as of today. Most outstanding amounts fall in the 30 days or less and the rest are over 31 days old. The negative amounts represent either credit or overpayments from several clients.

6.1.2. Profit/Loss:

6.1.2.1. For January 2026, LAD reported total income of \$11,151.60 while the total expenses for the month were \$19,820.70 (payroll, professional services, advertising, and operating costs). January 2026 concludes with a net loss of \$8,904.02.

6.1.3. FY Performance to Date:

6.1.3.1. Across the seven-month period, LAD generated \$194,658.41 in total income. Investment activity produced a net \$25,532.30 gain, with significant month-to-month volatility. Total expenses for the period were \$247,894.66, with the largest cost drivers being interpreting services, management, general operations, and the bonus compensation recorded in July. The organization ended the seven months with a net loss of \$102,779.42.

6.1.4. Balance Sheet:

6.1.4.1. LAD as of January 2026 held total assets of \$441,259.36, total liabilities remain low at \$4,281.15, giving us net assets standing at \$436,978.21.

6.1.5. Investment of EFT/Money Market:

6.1.5.1. The restricted investment deposit now totals \$16,379.45 as of the January Merrill statement. Of this amount, \$16,093.37 is invested in ETFs and declined for the month due to market movement, while \$286.08 remains uninvested in the money market and did not change. Each restricted fund continues to hold its proportional share of the invested balance.

7. Member at Large's Report

- 7.1. **Member-At-Large Williams** NOBDA's MG Ball has kept me BUSY. I look forward to taking over as Chairperson for the next MG Ball in 2028.
- 7.2. **Member-At-Large Watson** plans to contact Dr Carolyn Catskill about Black History month. Sherry mentions other options and Rosalyn will look into that.

8. Executive's Report

9.1 Executive Director Isch reports business has been slow over the holidays. He has been focused on getting our insurance policies lined up on the same renewal date to ensure all coverages required by the state are acquired in anticipation of operating services for the state starting in July. Additionally, he has reached out to Tom Bhramanya, the Real Estate Guru he consulted with a few years ago regarding investing in our property, property value before and after renovations. He has made a few recommendations on who are the ideal contractors for the renovation. We will be meeting later this month to discuss the details, etc. Tom will be acting as our Construction Coordinator to ensure all goes smoothly. Lastly, he reports that he has found an alternative storage space behind LAD's office, a 10' x 20' space, despite a low ceiling, it is conveniently located, easily accessible, and the space is accessible with TWO garage doors, and is climate-controlled, for \$285/month. Our current storage space is 15 minutes away near Deaf Focus' old office and cost us \$249/month including insurance, but it's on the 3rd floor and accessible by an elevator. He has made preparations to make the move with a rented box truck on March 21st, and has gathered a crew of 4 people so far. Ideally, we would like to have as many people as we can get to assist with the move, making it much easier on everyone. Although, we would need someone stationary at the new storage to take inventory and organize the storage space to maximize efficient use of space.

9. Committee's Reports- Board approves to defer committee reports to the next meeting.

10.1 Auditing: No report (02/11/2026)

10.2 Governance: No report (02/11/2026)

10.3 Finance: See Treasurer's report (02/11/2026)

10.4 Senior Citizen: No report (02/11/2026)

10.5 Youth: NONE (02/11/2026)

10.6 Investments: See Treasurer's report (02/11/2026)

10.7 Community Spotlight: The recent Spotlight Candidate has accepted the nomination. Notice has been sent to ED and the President to coordinate the media person for the interview. **(02/11/2026)**

10.8 2027 Biennial Conference:

10.9 Annual Christmas Toy Drive: NONE **(02/11/2026)**

10.10 Holiday Cards: NONE **(02/11/2026)**

10.11 Annual Book Drive: No report **(02/11/2026)**

10.12 Office Renovations: See Executive Director's report **(02/11/2026)**

10. Old Business

10.1. NONE

11. New Business

11.1. Louisiana Deaf Fest Sponsorship

Katrina Williams(Jerrold Wingate) moves to approve a \$1,000.00 sponsorship.
The motion is PASSED.

11.2. NAD Conference

Jerrold Wingate(Katrina Williams) moves to send 2 delegates (Sherry Crosby & Cammy Gaspar) to the conference.
The motion is PASSED.

11.3. NADBA's Louisiana DeafBlind Day

Sherry Crosby(Katrina Williams) moves to approve a \$250.00 sponsorship.
The motion is PASSED.

11.4. Insurance Policies: Deferred to next meeting.

Meeting is adjourned (Jerrold Wingate) at 8:53pm.

Next meeting will be on March 4, 2026 at 6:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cammy Gaspar

Interim Secretary