

**National Association of the Deaf
NAD Board of Directors Meeting
Portland, Maine
September 27, 2024**

**Friday, September 27, 2024
Maine Resiliency Center**

Board Members Present: President Lisa Rose (2024-2026); Vice President Stephanie Hakulin (2024-2026); Secretary Milmaglyn Morales (2024-2026); Treasurer Jimmy Peterson (2024-2026); Region I Board Members: Nicholas Lalanne (2022-2026) and Jacob Leffler (2024-2028); Region II Board Members: Kevin Ryan (2022-2026) and Christopher Haulmark (2024-2028); Region III Board Members: Michael Deuel (2022-2026) and DeAnna Swope (2024-2028); Region IV Board Member: Laura Kim (2022-2026) and Joseph “JoJo” Lopez III (2024-2026); Appointed Board Members: Kimberly Thornsberry (2024-2026) and James “Dino” Christianson (2024-2026); Ex Officio Board Member: Bobbie Beth Scoggins, Interim Chief Executive Officer.

Not present: Affiliate Board Member: Dawnmarie Caggiano (2022-2026) and Tyese Wright (2024-2028)

Visitors: Tommy Minch, Meli Stamp, Stacey Lawrence, Rucanne Baker, and Laurance Lawrence

President Lisa Rose called the meeting to order at 1:16 PM.

The Oath of Office was provided for the following new board members:

Jimmy Peterson - Treasurer (2024-2026)
Kimberly Thornsberry - Appointed Board Member (2024-2026)
DeAnna Swope - Region III Board Member (2024-2028)
James Christianson - Appointed Board Member (2024-2026)

President Lisa Rose explained the agenda for the board meeting.

Motion: Region IV Board Member Joseph “JoJo” Lopez III moved to approve the July 2024 board minutes. Seconded by Region II Board Member Kevin Ryan. **Carried.**

Secretary Milmaglyn Morales inquired about the Council Of Representatives (COR) minutes and President Lisa Rose explained that the COR minutes will need to be approved by the COR delegates at the next conference.

Board Reports

Board Members shared their reports from the last virtual board meeting and did not have any urgent matters to discuss in person except:

President Lisa Rose shared her experience at the Learning Center for the Deaf in Framingham, MA, including a meeting with Junior NAD students. She also mentioned Chuck Baird's artwork.

Secretary Milmaglyn Morales shared an update regarding the DECLARE (one of the 2024-2026 priorities) Core Committee meeting; they will schedule another meeting after the retreat.

Treasurer Jimmy Peterson as Finance Chair shared an update regarding the composition of new Finance Committee members, who are as follows:

Mark Apodaca
Jerry Nelson
Sam Sonnenstrahl
Harvey Goodstein
Bobbie Beth Scoggins, Interim CEO

Regions I and II Board Members made their reports during the previous virtual board meeting.

Region III Board Member Michael Deuel provided an update about the Texas Association of the Deaf Board with its current financial and leadership crisis. He also mentioned that ArkKAD objected to the superintendent selection procedure for Arkansas School for the Deaf and that they felt that it was not fair and proper due to several reasons. In addition, he shared the Region III states' concerns regarding the impact of Hurricane Helena.

Region IV Board Member Joseph "JoJo" Lopez III shared that he and Region IV Board Member Laura Kim gave a Zoom presentation on inclusivity and accessibility to the Oregon Association of the Deaf attendees at their General Meeting; Sean Gerlis was the parliamentarian. They also noted that NADYS Brava Mark Itiak was not aware of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and realized that they needed to be more proactive in sharing information. Brava also expressed concern regarding the postponement of the Youth General Assembly.

Appointed Board Member James "Dino" Christianson shared an update on one of the priorities (Emergency Responders & Deaf Community Needs: Access Emergency Announcements/Notification) and explained that he will set up two separate committees that will focus on two areas - Deaf Disabled and DeafBlind - for this priority. He also shared that the chairs will be Kristy Stellano for the DeafDisabled committee and Phil Wismer for the DeafBlind committee.

Interim CEO Bobbie Beth Scoggins asked regarding the procedure for requesting an interpreter for the DeafBlind on Zoom. She also encouraged those in need of in-person interpreters to

contact an organization or agency in their respective states. Additionally, she provided an update on NAD legal cases and youth programs, as presented by Claudia Giordano via a video clip working with the 31 Junior NAD chapters and getting the 2025 Youth Leadership Camp registration underway for potential campers.

Motion: Region II Board Member Christopher Haulmark moved that Interim CEO Bobbie Beth Scoggins be designated to represent the NAD in future settlements facilitated and mediated by the NAD Law and Advocacy Center. Seconded by Region IV Board Member Joseph “JoJo” Lopez III. **Carried.**

Appointed Board Member Kimberly Thornsberry shared an update on the priority of Youth Wellbeing and the Outreach Needs. She also shared that Jen Harbaugh will be the chairperson for this committee along with DT Bruno, Rachel Postovoit, Solomon Yigzaw, and Elizabeth Peterson. In addition, she explained plans for 2024-2026, including a pilot project with a deaf school, implementation of a new curriculum, provision of training and webinars, work with a graphic designer, and creation of a new NADYS’ Youtube channel. She also shared ideas on how to collaborate with DeafLead.

President Lisa Rose called for a recess at 4:30 PM.

The meeting resumed at 4:40 PM.

Interim CEO Bobbie Beth Scoggins shared an update on the NAD-RID Code of Professional Conduct joint committee and the proposed 7 Core Values and timelines associated with the joint plan with RID to solicit community feedback via town hall meetings and webinars.

President Lisa Rose offered the board an opportunity to share new business.

Motion: Appointed Board Member James “Dino” Christianson moved to relocate the Deaf Business Advocate Section fund to NAD’s general revenues. Seconded Region II Board Member Kevin Ryan. **Carried.**

Motion: Vice President Stephanie Hakulin moved to change the BIPOC section to the Multicultural Section. Seconded by Region I Board Member Nicholas Lalanne. **Carried.**

Motion: Region I Board Member Nicholas Lalanne moved to approve the revised fiscal 2024-2025 budget with amendments. Seconded by Region IV Board Member Joseph “JoJo” Lopez III. **Carried.**

Motion: Region I Board Member Jacob Leffler moved to rename the LGBT section to LGBTQIA2S+ section. Seconded Region IV Board Member James “Dino” Christianson. **Carried.**

Motion: Region II Board Member Kevin Ryan moved to recognize the Maine Resiliency Center for hosting the NAD Board meeting. Seconded by Region IV Board Member Joseph “JoJo” Lopez III. **Carried.**

Amendment: Region I Board Jacob Leffler moved to amend to add “Maine Association of the Deaf.” Seconded by Treasurer Jimmy Peterson. **Carried.**

Motion: Region II Board Member Kevin moved to recognize the Maine Resiliency Center and Maine Association of the Deaf. Seconded by Treasurer Jimmy Peterson. **Carried.**

Motion: Appointed Board Member James “Dino” Christianson moved to close new business. Seconded by Region IV Board Member Laura Kim. **Carried.**

President Lisa Rose asked the board if they had any announcements to share. She then requested a moment of silence to remember the victims of the tragedy in Maine. Additionally, she showed appreciation by giving Tommy Minch a NAD-branded coffee mug as a gift.

President Lisa Rose adjourned the meeting at 10:10 AM.