

Alabama Baptist Conference of the Deaf
Executive Board Meeting
Eden Westside Baptist Church
January 27, 2024

Those in attendance:

Executive Board:

Jeff Farmer - Chairperson

Wes Justice – Assistant Chairperson

Paul Pitts - Treasurer

Jin Mayer – Assistant position

Others:

Joshua Huffman - SBOM

Prayer and Open:

Jeff opened the meeting with prayer at 12:04 p.m.

Old Business

Jin presented the minutes from October 14, 2023 and March 3-5, 2023.

We reviewed minutes from October 14, 2023 meeting.

- Page 2 under ABCD Guest Speaker and Music Leader, correct the Music Leader's state from "Maryland" to "Florida".

The Board will review March 3-5, 2023 business meeting at home. They will MP or email for any errors or questions before a business meeting in March. Wes made a motion to accept the minutes with correction. Paul seconded the motion.

Financial Report

Paul and Jeff transferred \$8,086.53 from the bank to SBOM. SBOM takes over ABCD financial.

Paul and Jeff will keep on money track with SBOM. ABCD account in bank is now closed.

New Business

Following the Guideline, the Board moved Jin to an assistance position and not a Board position until she could find a home church.

ABCD 2024 Discussion and Planning.

JrABCD Director, Matthew Dixon, has a new job that conflicts with JrABCD schedule. Jeff Farmer, Matthew Dixon, Joshua Huffman, and Nathan Burleson will help plan JrABCD event and its activities. Nathan Burleson hasn't decided yet to be JrABCD Director. Right now, JrABCD director is vacant.

Abagaylee Barnett will be a Children’s Ministry leader (Nursery and Daycare).

ABCD Board will add Interpreter conference 2025 and college ministry 2025, and they will proceed during the year of 2024-2025 after ABCD March 2024. Jeff will ask Kris Courson to involve starting the interpreter conference.

Joshua Huffman – SBOM

Joshua is starting a project to preserve ABCD by gathering up history, pictures etc. He will digitalize all context and make it accessible to our Deaf Churches and Deaf communities.

With the new structure, ABCD Board and Joshua will seek and set goals to build a project to “Build ABCD Organizations” by growing ABCD again, unify all Deaf Churches and Deaf Ministries of Alabama to support ABCD, rebuild organizations status – Construct Organizational requirements for Non-Profit Guidelines/Bylaw, new bank account, new non-profit status – approved with all Deaf Churches and Deaf Ministries of Alabama.

At the Workshop/Board Panel, the Board is ready to sit in front of Alabama Deaf Ministries and Deaf Churches to tell the truth about the change of new directions with the Guidelines and by-laws and the new structure of what they learned during 2023. Board will present a vote to remain with new structure status or revert to older Board Constitutions and By-Laws. Messenger Forms and Vote is still being discussed with Board.

ABCD 2025, 2026 and 2027 Discussion and planning.

2025 – Shocco Springs Conference Center.

Theme: “Building Together” in Philippians 2:2

ABCD	JrABCD
Guest speaker: 1. Chris Southerland from Delaware 2. Mason Fenner from Ohio 3. Tom Linears from Florida Music Leader: 1. Raymon Baienggee from Waco, Texas 2. Christene Johnson	Guest Speaker: 1. CJ Basham from Delaware 2. Trey Turman from South Carolina

2026 – Fairhope/Mobile

2027 – North Alabama

JrABCD 2026 and 2027

The ABCD Board and JrABCD Director will set up a different date and location that is close to ASD. ABCD Board will involve JrABCD activity. We will discuss more for the next meeting.

ILC 2024

The ABCD Board agreed to relaunch or restart ILC in north Alabama. We can find some place to host a non-church event for the deaf communities aim to share the Gospel. Jeff will ask Steve Dye a location and date.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10pm.

Wes closed in prayer.