

Alabama Baptist Conference of the Deaf
Executive Board Meeting
Alabama Baptist Convention State Board of Missions in Prattville, AL
February 15, 2025

Those in attendance:

Executive Board:

Jeff Farmer – Eden Westside Baptist Church

Paul Pitts – Meadow Brook Baptist Church

Jin Mayer – First Baptist Church Prattville

Others:

Kristy Kennedy – SBOM

Joshua Huffman – SBOM

Those not in attendance:

Executive Board:

Wes Justice – Birmingham Community Deaf Church

Jenny Hutto – New Deaf Church

Others:

Steve Dye - SBOM

Prayer and Open:

Jeff opened the meeting with prayer at 10:11 a.m.

Old Business - Jeff Farmer, Chairperson

Jeff reported on past attendance numbers for ILC. Last November 2, 2024, The Grove Church in Madison, AL hosted ILC “ASL Night of Praise”. ILC was great. One hundred thirteen people attended.

Last year, none from ASD attended JrABCD, but there will be 11 students from ASD (8 students registered and 3 students waiting). Good news for JrABCD 2025.

Jeff chose Elizabeth Webb from Madison, AL. as worship leader.

Secretary’s Report – Jin Mayer

We reviewed minutes from the August 24, 2024 meeting. Jeff accepted the minutes as read. Jin remembered her errors from March 8-10 business meeting what Jeff mentioned no students from ASD last March, and she needed to review the numbers of attendance. Jin will send an email with attachment March 8-10, 2024 business meeting to the Board before ABCD 2025.

Financial Report – Paul Pitts

Paul had not received the SBOM financial report from Kristy, and he asked Kristy for budget information before editing the financial report.

Joshua reviewed the ABCD Expenses/Revenue budget and asked Kristy to check SBOM budget. To improve the budget with new method of financial report, Joshua suggested with Paul and Kristy to separate 4 categories (ABCD, JrABCD, Interpreter, ILC). So, we can see all 4 categories’ details in

the financial report. Kristy and Paul agreed Joshua's and will work on budget to adjust, and Paul will send email the draft financial report to the ABCD Board.

SBOM – Joshua Huffman

Joshua mentioned we were able to set up the interpreter conference with the guidance of Jeff and Kris Courson. Interpreter Conference will be lead by Kris Courson and his wife Frances Courson. Also, Joshua mentioned ABCD will need to write a check \$25.00 to SBCD/ITP to process the application for CEUs to be submitted and given to those interpreters who will be attending the workshops.

Joshua works on the ABCD website. There is a lot of information posted on the website. He found out that someone has pictures of ABCD from past years from David Richardson's. Joshua will make a copy at SBOM to post on the website and will put all pictures and history in a safe place in SBOM. Joshua's goal is to look at all the pictures and history that will be on ABCD websites so people can enjoy their memories and keep ABCD alive. Joshua knows that Jin has ABCD history, and she needs to add themes with verses to the list of ABCD Conference with guest speakers and attendances.

Jin informed Joshua that she admitted she was busy. She almost finished last year and now needs to review. Jeff discussed that he knows the history, and he can help organize the history. Jeff and Jin will set up the plan after ABCD Conference. Jin agreed to help Joshua organize the pictures whenever he needs help.

Jeff informed Joshua that he is willing to join to help Joshua and Jin.

Break 12:00 p.m.

Reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

New Business – Jeff Farmer, Chairperson

ABCD Conference – March 7-9, 2025

Theme: "Building Together"

Bible verses: Philippians 2:2

"complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind." (ESV)

Conference Speaker: Mason Fenner from Ohio

Worship Leader: Elizabeth Webb from the Grove Church, Madison, AL

Children's Ministry Director: Kasey Gamble

JrABCD Guest Speaker: Cory Basham from Delaware

Interpreter Conference: Kris Courson.

ILC 2025 – Cherybe Thornton will host at Birmingham Community Deaf Church on August 9, 2025.

2026 and 2027 Discussion and planning

ABCD 2026 – The Grove Church, Madison, AL – Steve Dye, Deaf Ministry

ILC 2026 – Jeff gave up ILC from his church and recommended Montgomery area – First Baptist Church Prattville. We all agreed. Jeff will let us know about the next meeting.

ABCD 2027 – First Baptist Church, Fairhope, AL – Boyd Eggers, Deaf Ministry

ILC 2027 – We will discuss for next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

Paul closed in prayer.