

Maryland Association of the Deaf Board Meeting
Thursday, December 17, 2020
Zoom Conference

Present: Richard Jeffries (President), Kirsten Poston (Vice President) Jacob Leffler (Secretary), Marie Campbell (Treasurer), Steven Gagnon (Board Member at Large), Jill Owens Brick (Board Member at Large), MaryLynn Lally (Appointed Board Member), Jade Sims (Appointed Board Member), and Vikki Porter (Appointed Board Member)

Absent: None

President Richard Jeffries called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

President Jeffries explained the purpose of the meeting regarding the conflict of interest in several roles and areas. The Board had a discussion about it.

President Jeffries made two requests:

1. Jacob Leffler resigns as the Secretary of the Maryland Association of the Deaf (MDAD) because he was elected as the Region 1 Representative for the National Association of the Deaf.
2. Kirsten Poston resigns as the Howard County Association of the Deaf (HCAD) Representative for the MDAD Coalition.

The Board went into recess.

The Board resumed from the recess on Monday, January 18, 2021 at 8:05 p.m.

The Board continued the discussion with two facilitators – Greg Hlibok and Jackie Kanekuni.

President Jeffries learned that Vice President Kirsten Poston was appointed to the National Association of the Deaf Board as the Appointed Board Member and congratulates her on the appointment.

Secretary Jacob Leffler decides that he remains on the Board until the election is held.

Vice President Kirsten Poston decides that she will resign as the HCAD Representative for the MDAD Coalition and will continue to serve on MDAD Board until the election is held.

The Board discussed about the communication and transparency issues with the community.

New Business

Kirsten Poston moved that MDAD establishes a connection with the Governor's Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH) to begin planning the joint celebration of ODHH's 20th Anniversary and MDAD's 65th anniversary.

Seconded by Jill Owens Brick

CARRIED

Jade Sims was appointed to lead this effort.

Jacob Leffler moved that MDAD researches the mask with MDAD's logo and bring the report back to the Board Meeting on February 8, 2021.

Seconded by Marie Campbell

CARRIED

Kirsten Poston moved that MDAD plans for the State Biennial Conference virtually and in person.

Seconded by Jill Owens Brick

CARRIED

President Richard Jeffries adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Jacob Leffler
Secretary