

**Maryland Association of the Deaf  
Board Meeting  
Monday September 18, 2023  
Zoom**

Present: Tina Joyner (President), Jacob Leffler (Vice President), Allysa Dittmar (Treasurer), Tiasha Bera (Secretary) Vikki Porter (Board Member at Large), and Toyin Fasakin (Board Member at Large)

President Tina Joyner called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M

Previous Minutes

Jacob moved that MDAD approves the minutes for July 29, 2023, as read.  
Seconded by Vikki Porter  
CARRIED

President's Report

Tina reported that she has just gotten elected, and is now going through the transition phase. The MDAD conference went very well, with a high number of attendees. Jacob mentioned that the idiom brewery place was packed, thanks to Allysa's & Heidi's efforts in leading the conference team to successfully execute the conference in swift manner. Tina also met with the Lt governor Aruna Miller, and that the meeting went very well.

Vice President's Report

Vice President Jacob reported that he has been busy since the last MDAD conference in August. He has been working on the transition as a Vice President. The LEAD-K effort is going well, and has been participating in Co-Navigator Bill Meetings. He also attended the Maryland School for the Deaf with President Tina Joyner and gave a presentation on advocacy.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Tiasha Bera reported that she has been working extensively with Vice President Jacob Leffler to fulfill the transition of the secretarial role for MDAD.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Allysa Dittmar reported that she is undergoing transition and also met with the finance committee and they are currently exploring ways to be efficient with the funding.

### Board Member at Large's Report

Board Member at Large Vikki Porter reported that she really had nothing to report other than reiterate the success of the MDAD conference in person, which has not happened for a long time. She also mentioned the members have been asking for the recording of the keynote speaker from the MDAD conference, along with the Hospital Panel.

Board Member at Large Toyin Fasakin is working with the Lieutenant Governor's Office to set up a meeting with MDAD.

### Old Business:

None

### New Business:

Jacob Leffler moved that Tori Reeves to be appointed as a Board Member at Large for Youth.  
Seconded by Tiasha Bera  
CARRIED

Tiasha Bera moved that Jennifer Ajifowo be appointed as a Board Member at Large.  
Seconded by Vikki Porter  
CARRIED

Vikki Porter moved that Blaise Delahoussaye be appointed as a Board Member at Large for DeafBlind.  
Seconded by Tiasha Bera  
CARRIED

Jacob Leffler moved that Thelma Schroeder be appointed as a Board Member at Large for Senior Citizens.  
Seconded by Allysa Dittmar  
CARRIED

President Tina Joyner adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Tiasha Bera  
Secretary