



**Virginia Association of the Deaf  
Board Meeting  
August 10, 2024  
Norfolk, VA**

**~AGENDA~**

- **Call to Order**
- **Roll Call**
- **Declaration of Quorum**
  
- **Adoption of January 27, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes –  
Need approval as read or with correction.  
To be filed in Google Drive**

**Officers Reports:**

**President Donna Graff-Viall**

1. I want to thank you for working together as a team during the past president's medical leave. It is a heavy heart for me and the entire board members. Please have a silent moment to remember our past President Pat Raswant.

2. T Thank you for your support. My position moved up from Vice President to President.
3. Thank you for your vote of Earl Wright and MaryRose Gonzalez as the two Members at Large.
4. Mia Heisley and I attended NAD Conference as VAD delegates on the week of July 1-6, 2024. We learned a lot during the Council of Representative (COR) meetings. Met a lot of new and old friends. NAD Conference Report will be given at VAD membership meeting this fall.
5. Received a resignation letter from Hunta Williams as Member at Large position on May 23, 2024.

#### **Vice President – Vacant**

#### **Secretary – Cindy Burton**

- **Town Halls – (2 or 3 more coming up)**  
**Hampton Roads – August 10**  
**Roanoke Area?**  
**Fredericksburg?**

#### **Treasurer – Tom Dowling**

#### **Member at Large (2) –**

**Earl Wright**

**MaryRose Gonzalez – Absent**

#### **Chapter Reports:**

- **NVAD Rep – Jeanne Lavelle**
- **Skyline – the status of its standing**
- **Greater Richmond – Dissolved and name has been changed but never submitted letter of dissolution to VAD.**

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

- **Auditing – Vacant**
- **Finance – Tom Dowling**
- **Governance – Earl Wright/Melanie Williams**
- **Legislative – Jeanne Lavelle (accepted)**

### **Other Committee Reports:**

- **Awards – Daphne Cox (Absent)**
- **Fundraising – Vacant**
- **Youth Program – Vacant**
- **We NEED more AHOC projects!**

### **Other Reports:**

- **VAD 140<sup>th</sup> Founding Gala**
- **VAD Mini Conference October 26 – Mia Heisley & Donna Graff-Viall**
- **Website – Ben Belisle (Jeanne)**
- **Education Advocate (3)– POC – Vacant**  
**Current Briana Bates and Mia Heisley**

### **Task Force Steady Revenues for VAD for 2024 Calendar Year.**

- 1). Deaf Nation (Booth) Dulles Expo Center, Chantilly, VA  
April 27, 2024**
- 2). Westfield High School – Chantilly, VA**
- 3). West Springfield High School – Springfield, VA**
- 4). Gallaudet University Football Homecoming Booth**
- 5). Deaf Authors Bookfair fundraising**

### **Additional Discussions:**

- **VSDAA and VSDB Movement will need VAD support when the rally is scheduled for upcoming rally events.**
- **Both Presidents (President Patricia VAD and President Michele, VSDAA) meet up with two VSDB alumnus, Rachel**

**Bavister and Janice Dillman, on a monthly basis to discuss the Legislation Bill and pursue the pipeline status going forward.**

- **ADA Accommodations Request form ?**
- **Need to develop duties for Director of Operations and Strategic (DOS) for non-profit organization. Mia Heisley was voted as DOS of VAD at the membership meeting last November.**

**Special Reports:**

- **SRC – Vacant**
- **VDDHH – Eric Raff**
- **VRID – Vacant (Carrie Humphrey – President report)**

**Old Business**

**New Business (need motion slips)**

**Announcement**

**Adjournment**