



Virginia Association of the Deaf Board Meeting  
Zoom at Service Source  
Oakton, VA

February 1, 2025

The virtual board meeting was called to order at 9:20 am by President Donna Graff-Viall.

Present: President Donna Graff-Viall, Vice President Jeanne Lavelle, Secretary Cindy Burton, Treasurer Tom Dowling, Member at Large MaryRose Gonzalez, and NVAD Representative Paul Daniels

Absent: Earl Wright

Quorum was met.

The adoption of August 10, 2024, board meeting minutes were approved as read.

### Officer's Reports

President – Donna Graff-Viall

- Vlogs will be posted every two weeks.
- The NAD President supports full ASL accessibility before the Super Bowl. The group has written a letter to the NFL advocating for this.

Vice President – Jeanne Lavelle

Secretary- Cindy Burton

- Continuing with Town Halls at various locations
- Focus on establishing a Fundraising Chair to help raise revenue for VAD and to support future initiatives, such as workshops and briefings.

Treasurer – Tom Dowling

- Financial Report – upon request
- VAD Financial Investment Update:

Motion 1: Tom Dowling (Jeanne Lavelle) moved that VAD approves the transfer of funds at Primerica to JP Morgan to consolidate all investments in a single managed investment account. Carried.

NVAD Representative to VAD Board – Paul Daniels

- Shared information about the upcoming Strawberry event scheduled for this summer.

Old Business – None

New Business:

Motion 2: Cindy Burton moved that VAD purchase backdrop black curtain background to allow low vision members to see speakers. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Burton,  
VAD Secretary