

**Alabama Baptist Conference of the Deaf**  
**Via Zoom meeting**  
**June 19, 2025**

**Those in attendance:**

Executive Board:

Eden Westside Baptist Church – Chairperson, Crystal Huffman

Alabama Deaf Church – Assistant Chairperson, Michele Tiano

Meadow Brook Baptist Church – Treasurer, Paul Pitts

First Baptist Church Prattville – Secretary, Jin Mayer

The Grove Church – Host team representation, Teresa Sheppard

New Deaf Church - Jenny Hutto

Others:

Eden Westside Baptist Church – Overseer, Jeff Farmer

**Prayer and open**

Crystal Huffman called the meeting to order at 3:44 p.m.

Paul Pitts opened in prayer.

**Secretary’s Report – Jin Mayer**

Jin Mayer explained what Steve Dye replied to an email for one correction and needed more explanation from him. She will contact him. She will correct the minutes and will send an email to the Board for the next meeting. Teresa Sheppard made a motion to accept the minutes with correction (wrong name on the second page from “Pastor John Parker” to “Pastor James Parker”). Paul Pitts seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously and changed.

**Treasurer’s Report – Paul Pitts**

Paul Pitts explained that he doesn’t know the balance as of March 7-9, 2025, and needed to know what balance from SBOM. Without the balance as of March 7-9, 2025, we have \$179.04 left on account. The reason for that was we spent \$9,175.15 on the Shocco Springs conference. Once Paul Pitts gets the balance as of March 7-9, 2025 from SBOM, he will send an email to the Board for the next meeting. Jenny Hutto made a motion to accept the report as read. Jin Mayer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously as read.

**Host Team Representation - Teresa Sheppard**

Teresa Sheppard had nothing new to report. The ABCD Board received email the list of hotels and restaurants from Steve Dye, and Steve has not received reply about Childcare.

**New Business**

ABCD Registration Costs and 2 meals on Saturday

The date of ABCD 2026 is March 6-8. We discussed the registration costs which includes the program fee and cost of meals.

Full weekend (Friday-Sunday) includes 2 meals on Saturday.

Individual	\$80
Couple	\$100
Family	\$125

Each meal costs \$20. We will have two meals on Saturday, lunch and dinner that will be included in registration cost. Hotels have breakfast. We discussed which restaurant for lunch, Chick-fil-a and dinner, Taco Mamas, Jim & Nicks BBQ or other options from the ABCD hotels/restaurant list. Teresa Sheppard made a motion to accept the registration costs. Jenny Hutto seconded the motion. We all agreed. Teresa Sheppard and Steve Dye will gather info on meals for catering in the area.

Fundraising

T-Shirt we discussed. Paul Pitts showed us the picture “Impact Lives for Christ “with ASL sign “impact”. We brainstormed idea for ASL sign “un-root” and “root” and color until we determined that the shirt will be sage color. The small ABCD logo will be on the front corner of the shirt. The big picture with ASL sign “unroot” and “root” will be on the back shirt plus the Bible verse Romans 12:2. And QR Code will be on the T-shirt shoulder for website. The T-shirt cost \$25. It will make a small profit to fundraising. Teresa made a motion to accept the T-shirt design and cost. Crystal seconded the motion.

Steve Dye via FT saying his church accepted Silent Auction. It will make good profit to fundraising for ABCD. Crystal Huffman will discuss Silent Auction plan for the next meeting.

Refreshment

Crystal suggested that we need refreshments because attendees need a break. She asked us to think of anyone who can make cakes/cookies. We all agreed. Teresa Sheppard will ask some from her church if they can make cakes/cookies.

Flyer

Michele Tiano will do ABCD flyer.

**ILC 2025**

Jeff Farmer asked for a cleaning fee cost \$150. We all agreed. ILC will be Thanksgiving gathering. Attendees can bring potluck.

**Upcoming Plan for ABCD and ILC**

<b>Year</b>	<b>ABCD Location</b>	<b>ILC (Impact Lives for Christ) Location</b>
2025	Shocco Springs Conference	Birmingham Community Deaf Church
2026	The Grove Church, Madison, AL	First Baptist Church, Prattville, AL
2027	Fairhope, AL (First Baptist Church)	Mobile/Fairhope Area or Maybe Dothan
2028	Meadow Brook Baptist Church, B’ham	Eden Westside Baptist Church, Pell City
<b>2029</b>	<b>Birmingham Community Deaf Church</b>	<b>The Grove Church, Madison, AL</b>

The year of 2029 will be 70<sup>th</sup> year anniversary.

Crystal Huffman motioned to close and accept all plans made under new business.

**Meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.**

**Jin Mayer closed in prayer.**