

ABCD Board Meeting Minutes — August 22, 2026

Location: First Baptist Church of Fairhope, Alabama

Date: August 22, 2026

Start Time: 11:08 AM

End Time: 12:52 PM

1. Opening

The ABCD Board meeting was held at First Baptist Church of Fairhope, Alabama. The meeting was reviewed from the previous Zoom meeting, and there were no changes.

Ray Sevie opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Technical Documents and Conference Planning

Joshua Huffman provided new technical documents, including:

- ABCD Board Meeting Minutes
- 2027 Conference Action Plan

The Board expressed appreciation for the new documents.

Boyd will provide a list of hotels for the 2027 conference. Board members and attendees will make their own hotel reservations and pay for their own rooms.

The Board discussed the possibility of having JrABCD available for the 2027 conference. There was a smaller number of JrABCD participants this year.

3. 2027 Conference Location and Facilities

Jens Hutto suggested using her church for the conference-related Thanksgiving gathering, since the church will be having Thanksgiving at Green Valley Fellowship Hall, as they did last time. Jens will contact Kris Couson about the possibility.

The ABCD website is [ALDEAF.ORG](https://aldeaf.org).

The Board discussed keeping ABCD registration simple, similar to the registration process used last March:

- **Individual:** \$80
- **Couple:** \$100

- **Family:** \$125
- **Saturday lunch:** \$15 per person
- **Saturday dinner:** \$18 per person

Friday meals will be on attendees' own. ABCD will provide meals on Saturday, pending the Board's decision and vote on the next steps.

Ray will contact Fairhope about Saturday meals.

The Board also discussed childcare. Four people will be needed to assist with the children.

4. Publicity and Social Media

Jens Hutto will manage the ABCD Facebook page.

Fairhope will be the location of the **68th ABCD Anniversary**.

The Board also discussed the future **80th ABCD Anniversary**, which will be held in Birmingham in 2029.

Rickey will prepare the flyer.

Jens will share her design with Nathan if he is willing to assist with Canva.

Approximately 30 shirts are expected to be ordered.

The Board was reminded to use a “**Waiver Photos in Media**” form to provide appropriate legal permission for photographs used on social media.

5. 2027 Conference Programs and Rooms

The Board discussed having a limited number of rooms available for:

- JrABCD
- Interpreter Workshop
- ABCD History

6. Registration and Additional Costs

The Board discussed an additional **\$20 charge at the door** for individuals who are not registered as part of a combination/registration package.

The food order will include approximately **five additional meals**.

7. Financial Report

Paul provided information regarding expenses from March 2026. The reported amount spent was **\$3,432.94**.

Paul will send the draft spending information from March 2026. Ray will share the information with Paul and work with him regarding the financial details.

8. Action Items

- **Boyd:** Send the hotel list for the 2027 conference.
- **Jens:** Contact Kris Couson regarding use of the church/Green Valley Fellowship Hall.
- **Jens:** Manage the ABCD Facebook page.
- **Jens:** Share her design with Nathan for possible Canva assistance.
- **Jenn:** Serve as the primary Board contact for Pastor Jason Roop
- **Jenn:** Follow up with David and Lydia regarding worship leaders.
- **Rickey:** Prepare the conference flyer.
- **Paul:** Send the March 2026 spending draft.
- **Ray:** Share financial information with Paul and assist with the financial process.
- **Board:** Determine and vote on the next steps for Saturday meals.
- **Childcare Team:** Arrange for four people to assist with children.
- **Registration Team:** Prepare registration using the agreed-upon individual, couple, and family rates.
- **Shirt Team:** Coordinate the approximately 30-shirt order.

9. Closing

Boyd Eggers closed the meeting with prayer.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:52 PM