

# **SDAD Board special meeting**

**Held via Zoom, October 24th, 2025**

The SDAD Board special meeting came to order at 6:02 PM with the following Board members:  
President Mark Koterwski, Vice-president Jeff Panek, Secretary David Dahle,  
Treasurer Kevin Barber; At-large members: Brian Reno and Lance Sigdestad.

Mark Koterwaki called the special meeting to discuss the currently volatile situation with the National Association of the Deaf and its impact on the upcoming National Leadership Training Conference, originally scheduled for October 29th - November 2, 2025 in Austin, Texas.

The NAD cancelled NLTC due to the ongoing turmoil, and in its place, some people have stepped up to host an alternate event, 'Deaf Collab: Austin'. Mark and Lance had discussed the NLTC developments, and after receiving and discussing the agenda, they saw no benefit to South Dakota through their participation. It also did not help that Deaf Collab's planned agenda was much shorter than NLTC's, leaving Mark and Lance idle for two of the originally scheduled days.

Two questions were brought forth for the Board's consideration: Should Mark and Lance participate in Deaf Collab in place of NLTC? What should we do with the NLTC registration fee? (Transfer to conference next year, donate, or refund)

Stan Brozik joined the meeting at 6:15.

Jeff Panek (Kevin Barber) moved that we request a refund of the NLTC registration fee. Carried.

Brian Reno (Kevin Barber) moved that we support Mark Koterwski and Lance Sigdestad's decision to withdraw from participation in NLTC this year. Carried.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:26 PM.

David Dahle

Secretary