

Board of Directors Meeting

Date: April 10, 2026

Time: 10am -12pm

Meeting location: in person/ Teams

Convention Committee Meeting

Date: April 10, 2026

Time: 12pm -2pm

Meeting location: in person / Teams

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Board of Directors Meeting	Item	Discussion/Action
1. 2.	Call to Order Roll Call	Ken Winston called to order The meeting was called to order with the following members present: In person: Ken Winston, Susanne Deiter, Carey Amthor, Amber Jones, Julie Blacklock, Margo Childs, Cheryl Wilson, Pat Holder Teams: Connie Cisneros, Toye Babb, Ramona Salomons, Dion White Not Present: Shelbi Davenport
3. 4.	President’s Report – Approve Minutes	Outreach to State Representatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Dion contacted State Representative Darby; provided date of Thursday, August 20.○ Toye requested confirmation of date/time with State Representative Manuel, for a follow up 4/10.○ Discussion held on inviting State Representatives to the Awards Lunch.○ Board agreed to host a single session during State Representative attendance to promote unity and attendance.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senate Committee on Health and Human Services. ○ Encouraging public comment. ○ Identifying questions from HHSC self-evaluation for Sunset Committee panels. <p>January Meeting Minutes Approved: Name correction – <i>Susan Madden</i></p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current balance: \$52,761.74. • 2025 taxes submitted to CPA. • Connie announced retirement from Tropical LIDDA after 44 years (last day: May 8). • Connie will remain Treasurer through December 2026 and assist with transition. • Ken expressed interest in assuming Treasurer role to support transition. • Financial discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lower funds compared to last year due to reduced registration and \$5,775 in reimbursements. ○ \$1,000 deposit paid to Omni. ○ Anticipated increased costs due to 50th Annual Convention. • Additional note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cheryl is retiring from AAIDD Board; AAIDD credit card transition is required. Discussion of transition to Ken.
<p>6.</p>	<p>Membership Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with Susan (media support) on Save-the-Date communications, including registration link and convention logo. • Susan to guide communication frequency. • Julie discussed expanding AAIDD learning opportunities beyond the annual convention. • Recognition given to Meadows Institute (Carey, Ken, Amber presented). • Inquiry made to Katie Mitten regarding adding Meadows Institute presentation to website. • Current Membership as of 4.2.26- 131 members

7.	2026 Convention Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Century of Change” handout reviewed and approved; will be displayed as posters. • Susanne to email silent auction list; Board members to coordinate with Susanne. • Raffle, secured YETI items and 2 gallon jar for raffle tickets.
8.	Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAIDD mass email system: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Emails sent through automated system under Pat Holder. ○ Members may submit additional contacts for convention communications. ○ Cheryl to distribute information to Kids Living Well group. ○ Discussion of adding ISS and provider email lists. • Geographic Leadership Manual: No updates. Discussed at National, but other items prioritized for the meeting.
9.	New Business	No new business discussed
10.	Next Board Meeting Meeting adjourned at 11:36am	Date: Tuesday, August 18 Time: 6:00 PM Location: Omni Corpus Christi Hotel, Republic of Texas Bar & Grill

Convention Planning Meeting	Item	Discussion/Action
1. 2.	Welcome/Call to Order Roll Call	<p>Susanne Dieter called to order</p> <p>The meeting was called to order with the following members present: In person: Ken Winston, Susanne Deiter, Carey Amthor, Amber Jones, Julie Blacklock, Margo Childs, Cheryl Wilson, Pat Holder</p> <p>Teams: Connie Cisneros, Toye Babb, Ramona Salomons, Dion White</p> <p>Not Present: Shelbi Davenport</p>
3.	Convention Planning Updates	A. Convention Agenda/Program

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pat to distribute program details. <p>B. Exhibitors/Sponsors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing coordination. <p>C. Local Arrangements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ramona coordinating with local partners and CCB: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 200 goody bags. 50 local maps/information packets. Carey suggested contacting Kendra Scott (Corpus area) for donations. Ken discussed poster presentation inquiries. Ramona confirmed TST will submit a poster on local resources.
4.	Silent Auction and Giveaways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Auction items 3-4 each board member, \$100 total Items may be shipped to Susanne (notify her of mailing) address: Destination Independence, 103 Biltmore, Suite 100 San Antonio, TX 78213, or brought to Corpus. Jewelry noted as less popular in recent years. Needs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 different colors of raffle tickets. Each member bring 2 bags of candy. Goody bag items (200 bags): reviewed and determined lip balm key chain and frisbee Each member contributes at least 3 small (\$5) gifts.
5.	Consumer/Speaker Stipends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications to be distributed after program draft approval.
6.	Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polo shirts available - total of 50 shirts planned. Closing panel (confirmed/pending): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HHSC – Anne McGonigle

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TCDD – Scott Daigle ○ PPAT – Carol ○ PACTX – Sydney ○ Texas Council – pending (likely Erin; Dion confirming)
7.	General Session Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Danette confirmed. • Thursday sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1:15–2:15 PM: Dion + State Representatives ○ 3:00–4:30 PM: Danette • Dion to send Pat contact information. • Call for papers pending. • Worked on program agenda and content including keynote and session speakers
8.	Additional Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently 2 poster presentations, additional outreach: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ramona reaching out to Texas A&M. ○ Amber reaching out to UT Disability Studies. • HHSC informational tables (e.g., TMHP, UR) planned outside vendor hall. • Julie coordinating with HHSC; pending confirmation. • TCDD applications due mid-May. • Maggie and Priya attend board meeting dinner.