

Taskforce Alternative Pathways (AP) – Meeting #2 Notes

Date: May 19, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84387473224>

Meeting ID: 843 8747 3224

Attendance

- Tiasha Bera
- Blaise Delahoussaye
- Jadalynn Orr
- Jerri Seremeth
- James Skjeveland, SBSLI Member
- Sarah Yates
- Usherla DeBerry (GODHH Staff Support)

Absent

- Jimmy Beldon
- Jill Owens Brick
- Joshua Finkle
- Marylourdes Gayles
- Thomas Horejes
- April Jackson-Woodard
- Jacob Leffler, SBSLI Chair (Taskforce Lead)

Resigned

- Rebecca Minor

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions

James Skjeveland welcomed attendees and reviewed the purpose of the taskforce and reviewed the agenda.

Member Introductions

- **Jerri Seremeth** – From Frederick Community College works with ASL and Interpreting and teaches ASL.
- **Jadalynn Orr** – Southern Maryland interpreter, interpreting for 13 years, and wants to help interpreters that have challenges passing the certification exams especially those that are CODA.
- Additional introductions were provided by taskforce members.

2. Taskforce Charge & Scope

- Review purpose of the Taskforce and Data will be uploaded in the folder, recently received but does not include information about alternative pathways.
- Confirm scope of work and expectations. This included sharing of what is shared in the taskforce is confidential as the board will be the group to share any information.

3. Poll Review

- Review results of prior poll(s) and it looks like biweekly on Wednesdays at 8pm is good, we have confirmed for 7:30pm.
- Discuss key takeaways such as meeting biweekly to get ahead with the taskforce as we have a limited time window and may be done by August 2026.

4. Is a Taskforce Needed?

- Assessment approach that may be best for Maryland. Shared info about CASLI and RID. Ensure we do not overlook anything related to ethics and skills for licenses.
- Create a wishlist or proposal for alternative pathways. GODHH will review the expenses with the state.
- The timeline for the portal will have to be approved by SBSLI and this will help us know when the funds will start generating from the interpreter licenses and can be used for financial hardships.
- Open discussion on the necessity and value of continuing the Taskforce; would like to see a skill based test path (review barriers/restrictions) and experience path similar to RID taking a test to be required to meet determined criteria such as workshops, education, years of interpreting experience. Usually tests or skills assessment tend to be expensive, something to think about.
- Identify any concerns or support

5. Group Discussion: Priorities

- Identify and discuss key priority areas
- Gather input from all members

6. Identify Targets for Working Groups

- Define focus areas for subgroup work
- Assign or propose group topics

7. Next Steps & Closing

- Summarize decisions made during the meeting
- Confirm action items
- Outline next steps

Meeting Cadence & Schedule

- **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, June 3 at 7:30 PM EST
- **Frequency:** Bi-weekly (every two weeks) thereafter
- Format and duration to be confirmed as needed