

Governor's Council on Blindness and Visual Impairment (GCBVI)
Employment Committee Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2019

Members Present

Nathan Pullen
Ben Fox
Terell Welch
Bea Shapiro
Terri Hedgpeth

Members Absent

Jordan Moon
Kevin Foster
David Steinmetz

Staff Present

Lindsey Powers

Guests Present

Call to Order and Introductions

Nathan Pullen called the meeting to order at 3:05 am in the RSA Conference Room, Phoenix, AZ. Introductions were made a quorum was present.

Approval of the May 30, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Terri Hedgpeth motioned to approve the minutes from the May 30, 2019 meeting. Ben Fox seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Committee Event/Webinar Discussion

Ben Fox stated that Kirk Adams, American Council of the Blind (ACB) President agreed to be a speaker at the E75 webinar, regarding the ACB's Job Connection Program. Ben Fox stated that he asked Mr. Adams to speak for approximately 15 minutes, although he could ask Kirk Adams to participate on a panel discussion as well. Terell Welch stated that Kirk Adams would be a great addition to a panel discussion so the committee could discuss efforts in Arizona. Ben Fox agreed that he would be pleased to see the ACB be more active in Arizona. Terri Hedgpeth inquired whether the

panel discussion was intended for the Vision Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology Expo (VRATE) and suggested that Kirk Adams be invited to attend that presentation virtually. Ben Fox stated the committee discussed having several committee members have an informal discussion or panel regarding the employment efforts in Arizona.

Terri Hedgpeth stated that she would be unavailable to participate in the webinar scheduled for July 24, 2019. Ms. Hedgpeth noted that she would like to participate in the webinar if the committee would be interested in delaying the webinar date. Nathan Pullen stated the committee had selected the date tentatively and could change the date. Ben Fox stated that the webinar date was far enough out that Kirk Adams could likely attend, although he would confirm Mr. Adams' availability. Ben Fox inquired whether July 26th or 31st would be more convenient for the committee members. The committee members agreed that July 31st would be most convenient to hold the webinar. Ben Fox inquired regarding the time for the webinar. Bea Shapiro noted that Kirk Adams would be in a different time zone and the committee should ensure that he would be available. Ben Fox stated that once he received confirmation regarding Kirk Adams' availability, he would include the webinar information on the E75 website. Ben Fox stated that he would also share the webinar information with the VRATE attendees and Terell Welch's employer list. Ben Fox stated that he had access to software that allowed him to send email blasts. Terell Welch stated that Ben Fox could integrate his list of employees into the software. Ben Fox stated that he was also testing the webinar software to ensure that it would be accessible for all users.

Ben Fox inquired whether he should extend an invitation to Sean Callagy to be a speaker during the webinar. Terri Hedgpeth stated that she preferred that Kirk Adams be the main speaker during the webinar. Bea Shapiro agreed that the webinar would allow the committee to work with the ACB. Ben Fox inquired regarding the due date for the Save the Dates for the webinar. Nathan Pullen stated the committee should try to have the Save the Dates completed by the date for the next meeting. He added that the Department of Economic Security (DES) Public Information Officer would need to confirm the information prior to distribution as well.

Google Collaboration Discussion

Terrell Welch stated that he followed up with Google and inquired what the committee should do to continue working with Google. Mr. Welch noted that Google was interested in partnering with the Employment Committee to help the community learn digital skills. Terrell Welch stated that he would keep the committee apprised of the conversation with Google.

Agenda and Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Employment Committee will be on July 3, 2019, from 3:00 to 4:00 pm in the RSA Conference Room, Phoenix, AZ. Agenda items are as follows:

- Committee Event/Webinar Discussion

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Public Comment

A call was made to the public with no response's forthcoming.

Adjournment of Meeting

Ben Fox motioned to adjourn the meeting. Terry Hedgpeth seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.