

# **Governor's Council on Blindness and Visual Impairment (GCBVI)**

## **Employment Committee Meeting Minutes**

October 18, 2022

### **Attendance**

#### **Members Present**

Nathan Pullen  
Bea Shapiro  
David Steinmetz  
Terrell Welch

#### **Members Absent**

Reggie Laister  
Jonathan Pringle

#### **Staff Present**

Lindsey Powers

#### **Guests Present**

### **Minutes**

#### **Call to Order and Introductions**

Nathan Pullen called the meeting to order at 10:04 am. Introductions were made and a quorum was present.

#### **Approval of the December 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Terrell Welch motioned to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2021 meeting. Bea Shapiro seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

## **Committee Activity Discussion**

Nathan Pullen stated the Employment Committee had not met recently, although he hoped the committee could begin planning for an E75 event. Mr. Pullen inquired whether the committee members would prefer to hold a hybrid or virtual event. Bea Shapiro suggested the committee hold a virtual event as the first event and noted that some individuals were still hesitant to meet in person. Terrell Welch suggested the committee hold the event in October to be part of Disability Employment Awareness month. Terrell Welch agreed that more individuals might attend a virtual event, and that many virtual events still had good attendance. David Steinmetz agreed the event could be held in October, which would give the committee plenty of time to plan. He noted that the Vision Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology Expo (VRATE) would be held in person in March, and the committee could see how well that event was attended when deciding whether to hold a virtual event. Nathan Pullen stated the committee could also hold a hybrid event, depending on how things were going at that time. Terrell Welch stated there was a new theme each year, and the committee's event could be a similar theme, which would tie into the E75 theme.

## **Committee Member Updates**

This item was tabled.

## **Agenda and Date for Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Employment Committee was scheduled for November 15, 2022. Agenda items are as follows:

- E75 Event Discussion
- Committee Member Updates

## **Announcements**

There were no announcements.

## **Public Comment**

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

## **Adjournment of Meeting**

Terrell Welch motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bea Shapiro seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.