

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

## **Employment Committee Meeting Minutes**

March 2, 2023

### **Attendance**

#### **Members Present**

Nathan Pullen  
Reggie Laister  
David Steinmetz  
Terrell Welch

#### **Members Absent**

Bea Shapiro  
Jonathan Pringle

#### **Staff Present**

Lindsey Powers

#### **Guests Present**

### **Minutes**

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

Nathan Pullen called the meeting to order at 2:02 am. Introductions were made a quorum was present.

#### **Approval of the January 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

David Steinmetz motioned to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2023 meeting. Reggie Laister seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

## **E75 Event Discussion**

Nathan Pullen stated the committee members were continuing to plan for the next E75 event and inquired whether the committee members had reached out to any of their employer contacts. Reggie Laister stated he reached out to his contact at Amazon but had not heard back yet. He noted that he would be taking a tour of the warehouse and would be able to speak to him then. Nathan Pullen stated that Amazon provided free access to Aira for blind and visually impaired employees on and off the job, and they could be highlighted. David Steinmetz suggested the committee contact Dr. Brian Dulude regarding where Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) clients were being placed. Nathan Pullen stated that he could contact Dr. Dulude for that information. Reggie Laister inquired whether there were any specific organizations the committee would like to recognize. Nathan Pullen stated the committee had mentioned Deloitte and Amazon. He noted the committee had recognized Tucson Electric Power previously and could consider SRP or APS. Mr. Pullen added the committee had also previously recognized Pendergast School District and could consider highlighting another school district if the committee members had any contacts with schools. Reggie Laister inquired whether there was a flyer that he could share. Nathan Pullen stated he had developed a Save the Date flyer that could be shared. The committee members agreed to continue reaching out to potential employers prior to the next meeting.

## **Committee Member Updates**

This item was tabled.

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

The next meeting of the Employment Committee was scheduled for April 6, 2023. Agenda items are as follows:

- E75 Event Discussion

## **Announcements**

There were no announcements.

## **Public Comment**

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

## **Adjournment of Meeting**

Nathan Pullen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Terrell Welch seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m.