

# **Governor's Council on Blindness and Visual Impairment (GCBVI) Employment Committee Meeting Minutes**

April 6, 2023

## **Attendance**

### **Members Present**

Nathan Pullen  
Reggie Laister  
Terell Welch  
Jonathan Pringle

### **Members Absent**

Bea Shapiro  
David Steinmetz

### **Staff Present**

Lindsey Powers

### **Guests Present**

Josh Sauter  
Ian Carlos Diaz

## **Minutes**

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

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

### **Approval of the March 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Terell Welch motioned to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2023 meeting. Jonathan Pringle 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 in the Fall and had been reaching out to businesses, HR professionals, job coaches and anyone that was hiring. Nathan Pullen noted that he had contacted Brian Dulude and Jami Parente regarding any client success stories or any businesses that were hiring blind and visually impaired individuals. Terell Welch stated that he followed up with Mayo Clinic, in which a Doctor had hired blind and visually impaired staff. He noted the hospital had expressed interest in the E75 event. Mr. Welch added that Mayo Clinic would be hiring a Receptionist if anyone knew of anyone that would be interested. Reggie Laister stated that he knew of someone that might be interested in that position. Mr. Laister noted that Arizona Industries for the Blind (AIB) had recently started an on-the-job training program for individuals that did not have job goals but wanted job experience. He added the individuals could work for 90 days and received paid training. Jonathan Pringle stated the Helen Keller National Center (HKNC) in New York would be hiring blind and visually impaired individuals and offered a generous relocation package as well as some remote work positions.

Nathan Pullen stated the committee had updated the E75 Save the Date flyer that could be shared with anyone that would like to forward to their networks. Reggie Laister inquired whether anyone had reached out to Amazon. Nathan Pullen stated his understanding that no one had reached out to Amazon yet. Reggie Laister stated that he would receive a tour of an Amazon warehouse and would provide an update at the next meeting. Terell Welch stated he would be attending an upcoming Job Fair and could speak to the employers there as well. Jonathan Pringle stated he had previously been part of an Amazon group, although he had recently requested to be part of the Arizona group.

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

The next meeting of the Employment Committee was scheduled for May 4, 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 2:20 p.m.