

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

June 14, 2023

Attendance

Members Present

Nathan Pullen
Reggie Laister
David Steinmetz
Terrell Welch
Jonathan Pringle

Members Absent

Bea Shapiro

Staff Present

Lindsey Powers

Guests Present

Minutes

Call to Order and Introductions

Nathan Pullen called the meeting to order at 1:02 am. Introductions were made, and a quorum was present.

Approval of the May 4, 2023 Meeting Minutes

David Steinmetz motioned to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2023 meeting. Jonathan Pringle seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

E75 Event Discussion

David Steinmetz stated that he had been trying to build a relationship with Culture Crush, which was interested in developing an inclusive workforce and he would discuss the E75 event with them. Reggie Laister stated that he provided a presentation recently and had discussions with a Better Business Bureau representative, who would be a great contact for the committee. Mr. Laister stated that he would invite her to attend the upcoming E75 event, as she would have a wide range of contacts. Nathan Pullen stated that it would be great to have a representative attend from the Better Business Bureau. David Steinmetz inquired whether the E75 invite had been distributed yet. Nathan Pullen stated the Save the Dates had been distributed, although the committee could begin developing the invites to be distributed. Terrell Welch stated that he continued to follow up with his contact at Mayo Clinic regarding employing individuals with visual impairments. Nathan Pullen stated that he would follow up with Dr. Brian Dulude regarding any employer hiring trends of individuals with visual impairments. Terrell Welch inquired whether the Save the Dates could be distributed as is. Nathan Pullen stated the Save the Dates could be distributed, and the committee could begin developing the invites so that individuals could begin RSVPing to the event. Mr. Pullen stated that if Lindsey Powers had a previous E75 invite, the committee could update it for distribution. Lindsey Powers stated that she would look for a previous invite and send it to the committee. Nathan Pullen inquired whether any committee members knew of any businesses or organizations that would be interested in being sponsors for the event. David Steinmetz stated that Arizona Industries for the Blind would be interested in sponsoring the event. Reggie Laister stated that SAAVI Services for the Blind would likely be a sponsor for the event and inquired whether there were different levels of sponsorship. Nathan Pullen stated the committee had not decided on any sponsorship tiers yet. Mr. Pullen noted that because the event was virtual, the committee would not need a lot of funding, although any funds could be used for future events. Nathan Pullen stated that any businesses or organizations that were interested in being sponsors, would be included on the E75 invites. Nathan Pullen thanked the committee and encouraged members to continue to reach out to their contacts.

Agenda and Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Employment Committee was scheduled for July 13, 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

David Steinmetz motioned to adjourn the meeting. Terrell Welch seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:18 p.m.