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

**Independent Living Committee Meeting Minutes**

July 24, 2023

**Attendance**

**Members Present**

Ted Chittenden  
Brian Dulude  
Eve Sanchez  
Frank Vance

**Members Absent**

Katie Gomez  
John McCann  
Steve Tepper

**Staff Present**

Lindsey Powers

**Guests Present**

Stephanie Johnson

**Minutes**

**Call to Order and Introductions**

Ted Chittenden called the meeting to order at 9:02 am. Introductions were made, and a quorum was present.

## **Approval of November 29, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Frank Vance motioned to approve the November 29, 2021 meeting minutes. Brian Dulude seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes was passed by unanimous voice vote.

## **Committee Update**

Ted Chittenden stated that he would be leaving the council and had been a member since 2010. He noted that John McCann would be taking over as Chair of the committee, as he had experience in the topics of the committee. Ted Chittenden stated that he had enjoyed working with and learning from the committee members. Ted Chittenden stated that he would be assisting in developing the GCBVI Annual Report, and if any organizations had any reports or client success stories, they could send them to him or Lindsey Powers. Eve Sanchez inquired whether there was a due date for the reports. Ted Chittenden stated that he would like to receive them by the next Full Council meeting on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Brian Dulude stated his appreciation for all of Ted Chittenden's hard work on the council and committee and he wished him well in his future endeavors. Eve Sanchez and Frank Vance echoed Dr. Dulude's well wishes and appreciation. Frank Vance stated the Full Council had discussed potential services for Independent Living Blind (ILB) clients under 55 years of age and inquired whether there were any updates. Ted Chittenden stated the GCBVI Legislative and Public Policy Committee had advocated for those additional services, although they had not gone through the Legislature for the current year.

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

The next meeting of the IL Committee TBD.

## **Announcements**

Brian Dulude stated the Federal government had granted additional funding for ILB services to clients nationwide, which would be approximately \$7000 for Arizona. Ted Chittenden thanked Brian Dulude for the update and suggested he announce that at the upcoming Full Council meeting as well.

## **Public Comment**

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

## **Adjournment of Meeting**

Eve Sanchez motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brian Dulude seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 am.