

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

Employment Committee Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2023

Attendance

Members Present

Nathan Pullen
Jonathan Pringle
Bea Shapiro
Reggie Laister

Members Absent

Josh Sauter
Terell Welch
David Steinmetz

Staff Present

Lindsey Powers

Guests Present

Minutes

Call to Order and Introductions

Nathan Pullen called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. Introductions were made, and a quorum was present.

Approval of the September 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Jonathan Pringle motioned to approve the amended minutes from the September 21, 2023 meeting. Bea Shapiro seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

E75 Event Discussion

Nathan Pullen stated that he had created a draft timeline for the upcoming E75 event which would include: an introduction of the GCBVI and E75, a short video about E75, and time for a client success story. Jonathan Pringle stated that he had a video about a client, although the video was on an Apple platform and was not currently playable. Nathan Pullen stated he could include the video into the timeline. He noted he also had a tentative spot for an educational piece from the Arizona Industries for the Blind (AIB), the awards and presentations, which would include a presentation from the Mayo Clinic. Mr. Pullen stated that Nancy Lucas, who attended the previous meeting, would talk about her experience with employment and how things can go potentially wrong if someone does not receive a reasonable accommodation. He added that someone from the Arizona Disability Law Center would present about the ADA and reasonable accommodations and a representative from SAAVI Services for the Blind would speak about the job readiness and the soft skills that individuals learned at SAAVI. Nathan Pullen stated he was waiting to hear from Terell Welch on whether Angela Dial would be able to attend to provide a presentation regarding Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) as well. Bea Shapiro suggested the sequence of presentations go from an individual receiving VR services, obtaining job readiness training, and ending with employment. Nathan Pullen agreed that he could modify the timeline so that the overall presentations told a story of how a blind or visually impaired individual could obtain employment. Nathan Pullen requested that anyone that would be creating a presentation send it to him, so that he could add it to the overall PowerPoint.

Agenda and Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Employment Committee was scheduled for October 5, 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

Bea Shapiro motioned to adjourn the meeting. Reggie Laister seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.