



Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired SC

MINUTES

Board of Directors' Meeting

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Zoom

PRESENT

Joe Waring, Board Chair	Kari Arnold	Lane Harper	Sean Wilson
Kristen Gayeski Tinkler, Vice Chair	Karl Brady	Tricia Leyte-Vidal	Jeanie Farmer, COO
Sam Clawson, Secretary	Griff Brame	Marshall McClure	Kelley Rawl, CPO - Children
Thomas Smythe, Treasurer	Nancy Buchanan	Chett McCubrey	Tanya Wofford, Controller
Bob Baldwin, Immediate Past Chair	Ron Coleman	Elizabeth McKown	
Courtney Plotner, Pres & CEO	Teddy Gilbreth	Suzanne Swaffield	

ABSENT

Jamie Hill
Paul Keating
John Kulze

PROCEEDINGS

The meeting was called to order at 4:01pm by Board Chair Joe Waring. There was a quorum present for the meeting. The minutes from September 26, 2023 were approved. Mr. Waring reported all is going well at ABVI.

Children's Service Presentation

Kelley Rawl

Ms. Rawl reported on the progress and successes of our school-based children's services.

Treasurer's Report

Tanya Wofford

The financials and investments for FYE 2023 and July 1 – November 30, 2023, were reviewed, and Ms. Wofford explained the variances in the Income Statement and Organizational Budget.

Governance & Nominating Committee Report

Kristen Tinkler

Mrs. Tinkler asked the Board to send names/contacts for potential new Board members.

Audit Committee Report

Marshall McClure

Mr. McClure reported on a clean audit. Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the audited financial statement. Mr. McClure also reported on edits to the Audit Committee Charter which has been sent to the Governance Committee.

Development Committee Report

Tricia Leyte – Vidal

Ms. Leyte – Vidal reported on the development team's accomplishments and upcoming events.

Advocacy Committee Report

Sean Wilson

Sean reported on efforts and relationships for additional state government funding. He also reported that the Committee would meet early 2024.

Programs Committee Report

Jeanie Farmer

Mrs. Farmer reported on successes in both adult and children's services.

CEO's Report

Courtney Plotner

Mrs. Plotner announced ABVI received \$250,000 from the state government. She also updated the Board on ABVI's new space in Greenville, speaking opportunities, state funding and policy efforts, the Big Data Project, messaging, events and growth.

Old Business

Mrs. Plotner and the Executive Committee worked with attorney Clay Grayson to create Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation and an Affiliation Agreement for on the potential 501c3 to house the endowment. Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to defer a decision until a Special Meeting can be held in January with Attorney Grayson. The Board will vote at the Special Meeting.

The Board discussed dissolving the TVI 501c3 after June 2024. The Board will vote on a recommended date to send the TVI Board at the Special Meeting.

New Business

Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve ABVI's new mission: Empowering individuals who are blind or have low vision to live fulfilling, purpose-driven lives.

The Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Courtney Plotner, President & CEO

Next Meeting: March 19, 2024