



# Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired SC

## MINUTES

Board of Directors' Meeting  
Tuesday, January 21, 2025  
Zoom

### PRESENT

Kristen Gayeski Tinkler, Chair	Kari Arnold	John Kulze	Suzanne Swaffield
Thomas Smythe, Vice Chair	Karl Brady	Lane Harper	Sean Wilson
Sam Clawson, Secretary	Nancy Buchanan	Marshall McClure	Jeanie Farmer, COO
Joe Waring, Immediate Past Chair	Ron Colman	Chett McCubrey	Mike Mistler, Dir. Fin.
Courtney Plotner, Pres & CEO	Teddy Gilbreth	Elizabeth McKown	

### ABSENT

Paul Keating  
Karl Jantzen (Excused, Member Emeritus)

### PROCEEDINGS

The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm by Board Chair Kristen Tinkler. There was a quorum present for the meeting. The minutes from September 24, 2024 were approved. Dr. Tinkler thanked the staff for keeping the endowment withdraws under the budgeted amount and updated the Board on the Executive Committee's meeting with Stifel.

### Treasurer's Report

Mike Mistler

The financials and investments for July 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024, were reviewed, and Mr. Mistler explained the variances in the Income Statement and Organizational Budget.

Mrs. Farmer reported that the final 990 for The Vision Institute is complete. Barring any comments/concerns from the ABVI Board, it will be filed Monday the 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Development Committee Report

Karl Brady

Councilman Brady updated the committee on development successes and Noir. He reported that since the last meeting, the development team received their largest grant to date, their largest grossing appeal to date and their largest Noir sponsorship to date.

### Programs Committee Report

Elizabeth McKown

Mrs. McKown reported on the growth and successes in both children's and adults' services.

### Foundation Board

Teddy Gilbreth

Mr. Gilbreth reported on the Admin Service Agreement draft document for the ABVI organization and Foundation. Mrs. Plotner will have more information on this for the next meeting. Motion was made, seconded and approved by all to move the Endowment funds into the Foundation after the Foundation Board D&O coverage was in place.

### CEO's Report

Courtney Plotner

Mrs. Plotner updated the Board on State funding efforts, Noir and growth.

The Meeting adjourned at 5pm  
Minutes respectfully submitted by Courtney Plotner, President & CEO  
*Next Meeting: April 22, 2025*

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