# Minutes

# Iowa Commission for the BlindDecember 7, 2021

1. Call to order and determination of quorum. The quarterly meeting of the Iowa Commission for the Blind was called to order at 12:00 p.m., by Sandi Ryan, with the following members present: Sandi Ryan, chair, Geneva Jacobsen, member, and Ryan Brems member, which was a quorum. Others in attendance: Emily Wharton, Janice Eggers, Caroline Barrett (AAG), Sarah Willeford, Kim Barber, Karly Prinds, Keri Osterhaus, Helen Stevens, Kathy Roat, Cheri Myers, Shawn Mayo, Carrie Chapman, and Thomas Topping.
2. Public Comment— none.
3. Approval of the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Brems moved and Ms. Jacobsen seconded, and the motion passed.
4. Approval of September 21, 2021 board minutes. Mr. Brems moved approval of the minutes as presented. Ms. Jacobsen seconded, and the motion passed.
5. Agency Director Report - Ms. Wharton shared:
   1. Hopefully in the spring we can have the meetings in person and virtual format.
   2. We have construction going on the ramp today. Hoping to have this completed by December 10, 2021.
   3. Worked with VR Teams to create field training guidelines with clear SMART goals to help clients to progress toward vocational goals. This will be rolled out in January.

1. Approval Orientation Center Name Change. Mr. Brems moved approval accept the winning voted on name, Iowa Blindness Empowerment and Independence Center as presented. Ms. Jacobsen seconded, and the motion passed.
2. Consideration of Closed Session. Ms. Ryan had Ms. Eggers read paragraph 1a from the Code of Iowa, Section 21.5(1)(a) and 21.5(1)(i). Mr. Brems moved to adjourn to closed session. Ms. Jacobsen seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote: Ms. Ryan, yes; Mr. Brems, yes; and Ms. Jacobsen, yes. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned into closed session at 12:23 p.m. The meeting entered into closed session at 12:30 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Brems and seconded by Ms. Jacobsen to move out of closed session at 1:48 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting entered open session at 1:50 p.m.

1. Closed Session –
2. Mr. Brems moved that request Item #092, from closed session, be approved a grant. Ms. Jacobsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Happy to announce, after another wonderful review, to retain Ms. Wharton as the Agency Director.
4. Adjournment – Mr. Brems moved the meeting adjourn. Ms. Jacobsen seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandi Ryan, Chairperson

Commission for the Blind

Janice EggersSecretary to the Commission/ Executive Secretary

Department for the Blind

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