

Minutes of Meeting
Georgia Committee of Blind Vendors
Wednesday, January 12, 2022

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Alicia Morris at 9:20 am.

Committee Members Present:

Alicia Morris, Chair
Wesley Vaughn, Vice-Chair, Region 5
Dolores Butler – Region 1
Carl Lee – Region 3
Phyllis Campbell – Region 4
Heather Lopez – Region 6
Tim Stephens – Region 8

GVRA Staff Present:

Teresa Eggleston, BEP Director
Bobby Goodman, BEP Program Manager
Danny Murr, BEP Equipment Manager
Tara Woodford, BEP Contracts
Will Graham, BEP Training Manger

Guests Present:

Jerry Bensman, Georgia Cooperative Services for the Blind
Bob Matuszak, Licensed Blind Vendor
Keith Morris, Licensed Blind Vendor
Kathy Morris, CBV Secretary

Chair's Welcome

- Alicia Morris welcomed everyone to the meeting.

CBV Business and Discussion

- Next CBV meeting will be in another city
- Training Conferences
 - o Mini BLAST is cancelled
 - o Sagebrush: Carl Lee, Dolores Butler, and Alicia Morris will attend

- NAMA is April 6-8, 2022 in Chicago. Will recommend 5 or 6 vendors to attend

GVRA Business Enterprise Program Staff Updates

- **Director's Update, Teresa Eggleston**
 - There are supply chain slowdowns with GIB and BEP
 - February 15, 2022, begins a correctional action plan with RSA
 - There is a possibility of a café opening at GIB
 - BEP counselors are now called consultants
 - RWS is set to reopen
- **Program Manager's Update, Bobby Goodman**
 - Harvey Gregory will retire on March 3, 2022
 - Amy Refoua sold 71 salads in the judicial building in December 2021
 - Electric charging stations will be placed at FEMA
 - Discussed ice machines at roadside facilities
- **Training Update, Will Graham**
 - Training 6 individuals
 - Plan to integrate virtual training through TEAMS
 - Susan Sorrel from Alabama will be visiting to observe training
- **Equipment Update, Danny Murr**
 - Robins Air Force Base micromart is set up
 - Shipping continues to be an issue

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Training Update, Will Graham

- 3 people in last class
- Tess will be giving up Augusta facility
- Peabody is up for bid
- Working with Celeste in Alabama on IT
- Miranda Stewart is working with her father James Swafford

- Annual Training Conference will be held October 7-9, 2022
- 5 people going to Warm Springs then will begin training

Equipment Update, Danny Murr

- Discussed automated espresso machine

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