

**Minutes of Meeting  
Georgia Committee of Blind Vendors  
Wednesday, July 20, 2022  
Hilton Atlanta NE**

**Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Alicia Morris at 9:10 am.**

**Committee Members Present:**

Alicia Morris, Chair  
Michael Armstrong, Region 1  
Zach Snow, Region 2  
Carl Lee, Region 3  
Phyllis Campbell, Region 4  
Zach Thomas, Region 5  
Heather Lopez, Region 6  
Tim Stephens, Region 7  
Valerie Hester, Region 8  
Dee Butler, Region 1 Alternate  
Cheryl Hodge, Region 3 Alternate  
Sheldon Dixon, Region 4 Alternate  
Depalma Strong, Region 5 Alternate  
Keith Morris, Region 6 Alternate

**GVRA Staff Present:**

Teresa Eggleston, BEP Director  
Bobby Goodman, BEP Program Manager  
Danny Murr, BEP Equipment Manager  
Will Graham, BEP Trainer

**Guests Present:**

Jerry Bensman, Georgia Cooperative Services for the Blind  
Georgio Vickers, Licensed Blind Vendor  
Kathy Morris, CBV Secretary

**Chair's Welcome**

- Alicia Morris welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **CBV Business**

- Calling Post – Chairwoman Alicia Morris stated that the committee did talk about the calling post and the committee did pass a motion to go ahead and up the number, until October at conference, and then have the list scrubbed and then possibly be able to go back down.
- FFRP – Motion was made to pay out vacation pay for 2 years and to use the rest of the money to pay for inventory due to inflation. Theresa stated that inventory would be an RSA decision and she does not know if it will be approved in time.

## **GVRA BEP Staff Reports**

- **Director's Report, Teresa Eggleston**
  - o Contract with Coop has been resent.
  - o No hiring freeze, just difficulty finding qualified candidates for open positions
  - o RWS is undergoing a lot of changes. There is potential for a café and for it to be used as a BEP training facility
  - o Signed a 1 year contract for Ft. Benning
  - o No prison contracts to bid on as prisons have been extending existing agreements
- **Program Manager's Report, Bobby Goodman**
  - o Currently down three consultants
  - o Three retirements coming up
  - o Facility #303 will be next facility bid out, then Deborah Hill and Mr. Hollingshed's locations
  - o AFC snack bars have opened and continue to get better each month
- **Equipment Report, Danny Murr**
  - o Facility Maintenance and Repairs - \$56,108
  - o Vending Maintenance and Repairs - \$91,567
  - o Many of the repairs are occurring at roadside locations. Looking to replace machines with new machines that have more insulation and bigger compressors.
  - o Updating telemetries on machines.

- Working with RWS to have equipment purchased and might be open by September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 2 Peachtree is closed and is being sold. Employees are moving to Twin Towers and other Capitol Hill locations
- **Training Report, Will Graham**
  - 5 students graduated on July 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - Have 8 candidates waiting and 5 provisional vendors.
  - Looking to hold a new class in October after the conference
  - Trainings have been recorded and vendors will be able to go back and access
  - ServSafe class in Macon at the Garden Inn August 16-18
  - Conference will be October 7-9
    - Looking at training topics:
      - Money Management
      - LLC- what's next
      - Proper Ways to Use Cash Advances
    - On Sunday morning, Michael McMinn will lead a vending repair class

**Meeting adjourned at 12:22.**

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**Continuation of Wednesday, July 20, 2022, Meeting**  
**Thursday, July 21, 2022**  
**Hilton Atlanta NE**

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Stanley Lopez  
Kathy Morris, CBV Secretary

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### **CBV General Business**

- Chair Morris reported that the Committee had researched with other states what is considered an active vendor. Alabama's CBV stated that RSA has defined active vendor as a vendor running a facility.
- CBV presented interview policy
- Pilot program was presented. CBV is requesting administrative control over their accounts.
- Inquired about Seed Live money that was sent to wrong account.
- CBV made a motion to increase per diem to \$50 for in state travel for half day and \$75 for full day and \$50 for half a day out of state travel and \$100 for full day of out of state travel. Motion was seconded by Michael Armstrong. Motion was amended for per diem to reflect the federal rates for meals for the city you are in. Motion passed.
- CBV made a motion for complete mileage to be reimbursed. Motion was seconded by Tim Stephens. Motion passed.

**Zach Thomas made a motion to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.**