**Department of Aging and Disability Services (ADS)
Bureau of Education and Services for the Blind (BESB)
Advisory Board for Persons who are Blind or Visually Impaired**

**March 21st,2024**

**Draft Motions and Votes**

**Members Present
Chairwoman Eileen Akers; Katherine Guzman; Beth Rival; Stephan Thal; Mary Silverberg; Andrea Guidice**

**Members Absent**

**Samuel Pride,** **Astread Ferron-Poole, Ex-Officio for the Commissioner, Department of Social Services**

 **Others Present
Carol Jenkins, BESB Director; Mary Burgard, Vocational Rehabilitation Supervisor; Catherine Summ, Children Service Supervisor; Chris Lassen, Adult Services Supervisor; Jennifer Proto, Legislative Liaison; Lisa Drew Administrative Assistant

Public Present
Honorata Kazmierczak**

**Chairwoman Eileen Akers called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.**

 **Old Business
Minutes from the meeting from September 21st, 2023 for action.**

**MOTION: Stephen Thal moved to accept the minutes, and Mary Silverberg seconded the motion.**

**Vote: Yes – 6, No – 0, Abstained – 0**

**Minutes from the meeting from December 21st, 2023, for action.**

**MOTION: Andrea Guidice moved to accept the minutes, and Mary Silverberg seconded the motion.**

**Vote: Yes – 6, No – 0, Abstained – 0**

**Minutes from the meeting from January 25th 2024 for action.**

**MOTION: Andrea Guidice moved to accept the minutes, and Beth Rival seconded the motion.**

**Vote: Yes – 6, No – 0, Abstained – 0**

**Adjournment**

**Chairwoman Eileen Akers adjourned the meeting at 11:56 am.**

**The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.**