**Department of Aging and Disability Services (ADS)**

**Bureau of Education and Services for the Blind (BESB)**

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**Advisory Board for Persons who are Blind or Visually Impaired Meeting September 19, 2024**

**Members Present  
Chairwoman Eileen Akers; Elizabeth Rival; Stephan Thal; Mary Silverberg; Andrea Giudice**

**Members Absent**

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

**Others Present  
Carol Jenkins, BESB Director; Catherine Summ, Children Service Supervisor; Chris Lassen, Adult Services Supervisor; Jennifer Proto, Legislative Liaison; Lisa Drew, Administrative Assistant; Anthony Spence for Astread Ferron-Poole, Ex-Officio the Commissioner, Department of Social Services.**

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

**Minutes of the Meeting for Action June 20th, 2024 as amended with Stephen Thal placement associated with the board reports and the correction of the word astrology in Mary Burgard's report with astronomy.**

**MOTION: Elizabeth Rival moved to accept the minutes as amended, with Stephen Thal's** **placement associated with the board reports and the correction and replacement of the word astrology in Mary Burgard's report with astronomy, and Andrea Giudice seconded the motion. The Motion carried anonymously.**

**New Business:**

**Proposed Meeting Date for 2025 for Action: meetings will be held on the following Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. March 20th, June 12th, September 18th, and December 18th.**

**MOTION: Elizabeth Rival to accept the meeting dates for 2025 Andrea Giudice seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

**The discussion took place on the preferred Platform for future meetings.**

**Platform Preference for upcoming meetings: Utilizing the ZOOM Platform for upcoming meetings.**

**Motion: A motion was made by Andrea Giudice and seconded by Marybeth Silverberg. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn was made by Marybeth Silverberg and seconded by Andrea Giudice.**

**Chairwoman Eileen Akers adjourn the meeting at 11:40 pm**

**Next Meeting: December 19th, 2024**