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**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 -ABPBVI -Meeting**

**December 19, 2024**

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Public Comment**

**3. Minutes of the Meeting for Action September 19, 2024**

**Old Business**

**4. Blind Americans Equality Day Stephen Thal**

**5. BESB Updates**

 **A. Bureau Program Updates**

 **B. Business Enterprise Program**

 **C. Vocational Rehab**

 **D. Report from the Director Carol Jenkins**

 **E. Budget update**

**6. Large print calendars**

**7. Legislative Update Jennifer Proto, Legislative Liaison, ADS**

**A. Election Results Regarding Absentee Ballots**

**B. Proposed Legislation Affecting BESB**

**C. Progress on New Department for Deaf, Deaf/Blind, etc.**

**8. Board Reconstruction including Resignations**

**New Business**

**9. Points to the Good and Welfare**

**10. Adjournment**

**Next Meeting: March 20, 2025**

**PLEASE NOTE: This is a video and audio conference meeting. If you need accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, to participate, please email Lisa.Drew@ct.gov or call 860-876-9471 by Tuesday December 17th, 2024, by 4:00pm.**