



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 –Special Meeting

January 16<sup>th</sup>,2025

Minutes

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairwoman Eileen Akers; Elizabeth Rival; Stephen Thal; Mary Silverberg; Andrea Giudice; Katherine Guzman; Elizabeth Rival

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Samuel Pride; Astread Ferron–Poole, Ex–Officio for the Commissioner, Department of Social Services.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Carol Jenkins, BESB Director; Lisa Drew, BESB Admin.

**Executive Session**

**Topic: Synergy Discussion**

**Motion to Enter Executive Session:**

Andrea Giudice moved to enter the executive session, seconded by Katherine Guzman.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The board entered the executive session at 10:03 a.m.

**Motion to Exit Executive Session:**

Andrea Giudice moved to return to open session, seconded by Elizabeth Rival, at 11:29 a.m.

The board returned to open session at 11:29 a.m.

**Adjournment**

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Andrea Giudice moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Elizabeth Rival.

Chairwoman Eileen Akers adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.