

The Elected Committee of Blind Vendors Board

Public Meeting Notice Friday, December 17th, 2021 at 2:00PM CDT

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Topic: Executive Committee of Blind Vendors and BVTF - Zoom Meeting

Time: December 17, 2021 02:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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Meeting ID:

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215-446-3656

Conference code: 933280

- I Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Welcome by Frank Gaffney, ECBV Chairman
- IV. Opening Remarks by Steve DeBruhl, RSPM
- V. Remarks by Kevin Monk, Director of Blind Services
- VI. Introduction of LWC/OWD/LRS Staff
- VII. Introduction of Guests
- VIII. Review of Agenda
- IX. Approval and Correction of October 4th, 2021 Minutes
- X. Old Business
 - 1. FT. POLK, BELLE CHASE AND BARKSDALE
 - 2. FEDERAL PRISON
 - 3. HOSPITALS IN SHREVEPORT, LAFAYETTE, AND MONROE
 - 4. NATIONAL GUARD FACILITIES
 - 5. INVENTORY FORGIVENESS
 - 6. VACATION PAY
- XI. New Business
 - 1. OPEN DISCUSSION WITH MELISSA
 - 2. TRAINING
 - 3. RECRUITMENT
 - 4. RETIREMENTS
 - 5. HIRING LAWYER
 - 6. ADDITIONAL GRANT MONEY

XIII. Sub-Committees

- 1. BUDGET: SHANA "PINKIE" HARRIS
- 2. CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS: EMMA PALMER
- 3. INVENTORY: EARL HEBERT
- 4. LOCATION MERGER: SHELLY LEJEUNE
- 5. NEW FACILITY DEVELOPMENT: HERBERT READO
- 6. POLICY & PROCEDURE: EARL HEBERT
- 7. ROADSIDES: FRANK GAFFNEY
- 8. TRAINING: HERBERT READO
- 9. VENDING: CANDICE LINVILLE
- 10. UPWARD MOBILITY TRAINING: SHELLY
- 11. INSURANCE: FRANK

XIV. District Concerns

- A. District 1- CANDICE LINVILLE
- B. District 2- SHANA "PINKIE" HARRIS
- C. District 3- HERBERT READO
- D. District 4- SHELLY LEJEUNE
- E. District 5- EARL HEBERT
- F. District 6- DONALD ARABIE
- G. District 7- EMMA PALMER

XV. Date of Next Meeting

XVI. Adjournment

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ALL MEETINGS ARE PUBLIC FORUMS. AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE. Public comment is limited to 5 minutes per person as time permits.

CERTIFICATION OF INABILITY TO OPERATE DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM

In accordance with Executive Proclamation 75 JBE 2020, issued by Governor John Bel Edwards on June 4th, 2020, the Louisiana Elected Committee of Blind Vendors and the Blind Vendors Trust Fund Advisory Board are providing for attendance at essential commission and boards meetings via teleconference or video conference as allowed during the pendency of the COVID-19 health emergency. Pursuant to Section 2C of 75 JBE 2020, we will provide attendance for the 2:00 PM meeting on Friday, December 17th, 2021, via Zoom and in a manner that allows for observation and input by members of the public, as set forth in this Notice posted on Friday December 14th 2021. We would otherwise be unable to operate due to quorum requirements.



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La. R.S. 42:17.2 1 Certification

On March 11 2020, in Executive Proclamation 25 JBE 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards declare a state of emergency for Louisiana due to Covid-19. The state of emergency was extended in subsequent Executive Proclamations with the most recent extension in 220 JBE 2021 on November 30, 2021. The state of emergency is a public health one and an in-person meeting of <u>The Elected Committee of Blind Vendors Board</u> would be detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of the public.

In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 42:17.1, the presiding officer of the Elected Committee, Kevin Monk, in the absence of Melissa Bayham, hereby certifies that the agenda of the meeting is limited to 1) matters that, if they are delayed, will cause curtailment of vital public services or severe economic dislocation and hardship and 2) matters that are critical to continuation of business of the Louisiana Workforce Commission-Louisiana Rehabilitation Services and are not able to be postponed due to other deadlines that cannot be postponed or delayed.

As such, in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 42:17.1, the Elected Committee of Blind Vendors meeting on <u>Friday</u>, <u>December 17th at 2:00 PM</u> will be held by video conference and in a manner that allows for observation and input by members of the public in accordance with the provisions in La. R.S. 42:17.1 (C).

Kevin Monk

Blind Services Exec. Dir, Louisiana Rehabilitative Services Presiding Officer in the absence of Melissa Bayham, LRS Director

> R. Danielle Barringer Counsel for LRS

Notary Public, Bar Roll #36147 My Commission Expires Upon Death