

Nebraska Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired  
Public Meeting  
Monday, August 14, 2017  
NCBVI, 4600 Valley Road, Lincoln, NE  
Third Floor Conference Room

Call to Order. Welcome and introductions. Announcement concerning public comment periods, meeting agendas, open meeting act, proof of publication, other logistics.

Mike Hansen, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The meeting began with introductions.

Commissioners present: Mike Hansen, Chairperson, Designee of the National Federation of the Blind of Nebraska, Lincoln; Robert Newman, Vice Chairperson, Omaha; Becky Rieken, Executive Secretary, Dakota City; Mark Bulger, Designee of the American Council of the Blind of Nebraska, Omaha; Chad Bell, Alliance.

Commission staff present: Carlos Servan, Interim Executive Director, Lincoln; Kathy Stephens, Administrative Assistant.

Public present: There was no public present.

A copy of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act was available in both print and Braille format. The Notice of the Meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star, the State Government Calendar, NCBVI Website and NFB Newsline®. The Notice was also sent to ACBN, NFBN, and the NCBVI List Serve.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Executive Session for Interviews for NCBVI Executive Director

Chairperson Hansen reported that the commissioners will be interviewing three candidates for the NCBVI Executive Director position. They are:

- Donald Alveshere (Boise, ID): Mr. Alveshere has worked at the agency for the blind in Washington State and Idaho. He is currently the Aware project manager at Alliance Software.

- Christine Boone (Pickrell, NE): Mrs. Boone has worked at the agency for the blind in Pennsylvania, Michigan, the Oklahoma school for the blind, and currently as a private consultant.

- Carlos Servan (Lincoln, NE): Mr. Servan has worked at the agency for the blind in New Mexico and currently works for NCBVI.

Commissioner Bell moved to go into executive session at 9:05 a.m. to conduct interviews for the NCBVI executive director position.

Commissioner Newman seconded the motion.

All commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Bell moved to come out of executive session at 5:09 p.m.

Commissioner Newman seconded the motion.

All commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

During the Executive Session the commissioners interviewed the top three candidates for the NCBVI Executive Director position. After the interviews were complete they deliberated for a few minutes and decided on who the top candidate is. During their deliberations the commissioners also discussed the salary they will offer to the top candidate.

Chairperson Hansen forwarded that information on to the Office of State Personnel who will finalize a few last details. The individual will then be offered the NCBVI Executive Director position. Once the individual has accepted the position, Chairperson Hansen will send a note to all staff making the announcement.

#### Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Stephens, Administrative Assistant  
NCBVI

Mike Hansen, Chairperson  
NCBVI Board of Commissioners