

NEVADA COMMITTEE OF BLIND VENDORS MEETING MINUTES
11/15/2022
10:00AM

I. Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum: Ivan Delgado Villa, Vice Chair

Ivan Delgado, Vice Chair
Harold Petrofsky, Southern Representative
Joe Urbanek, Southern Representative
Nels Brown, Northern Representative

A quorum was present at this meeting.

II. Verification of Posting: Shehan Peries

Shehan Peries confirmed that the agenda was posted in a timely and correct manner.

III. First Public Comment Session:

Ivan Delgado asked where the public can comment during the meeting.
Chris Mazza confirmed the first session is for agenda items and second is for any comment.

No additional public comments.

IV. For Possible Action - Vote to Accept the Agenda:

Ivan Delgado asked for a motion to accept the agenda.
Harold Petrofsky motioned to accept the agenda.
Nels Brown seconded it.

The motion passed unanimously.

V. Welcome and Introduction of Guests:

South: Ivan Delgado, Harold Petrofsky, Burnetta Schlecter, Joe Urbanek, Sweet Daughtery, Lyncia Urbanek, Leslie Bustillo, Mikie Yamada, Jason Bustillo, Ryan Barnard, Shehan Peries, Chris Mazza, Jason Birmingham, Todd Weiss, Dion Williams

North: Nels Brown, Richard Taylor, Janette Parish, Anthony Szi, Richard Eberly, Ken Pierson

VI. For Possible Action:

Approval of the minutes for the Nevada Committee of Blind Vendors meeting, June 14, 2022.

Ivan Delgado asked for a motion to approve minutes.
Joe Urbanek motioned.
Nels Brown seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Old Business

Discussion – BEN project and status update Chris Mazza, Bureau Chief

Program sales were \$8.7 million for FY 2022. FY 2023 currently at a 3½ % increase overall, projected to exceed \$9 million mark at this rate.

Department of Motor Vehicles operational changes, walk-ins accepted Saturdays only.

Still working on BEN 38 with Clark County to open facility.

Progress with Red Rock Canyon. Sent first draft of permit few months ago, awaiting feedback.

East Las Vegas Library reopening. Has been closed due to Covid and slow traffic. Traffic picking up, Jason Bustillo to be Interim Operator.

Currently at 14 operations (11 licensed, 3 interim). No trainees currently.

Ryan Barnard working on Nye County DMV, Post Office, Police Station, etc. to establish presence.

Reserve sits at \$2.3 million, End of FY 2022.

Ivan Delgado asked Chris to transition to new business

VIII. New Business: Chris Mazza, Bureau Chief

Rehabilitation Services Administration now states that the program cannot use set aside funds for purchase of equipment that is under \$1000 in a facility that is not brand-new. Exception is in an existing facility with a new operator.

Three Ways to buy new equipment:

- Operator can purchase the equipment. Line 22, Section J, can be changed on the P & L
- Reopen case with Vocational Rehabilitation, ask them for equip under \$1000.
- State funds, unassigned vending.

Chris Mazza's recommendation is to use unassigned vending funds.

Opening floor

Joe Urbanek stated he supports using unassigned vending but asked if the amount on the P&L be can changed from \$100 to \$1000 as well.

Chris Mazza said there is a process already in place for requesting equipment above \$100.

Richard Taylor asked if it means repairs to current equipment or just the purchase of new equipment?

Chris Mazza clarified it doesn't affect repairs, doesn't affect equip in facility currently. It's only for purchasing new equipment under \$1000.

Harold Petrofsky asked when a vendor takes over a site does he have a certain amount to time to determine what needs replaced?

Chris Mazza stated yes, 6 months to use set aside funds for new equipment.

Sweet Daughtery asked is it just equipment, would it be paint, etc.?

Chris Mazza stated equipment only.

Ivan Delgado asked if it can be used if you wanted to make modifications to items such as walls like adding slatwall, etc.?

Chris Mazza stated no, equipment only.

Ivan Delgado asked for motion pertaining to which choice to use to pay for new equipment?

Joe Urbanek motioned to use unassigned vending income.

Harold Petrofsky seconded motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Second Public Comment: Ivan Delgado Villa

Ivan Delgado called on all operators for unity and solidarity, to come together more often as a group than just at the quarterly meetings. To be more reliant on themselves as a group and to trust in the expertise of operators in the group like Joe Urbanek who has great experience.

Joe Urbanek thanked Ivan for his kind words. Asked Chris for up to date set aside through November.

Chris Mazza stated he only has an update through September, it is at \$2.5 million.

Sweet Daughtery stated that he agrees with Ivan, that they must work together since they have a common goal. Stated he wants to be sure that everyone is informed via email or newsletter so they can stay up to date.

Ivan Delgado agreed about the email. If subscribed to NABM, they put out information on different happenings such as the recent conference in new Jersey.

Sweet and Ivan both agree that better communication and planning will make them stronger together.

Chris Mazza stated Sagebrush is a gathering early next year. BEN pays for registration, can use it as a meeting place/time and can incorporate annual training.

Ivan Delgado asked if other comments. No additional comments.

X. Discussion - Date for Next NCBV Meeting: Ivan Delgado Villa

Thursday Feb 9, 2023, at 2:00 PM

XI. Adjournment: Ivan Delgado Villa

Ivan asked for motion to adjourn.

Joe Urbanek motioned to adjourn.

Harold Petrofsky seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am