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California State Board of Guide Dogs for the Blind
Notice of Public Board Meeting
Monday, October 26, 2015
1:00 p.m. – Completion of Business
Teleconference Phone Number: 1-866-692-3158
Participant Code: 99686782

One or more Board Members will participate in this meeting at the teleconference sites listed below. Each teleconference location is accessible to the public and the public will be given an opportunity to address the Board at each teleconference location. The public teleconference sites for this meeting are as follows:

Department of Consumer Affairs – San Francisco Room
1625 N. Market Blvd N-318
Sacramento, CA 95834

Board Members
Eric Holm, President
Carmen Delgado, Vice President
Don Brown
Catherine Carlton
Rosa Gomez
Gwen Marelli
Joan Patche

Executive Officer
Brian Skewis

Legal Counsel
Ravinder Kapoor

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of a Quorum
2. President's Welcome
3. Approval of the July 20, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes
4. Executive Officer's Report
 - a. Budget Report
 - b. Examination Update
 - c. Regulations Update
 - d. Outreach Update
5. Discussion and possible action regarding the adoption of the Board's 2015 Strategic Plan.



6. Consideration and possible action on the Consumer Advisory Task Force recommendation to amend definitions in California Code of Regulations Title 16, Division 22, Section 2252.
7. Agenda Items for Next Meeting
8. 2015/16 Meeting Calendar and Locations
9. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda
10. Adjournment

Action may be taken on any item on the agenda. Agenda items may be taken out of order. Meetings of the Board of Guide Dogs for the Blind are open to the public except when specifically noticed otherwise in accordance with the Open Meeting Act. The meeting is accessible to the physically disabled. A person who needs a disability-related accommodation or modification in order to participate in the meeting may make a request by contacting Brian Skewis at (916) 574-7825 or by e-mail at Brian.Skewis@dca.ca.gov or send a request to 1625 N. Market Blvd., Suite N-112, Sacramento, CA 95834. Providing your request at least five (5) business days before the meeting will help ensure availability of the requested accommodation. Please be advised that while the Board makes every effort to make meetings accessible by telephone, it is limited by technical capabilities and technical difficulties cannot always be prevented. The best way to ensure participation in a meeting is to attend in person.



1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of a Quorum
2. President's Welcome
3. Approval of the July 20, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

See Attached Document Entitled – “DRAFT Meeting Minutes – Guide Dog Board Meeting 7-20-2015”

4. Executive Officer's Report
 - a. Budget Report

As of month 3 of fiscal year 2015/16, the Board has expended \$38K of its \$204K budget. With the cost savings plan fully implemented, the Board's fund is projected to remain solvent for the foreseeable future.

- b. Examination Update

7 applicants took and passed the Instructor exam on July 27-29, 2015: Jamie Viezbicke (Guide Dogs of America), Katharine Anderson, Kelsey Matheron, and Adam Silverman (Guide Dogs for the Blind), and Megan Crowley, Julie Angle, and Andrea Martine (Guiding Eyes for the Blind).

The next exam will be held January 11-12, 2016 and there are currently 4 applicants scheduled.

- c. Regulations Update

The Board's examination regulation is being reviewed and will be noticed for public comment in the coming weeks.

The majority of the Board's cleanup regulation language is similar to the language in AB 181 (Bonilla) which was signed by the Governor on October 2, 2015. When this bill goes into effect, the Board will have the ability to make the majority of the changes through a Control Section 100 regulation change instead of going through the entire regulation process. Control Section 100 changes are for technical and non-substantive changes. Because the changes were made in statute, most of these changes would be considered updates for consistency.



d. Outreach Update

Board Staff attended the State Board of Equalization, Disability Advisory Committee's annual faire on October 7th to kick off Disability Awareness Month.

A letter has been drafted and will be sent to service dog schools regarding the formation of a public education committee as discussed at the July meeting.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding the adoption of the Board's 2015 Strategic Plan.

See Attached Document Entitled – "DRAFT Strategic Plan – 10-2015"

6. Consideration and possible action on the Consumer Advisory Task Force recommendation to amend definitions in California Code of Regulations Title 16, Division 22, Section 2252.

Presentation by Consumer Advisory Task Force Chair Michael Hingson.

Proposed Language Change

Instruction - means to demonstrate or explain the techniques used to train or handle a guide dog prior to the completion of an initial training period of the guide dog team. Services provided after an initial training period are not considered instruction.

7. Agenda Items for Next Meeting
8. 2015/16 Meeting Calendar and Locations

Proposed Quarterly Board Meeting Schedule

January 25, 2016
April 18, 2016
July 18, 2016
October 17, 2016

If Board Members have any conflicts with these dates, please contact staff by December 1, 2015 to attempt to reschedule.

9. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda
10. Adjournment