**State of California**

**Health and Human Services Agency**

**Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)**

## Blind Advisory Committee (BAC)

## Meeting Notice and Agenda

## Thursday, February 9, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.\*

DOR Central Office, 721 Capitol Mall, Room 301

Sacramento, CA 95814

## Public Participation Options

In-person at DOR Central Office, 721 Capitol Mall, Room 301, Sacramento, CA 95814

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# Agenda

Please note: Times are listed with the agenda items to assist attendees joining the meeting virtually and by phone. These times are estimates and subject to change. The BAC may act on any item listed in the agenda.

## Item 1: Welcome and Introductions

(9:00 – 9:10 a.m.)

Chris Fendrick, BAC Chair

The Chair will welcome attendees, conduct a roll call, establish a quorum, and introduce DOR staff and members of the public. The BAC Committee members include: Sandy Balani, Bryan Bashin, Margaret Buchmann-Garcia, Chris Fendrick, Sarah Harris, Julie Parrish, Joe Smith, and Cheryl Thurston.

Public comment

## Item 2: Approval of the BAC Meeting Minutes and Review of Action Items

(9:10 – 9:15 a.m.)

Chris Fendrick, BAC Chair

The Chair will lead the Committee in the approval of the minutes from the November 10, 2022, BAC meeting and review of the action items.

Public comment

## Item 3: BAC Committee Members Network Updates

(9:15 – 9:30 a.m.)

BAC members will report on matters of interest in their networks and communities.

Public comment

**Item 4: BAC Election**

(9:30 - 9:45 a.m.)

Chris Fendrick, BAC Chair

BAC Members will vote in a new Chair and Vice-Chair

Public comment

**Item 5: Initial discussion on the standards and guidelines for service providers regarding assessments and instructional practices.**

(9:45– 10:15 a.m.)

Committee discussion.

Public comment

## Item 6: RSA Update re: BEP

(10:15 – 10:45 a.m.)

Kelly Snow, BEP Administrator,

BAC members will receive information regarding new changes around purchasing under $1000, implemented by RSA.

Public comment

## Break (10:45 – 11:00 a.m.)

## Item 7: AB 2480 Update

(11:00 – 11:15 a.m.)

Sue Pelbath, Deputy Director, Specialized Services Division

BAC members will receive information regarding an update on the implementation of AB 2480.

Public comment

**Item 8: BFS rehabilitated closures by age**

(11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

Laura Rasmussen, BFS District Administrator

BAC members will receive data regarding the 369 rehabilitated closures by age for State Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Public comment

## Lunch (12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

## Item 9: Directorate Report

(1:00 – 2:00 p.m.)

Joe Xavier, DOR Director

Victor Duran, Chief Deputy Director

BAC members will receive a report from the DOR Director, regarding organizational, state, and federal issues of interest to the BAC. BAC members will have an opportunity to ask questions and have an interactive dialogue.

## Item 10: DOR Specialized Services Division Report

(2:00 – 2:45 p.m.)

Sue Pelbath, Deputy Director, DOR Specialized Services Division

Michael Thomas, Assistant Deputy Director, DOR Specialized Services Division

Peter Dawson, Regional Director, DOR BFS

Laura Rasmussen, District Administrator, DOR BFS District

Kelly Snow, Manager, DOR Business Enterprise Program

Eric Mazariegos, Acting Administrator, DOR Orientation Center for the Blind

Jay Harris, Manager, DOR Older Individuals who are Blind Program

BAC members will receive updates on the activities of DOR’s Blind Field Services District, Business Enterprise Program, Orientation Center for the Blind, and Older Individuals who are Blind Program.

Public comment

## Break (2:45 – 3:00 p.m.)

## Item 11:

## Hearts for Sight Foundation

(3:00 – 3:30 p.m.)

Joseph Burton, Director

Joseph will be sharing information about the Hearts for Sight Mental Health Program. Hearts For Sight is a Non-profit organization. Their mission is to break down barriers that restrict blind and visually impaired people from pursuing their physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

Public comment

## Item 12: Developing Guidelines and Standards Subcommittee

(3:30 – 3:45 p.m.)

Sarah Harris, Subcommittee Chair

BAC members will select future meeting dates for this subcommittee.

Public comment

**Item 13:** **2023 BAC Meeting Dates and Identification of Future Agenda Items**

(3:45 – 4:00 p.m.)

Chris Fendrick, BAC Chair

The BAC will discuss future agenda items.

## Adjourn (4:00 p.m.) \*

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