



The National Association for the Employment of People who are Blind

NAEPB Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, August 30, 2017 2:00 p.m. Teleconference

Call to Order

A special meeting of the NAEPB Board of Directors was called to order by President Eric Stueckrath on Wednesday, August 30, 2017.

Mr. D’Amico, temporary Board Secretary proceeded with the Board Roll Call, after which he announced that a quorum was reached. Names of other attendees are listed as well.

NAEPB Board Roll Call

Dave Wells	Assistant VP, Operations
David Horton	Vice President, Services
Eric Stueckrath	President
Erika Petach	Vice President, Public Policy
Jim Kerlin	Vice President, Marketing
Ken Fernald	Vice President, Operations
Reinhard Mabry	Vice President, Strategic Planning
Rudy D’Amico	Treasurer/Acting Secretary
Bob Garrett	Member

Excused

Dennis Steiner	Vice President, Ethics and Practices
Michael Monteferrante	Vice President, BSCs

Others Attendees participating:

Jessica Abrahams	Partner-Dentons Law Firm
Joanne Zimolzak	Office Managing Partner-Dentons Law Firm

The special meeting was called to order to discuss the idea of engaging counsel to prepare an Amicus Brief on behalf of NAEPB. President Eric Stueckrath asked for a motion from the floor—Motion to engage Attorney Jessica Abrahams of Dentons Law Firm, to proceed to file an Amicus Brief with regard to the NIB/VA action at \$35,000 with the authority to the President to go up to (and not exceed) \$50,000. Motion by Bob Garrett, seconded by David Horton. Discussion began, and Ms. Abrahams gave the board a full report on the VA issue and how engagement could assist the action moving forward. President Stueckrath then asked for questions from the Board.

VP of Public Policy, Erika Petach, requested recommendations from Jessica on how to proceed, and for a recap of funds available for engagement with the Dentons Firm from the NAEPB Treasurer. Jessica gave recommendations of the Brief with DC suit first and the Colorado suit second. Rudy, NAEPB Treasurer, indicated that about \$175,000 is available in our Savings, of which approximately \$52,500 was earmarked for Tiahrt lobby engagement on WIOA for the rest of 2017; leaving approximately \$122,500 available for a Dentons Amicus Brief. If the cap is put at \$50,000, then this would leave approximately \$72,000 in NAEPB Savings.

Comments for Approval came from Ken Fernald, Reinhard Mabry, David Horton and Bob Garrett. The President called for vote—All ayes, motion approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rudy D’Amico, Treasurer/Acting Secretary