Massachusetts Commission for the Blind

**Statutory Advisory Board Meeting**

600 Washington Street

Boston, MA 02111

Friday, June 18th, 2021

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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**AGENDA**

* Chair Opening
* Vote to accept the May 14th, 2021 Minutes
* Welcome to any members of the public attending the meeting and request that they raise questions or comments.
* Request that MCB record SAB meetings and make recordings available to the public and that procedure be agreed upon where by consumers may record the meetings.
* Comments by representatives of SEIU Local 509 (10 minutes)
* Status of request to the Commissioner that the SAB be provided with quarterly financials on an ongoing basis (in a format convenient to MCB) and that the CFO be available for a short amount of time to answer budget-related questions.
* Commissioner Budget Update
  + Year-to-date MCB financial statements.
  + Estimates-Spending in all accounts- balance of FY21 and reversions, if any.
  + Status of Senate Amendment #432 that would restore $850,000 to MCB budget.
* Comments by Joe Abely and other SAB members regarding the budget
* Update by Commissioner with particular focus on concern regarding next year’s budget and the impact of expected increased demand for MCB services.
* Brief update from May meeting on:
  + Comprehensive State Needs Assessment
  + Feasibility Study to Evaluate Establishment of a For-Profit Business Employing the Blind.
  + Feasibility of Blind Business Enterprises on eBay or Amazon
* Comments by the Commissioner and others regarding the best way to inform consumers of community news and other current developments. Progress in listing MCB events on Newsline.
* Brief update from May meeting on “Dashboards” for tracking MCB performance.
* Brief update from May meeting on strategic plan to track performance of employees and delivery of services.
* AIM Library update with focus on Kim Charlson’s concerns
* Request that Commissioner provide Friday dates in September when he would be available at noon for SAB meeting.
* Other business
* The next SAB Meeting will be held at noon on July 30th.