

**Nebraska Business Enterprises
Nebraska Blind Licensees Emergency Committee Meeting**

**Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired
4600 Valley Rd. Suite 100
Lincoln, NE 68510**

October 11, 2023

This meeting took place via Zoom.

Meeting called to order at 9:01 AM by Chairperson Sandy Alvarado

Board Members in Attendance

Sandy Alvarado, Chairperson; Andrea Chizek, Vice Chairperson; Ronnie Kellogg, Secretary; Jeremy Richey

Absent Board Members

Atty Svendsen

Blind Licensees and Trainees in Attendance

Jim Jirak

NCBVI Staff in Attendance

Eric Buckwalter, NBE Supervisor; Lizzie Heidenreich, NBE Counselor

Guests

Linda Mentink; NCBVI Commissioner

This emergency meeting is in order to discuss and approve the new policy for the general liability insurance policy that covers NBE Vendors. The information was not provided to the SLA in time for the regular Committee of Blind Vendors meeting on 9/29/2023.

Eric clarified that the policy is currently needing approval for a hard binding, as it is already in soft binding.

This policy covers all vendors' general liability needs.

Policy Cost Breakdown:

General Liability Premium - \$4,166.00

Policy Fee - \$250.00

Nebraska Surplus Lines Tax - \$124.98

Total - \$4,540.98

Sandy reminded everyone that this covers everybody and that we used to have to get our own individual general liability insurance policies. She said that the money for these collective coverage policies comes out of set aside unassigned funds.

Eric clarified that only unassigned funds are used to pay for these policies.

Jeremy moved that we approved the new liability policy to be paid for from unassigned funds.

Andrea seconded the motion

Roll Call

Andrea – aye

Ronnie – aye

Jeremy – aye

Sandy – aye

Motioned passed

Eric confirmed that he will send the necessary email to bind the policy.