**July 31, 2021, 11:00am-3:00pm Board Meeting Agenda**

**Meeting will be held using Zoom**

**National Federation of the Blind of Connecticut**

**Roll Call**

**NFB Pledge**

**Reports:**

**Treasurer’s Report-Nathanael Wales**

**Department of Aging and Disability Services (ADS)**

**Bureau of Education and Services for the Blind (BESB)- Minutes only**

**Link to Minutes is** [**ABPVI-Minutes-6-17-2021.doc**](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/AgingandDisability/BOARDS/ABPVI-Minutes-6-17-2021.doc)

**SRC (State Rehabilitation Council)-Deb Reed**

**PAC (Planned Authorized Contribution) Plan-Len Schlenk**

**BCAC (BESB Consumer Advisory Committee) -Barbara Blejewski**

**The Federationist-Brianna Rigsbee**

**BELL Academy-Kristen Dockendorff**

**Birdies for Charity-Mary Silverberg**

**New Business:**

**Principles of Engagement for State Convention 2021- Discuss and vote on by Board members**

**Amendments to NFB of CT Constitution: The Board of Directors voted that article IX (9) of our Constitution, the paragraph stating that the name National Federation of the Blind or any derivative of that name, etc. be added back into to the Constitution. It was removed back in 1971. Second amendment is to Article XI (11) Dues. The Board of Directors voted that this language be struck from our Constitution at the advice of National Federation of the Blind Membership Practices Overview.**

**Article IX: AFFILIATION**

**Remove this portion: (NOTE: An amendment to the Constitution of the National Federation of the Blind was passed in July 1971, restricting the use of the name only to organizations so affiliated. However, we did not pass this amendment with the Constitution of the Connecticut Federation, and your President feels it should not be part of this State Constitution. This note is for reminder to us that such a restriction exists in the National Constitution.)**

**Add this: The name National Federation of the Blind, Federation of the Blind, or any variant thereof is the property of the National Federation of the Blind; and any affiliate, or local chapter or division of an affiliate, if it ceases to be a part of the National Federation of the Blind, (for whatever reason) shall forthwith forfeit the right to use the name National Federation of the Blind, Federation of the Blind, or any variant thereof.**

**Article XI: Dues**

**Remove this portion: A life-time membership may be secured for a fee of $100.00. A person must be a paid member at least fifteen (15) days in advance of a state convention to be able to vote at said convention.**

**State Convention Update: Maryanne Melley, Beth Rival, Deb Reed, Jim Cronin, Brian Martin.**

**The Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped is Moving - LBPH will remain in operation out of the Middletown Library Service Center. We are waiting to hear who the new Director will be.**

**Vote on Giving $3,000.00 of $6,000.00 car sale to National office.**

**Wilton YMCA Outing-Jim Cronin**

**Sponsorship of Achilles-Mary Silverberg**

**Chapter News**

**Business Meeting: October 31st is at our State Convention**