

**GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND AND
VISUALLY IMPAIRED
SERVICES FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED
40 FOUNTAIN STREET
FIRST FLOOR
PROVIDENCE, RI 02903**

MINUTES:

March 14, 2016

Members Present: Donald Deignan – Chairperson GAC; Graciela Pires – President NFB of RI / GAC Member; Elizabeth Graves – GAC Member / SRC; John Pimental – Vice President of NFB of RI / GAC Member; Barbara Walsh – GAC Member

Members Not Present: Rick Costa – SILC Member/Representative; Al Williams – GAC member; Donna Elliott – GAC Member / NFB of RI; Ralph Ianitelli – GAC Member

Staff Present: Laurie DiOrio –Administrator SBVI; Sandra Pritko – SS/EI Unit Supervisor; Melanie Sbardella – SBVI VR Unit Supervisor

Staff Not Present: Rebecca Cloutier – Case Aide SBVI

Guest: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

At 4:10 pm the quarterly meeting for the GAC was called to order.

Motion to approve minutes from December 14, 2015 were approved with the minutes to be posted directly to Secretary of State website.

Membership: Barbara Walsh & John Pimental accept re-nomination

to continue serving. Both positions expired 03/01/2016. Appointment requests to be sent to Governor. Richard Costa will not be reappointed.

Discussion revolving around Elizabeth Graves position due to the fact that her position is now titled as "Indefinite". There is no documentation to support this outside of the RIGL 40-9-3 which speaks to having a member of RISILC on the GAC as ex-officio. Liz is no longer a RISILC member so she cannot fulfill that role. Don will contact RISILC Chair for recommendation.

Membership list will be updated to reflect the above changes.

Next meeting will be June 13, 2016.