Blind Services Planning Council

Meeting agenda for Friday, April 4, 2025, 9:30 AM

9:30 AM Call to order and Opening remarks: Sharon Howerton, Chairperson

- New member introduction – Karyn Campbell

9:40 AM Final vote of elected positions of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary

9:45 AM Review and acceptance of meeting minutes from December 4, 2024

9:50 AM Open Meetings Act Overview: Aimee Julian, ICSPS

10:00 AM Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) Bureau of Customer & Community Blind Services (BCCBS) Reports

- Rahnee Patrick, DRS Director
- Andrew Webb, Bureau Chief: BCCBS
- Heather Speth, Assistant Bureau Chief: BCCBS
- Latisha Houston, ICRE-Wood Superintendent: ICRE-Wood
- Business Enterprise Program for the Blind (BEPB)

10:30 AM Committee Reports

- State Rehabilitation Committee (SRC) Sharon Howerton

10:35 AM Consumer Group Reports

- Illinois Council of the Blind (ICB) Karyn Campbell
- National Federation of the Blind of Illinois (NFBI) Dan Tevelde

10:45 AM New Business

- Improving communication strategies with Chicago Lighthouse

10:50 AM Guest Comments

10:55 AM Next meeting:

- June 27, 2025, 9:30 AM

11:00 AM Adjourn