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**LBB Announces the Appointment of Two New Board Members**

**New board members Yolanda Gillette-Candelaria and Tabinda Syed  
will bring a wide range and depth of experience to the organization.**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - LBB is excited to announce the appointment of Yolanda Gillette-Candelaria and Tabinda Syed to the board of directors.

As the Outreach Manager in Health Education at Big Bend AHEC, Gillette-Candelaria’s experience in public relations, marketing, and board service in the healthcare, education, and nonprofit community will bring beneficial knowledge and perspective to LBB.

Syed is a Business Process Analyst at Infinity Software Development, Inc. Her experience in nonprofit management, information and project management combined with writing grants and increasing brand exposure will be a valuable addition to the board.

“We are excited about the addition of these new enthusiastic board members,” said LBB’s CEO Kim Galbán-Countryman. “Tabinda and Yolanda will be a great addition to the board and further strengthen the organization for the clients and communities we serve.”

Special thanks go out to LBB’s outgoing board member Doug Bailey. As the husband of LBB’s friend and client, Paula Bailey who passed away in 2005, he was an indirect recipient of LBB’s services. After Paula lost her sight and nearly deaf after contracting bacterial meningitis, he has been forever grateful to the organization for helping to restore Paula’s independence and again enjoy their lives as a family. Doug also played a critical role in the creation of LBB’s successful fundraiser Paula Bailey Dining in the Dark held annually.

The mission of LBB is to enhance the lives of individuals who live with vision loss in the Big Bend area through direct services, community engagement, and education. LBB’s areas are Franklin, Gadsden, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, and Wakulla counties.

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