



ATTN: To whom it may concern:

DATE: March 4, 2026

I have known Chris Hanna for 2 decades and remain impressed with him to balance the clinical operational enhancements of eye banking with a keen business sense. Chris has been in eye banking since 1998 and obtained his MBA in 2011. He has served as the Executive Director of the Utah Lions Eye Bank since 2006. It has been my experience that Chris brings a unique skillset that is needed to help guide EBAA to be stronger than ever.

He is passionate about the mission of sight restoration, has extensive knowledge of the challenges and opportunities eye banks are facing, and has extensive Board experience – all which give him a historical perspective that melds very well with his solution-focused mentality. He solves problems while maintaining integrity and putting the mission first. Chris is a bridge builder to help form partnerships across sight restoration including research.

I would like to extend my highest support to electing Mr. Hanna to the Chair-Elect position of EBAA.

Sincerely,

Alan Blake, CEBT, CTBS

Co-CEO