

BOARD MINUTES
BOARD OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Meeting of August 22, 2019 ~ 1:00pm
Wisconsin Veterans Museum
30 W Mifflin St, Madison, WI 53703

Board Members

Vern Larson, Chair
Curtis Schmitt, Jr., Vice Chair
Al Richards, Secretary
John Townsend
Carl Krueger
Steven Best
William Schrum
Paul Chamberlain (Excused)

Others Present (not all inclusive)

Larry Hill, COVP Chairman
Al Labelle, DAV
Michael Owensby, Citizen

WDVA Present
Mary Kolar, Secretary-designee
Kathy Still, Assistant Deputy Secretary
Kelly Behling, Executive Staff Assistant

1. Call to order and roll call
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vern Larson. A quorum was present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
The pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Certification of notice of meeting
Proper notification of the meeting occurred.
4. Review and action on June 20, 2019 meeting minutes
Alan Richards moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held June 20, 2019; motion carried on a voice vote.
5. Secretary's Comments
Secretary Kolar provided the Board with agency updates.
6. Administrative Rules Update
Mindy Allen, Office of the Secretary provided a rules update to the Board.
7. Legislator Comments
Assistant Deputy Secretary Kathy Still provided Legislative updates to the Board.
8. Legal Comments
DVA chief legal provided members with an overview of the legal and ethical duties and responsibilities in public service.
9. Chair of Honor Update
Nicole Pegram from Department of Revenue, former aid to Representative Barca provided the Council with an update on the Chair of Honor project.

10. Veterans Homes Update
Diane Lynch, Homes Administrator provided the Board with an updated on the homes.
11. Board Member Reports by District
Board members provided updates by district. A suggestion was made for the Wisconsin Veterans Museum to contact the Pearson Museum in Green Bay to obtain some possible items of interest for the Wisconsin Veterans Museum
12. Public Input
 - Vern Larson provided a COVP update to the Board for Chair Larry Hill.
13. Future meetings
Suggested meeting dates were presented to the group through May 2020.
14. Future Agenda items
 - Review BOVA By-Laws
 - Form Legislative and Strategic Sub-committees
15. Adjournment
A motion to adjourn was made by Steven Best and carried on a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 2:28p.m.

Vern Larson
Chair