

## Board of Veterans Affairs

Meeting minutes – March 16, 2023, 1:00pm

Wisconsin Veterans Museum, 30 W Mifflin Street, Madison, with Virtual Option

<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Board Members Present:</u>	<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Others Present: (not inclusive)</u>
1	Vacant	-	Dale Wiegard - AMVETS (virtual)
2	William Schrum, Chair	Present	Adam Wallace - VFW (virtual)
3	Christopher Hanson, Vice Chair	Present	
4	Tonnetta Carter	ABSENT	
5	Vern Larson	Present	
6	Vacant	-	
7	Jason Maloney, Secretary	Present	
8	Chris Cornelius	ABSENT	
At Large	Vacant	-	

Four members - Quorum

### WDVA Staff Present:

Jame Bond, Secretary-designee  
Christopher McElgunn, Deputy Secretary  
Joseph Hoey, Asst. Deputy Secretary  
Scott Sussman, OLC  
Diane Lynch, Homes Administrator  
Brian Jones, Veterans Benefits  
Colleen Flaherty, Public Affairs  
Shannon Miller, Public Affairs  
Larry Graves, Veterans Benefits  
Curtis Lemke, Veterans Benefits  
Kevin Hampton, Museum  
Mindy Allen, OLC (virtual)

Chair William Schrum called the meeting to order at 1:01pm. Roll call was taken - four board members are in attendance. There is a Quorum.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Certification of Notice of Meeting was recognized, the meeting has been properly noticed.

Meeting minutes from December 15, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Vern Larson made a motion to approve, Jason Maloney 2nd the motion. Minutes approved on a unanimous vote.

WDVA leadership team introductions of Sec. Bond, Deputy McElgunn, Asst. Deputy Hoey, Division Administrator Jones, Communications Director Colleen Flaherty, and Homes Administrator Diane Lynch

Secretary Bond provided an agency update to the Board.

Assistant Deputy Secretary Joseph Hoey provided a legislative update to the board.

The Board discussed: How the board can be better utilized and how to building awareness to help fill vacancies on Board.

COVP Chair, Larry Hill provided a COVP update to the Board

Camp Randall Project - Kevin Hampton from the WVM provided a status update to the Board.

Jason Maloney provided an update on the Blue Ribbon Commission. Maloney presented the resolution of the commission.

Board member reports and announcements by district.

Board members discussed expiration of terms.

Public comment: Adam Wallace, VFW, voiced concern of the Camp Randall project.

Election of Board Officers:

William Schrum nominates Jason Maloney, Vern Larson nominates Chris Hanson. A private ballot vote is taken and both nominee tie at 2 votes each. Chris Hanson defers to Jason Maloney and remains as Vice Chair.

Jason Maloney nominates Vern Larson for position of Secretary. Remaining board members vote in favor of Larson.

Future meeting dates reviewed by Chair Schrum.

Future agenda items: Biannual budget, overview of benefits provided by Division of Veterans Benefits, recruiting of veterans

Motion to adjourn: Chris Hanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was second by William Schrum. Motion approved by a unanimous vote. Meeting was adjourned at 2:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jason Maloney, Chair