

BOARD MINUTES
BOARD OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Meeting of February 11, 2021 ~ 1:00pm
ZOOM/ Teleconference

Board Members

Larson, Vern, Chairman
Schmitt, Jr., Curtis - Vice Chair
Richards, Al - Secretary
Best, Steven
Chamberlain, Paul
Carter, Tonnetta -
Schrum, William
Townsend, John – ABSENT
Hanson, Christopher

Others Present (not all inclusive)

Dr. Charles Allen, UW Milwaukee
Senator Eric Wimberger
Joe Rasmussen, UW Madison
Representative Ken Skowronski
Sarah Godsave, UW Wisconsin, Stout
Angela Morris, Veterans Benefits Administration
Victoria Brahm, Veterans Benefits Administration

WDVA Present

Mary Kolar, Secretary
Kathy Still, Assistant Deputy Secretary
Carla Vigue, Communications Director
Kelly Behling, Executive Staff Assistant
Shannon Miller, Communications
Diane Lynch, Homes Administrator
Donald Placidi, Veterans Benefits
Mindy Allen, Administrative Rules Coordinator
Patty Harrison, Communications
Shaun Stoeger, Tribal Liaison

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 BOVA meeting minutes
Steven Best moved to approve the minutes of the November 5th, 2020 meeting, 2nd by Alan Richards, motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

5. Secretary's Comments
Secretary Kolar provided the Board with agency updates.
6. Presentations: Presentations:
 - a. Victoria Brahm, Director VISN12
 - b. Senator Eric Wimberger
 - c. Representative Skowronski
 - d. Dawn McCarthy, Soldier Home, Milwaukee
 - e. Donald Placidi, Jr. – MMAC
7. Legislative Update:
Assistant Deputy Secretary Still provided a Legislative update to the committee.
8. Action:
 - a. Review VA2. Alan Richards moves to create a motion to approve, Christopher Hanson 2nd the motion. Motion passed on unanimous vote.
9. Board Member Reports by District: None
10. Old Business: None
11. New Business: None
12. Election of Officers:
Chairman – Curtis Schmitt was nominated for Chairman. Alan Richards made a motion, Christopher Hanson 2nd the motion. Motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Vice Chairman – Christopher Hanson was nominated for Vice Chairman. Curtis Schmitt made a motion, Alan Richards 2nd the motion. Motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Secretary – Alan Richards was nominated for Secretary. Steve Best made a motion, Curtis Schmitt 2nd the motion. Motion passed on a unanimous vote.
13. Public Comment: None
14. Future meetings:
The Council recommended:
 - May 6, 2021 – Location TBD
 - August 12, 2021 - Proposed
 - November 18, 2021 – Proposed
 - February 10, 2022 – Proposed
15. Public comment: None
16. Future agenda items: None
17. Adjournment
A motion to adjourn carried on a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 2:24pm.

Vern Larson
Chairman