

BOARD MINUTES
BOARD OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Meeting of November 5, 2020 ~ 1:00pm
Webex/ Teleconference

Board Members

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

Others Present (not all inclusive)

Amy Pietsch, Fox Valley Technical College
Becky Boulanger, Fox Valley Technical College
Brian Michel, Mental Health America
Joe Rasmussen, UW Madison
Josh Sova, USO Wisconsin
Saul Newton, Veterans Chamber of Commerce

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
Anthony Schwartz, IT Department

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
Al Richard moved to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2020 meeting, 2nd by William Schrum, motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.
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1. Secretary's Comments
Secretary Kolar provided the Board with agency updates.
 2. Legislative Update:
Assistant Deputy Secretary Still provided a Legislative update to the committee.

3. Old Business: None

4. New Business: None

5. Presentations:

Carla Vigue, WDVA Communications Director provided an update on the WDVA website.

Grant Recipients (FY2020):

- a. Wisconsin Veterans Chamber of Commerce - Saul Newton, Executive Director
- b. USO Wisconsin – Josh Sova, Executive Director
- c. Fox Valley Technical College – April Pietsch, Director and Becky Boulanger, Executive Director.
- d. Mental Health American – Brian Michel, Director

6. Board Member Reports by District: None

7. Public Comment: None

8. Future meetings

The Council recommended:

- February 11, 2021 -Virtual
- May 6, 2021 – Location TBD

9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn carried on a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 2:24pm.

Vern Larson
Chair