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MICHIGAN VETERANS FACILITY AUTHORITY
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 26, 2017
1:00 p.m.

MINUTES
Approved May 17, 2017

A meeting of the Michigan Veterans Facility Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair Jim Redford. The meeting was held at the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, 300 N. Washington Square, Lansing MI 48933.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll call

Chair Redford called for a roll call of members present. The following were present: Chair Jim Redford, John Thorhauer, A. Rocky Raczkowski, David Rutledge, Mary Kummer Naber, MaryAnne Shannon, Paul Potter, David Henry, Spencer Hoover.

3. Introductions of board members and staff

Chair Redford introduced the following State of Michigan employees as present from Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency; Brad Slagle, Anne Zerbe, Phil Yeiter, Meegan Holland, Suzanne Thelen, Ryan Engle, Jeff Cassidy, and Scott Blakeney. From Board of Managers: Paul Mead. From State Budget Office: Ryan Doll. From Legislative Service Bureau: Dr. Kellie Cody. From The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs: Steve Kozera and Al Christian.

4. Public comment (please limit comments to three minutes; state your name and address for the recording secretary)

There were none.

5. Acceptance of the Meeting Agenda

Raczkowski, seconded by Rutledge, moved acceptance of the meeting agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Housekeeping (expense reimbursement, telecommuting rules, communications portal, development of ethics policy)

Meegan Holland (MVAA) reviewed agenda item #5 and presented administrative forms and policies for board members to become familiar with.

- 7. Background on Michigan's State Veteran Home Program (Anne Zerbe, MVAA)**
Anne Zerbe (MVAA) presented agenda item #6, A PowerPoint presentation on the background of Michigan's participation in the State Veteran Home Program, including: existing facilities, funding history, VA regulations and requirements, and census data.

8. Break

Chair Redford called for a 10 minute recess at 2:45 p.m.

Chair Redford called the meeting to order at 2:55 p.m.

9. Construction timeline

Anne Zerbe (MVAA) presented agenda item #7, a PowerPoint presentation on the VA construction grant application and process, including; timelines, state funding match, appropriations to date, the Request for proposal process, and DTMB contacts leading the project.

10. Strategic planning

Chair Redford presented agenda item #8, describing an offer from Accenture to donate services for strategic planning to the MVFA Board of Directors. Chair Redford indicated that he would provide board members with a copy of the proposal prior to the next board meeting for the purposes of review and acceptance at the next board meeting.

Rackowski, seconded by Henry, motioned to place the acceptance of donated Accenture services on the agenda for the next board meeting as new business. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Discussion on board appointments for officer and subcommittee positions

Chair Redford presented agenda item #9. Chair Redford outlined the following board positions and their responsibilities: Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. Chair Redford also discussed the following two committees: Governance and Facilities. Chair Redford asked the board to review the position and committee descriptions and indicate their interest in filling a position no later than May 1st, 2017.

12. Meeting schedule

Rackowski, seconded by Naber, moved adoption of the MVFA Board of Director Meeting Schedule for FY 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Board comments

There were none.

14. Public comment (Please limit comments to five minutes; state your name and address for the recording secretary)

Mark Sutton of the American Legion Department of Michigan expressed his thanks and gratitude to the board for their willingness to serve and dedication to Michigan veterans.

15. Closed session

Rackowski, seconded by Rutledge, motioned to suspend the meeting and move into a closed session for the purposes to consider the purchase or lease of real property. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote with members Redford, Thorhauer, Rackowski, Rutledge, Naber, Shannon, Potter, Henry, and Hoover voting in favor.

The meeting moved into closed session at 4:16 p.m.

16. Closed Session Minutes

17. Open Session

The meeting came out of closed session and returned to open session at 4:55 p.m.

18. Adjournment

Rackowski, seconded by Shannon, motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.



James Robert Redford
Board Chairman
MVAA Director