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MICHIGAN VETERANS FACILITY AUTHORITY
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 8, 2017
9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

A meeting of the Michigan Veterans Facility Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Jim Redford. The meeting was held at the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, 222. N. Washington Square, Lansing MI 48933.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Attendance roll call

Chair Redford called for a roll call of members present. The following were present: Chair Jim Redford, David Rutledge, Mary Kummer Naber, Paul Potter, Spencer Hoover, David Henry, and John Thorhauer. The following were present via telephone: MaryAnne Shannon. The following were absent: A. Rocky Raczkowski. Chair Redford introduced the following State of Michigan employees as present from Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency; Brad Slagle, Anne Zerbe, Phil Yeiter, Steve Potter, Jeff Cassidy, Suzanne Thelen. From State Budget Office: Ryan Doll, Brent Turner. From Legislative Service Bureau: Dr. Kellie Cody. From the Attorney General's Office: Joe Froehlich.

3. Acceptance of the meeting agenda

Rutledge, seconded by Naber, moved acceptance of the meeting agenda as presented. The motion passed 7-0 with two members not voting.

4. Approval of May 17, 2017 meeting minutes

Henry, seconded by Naber moved acceptance of the May 17, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed 7-0 with two members not voting.

5. Public comment

There were none.

6. Housekeeping (expense reimbursement, draft meeting schedule for FY '18)

Phil Yeiter (MVAA) reviewed agenda item #5 and sought any comments or questions regarding the completion of expense reimbursement requests and additional input or suggestions regarding potential board software. There were no questions or comments from the board members.

7. New business; Facilities-Building Committee Report: recommendation of the Facilities-Building Committee on RFP process and bids.

The Building-Facilities committee reported that they met on the following dates for the following reasons:

June 1: Phone conference to discuss Detroit trip for property acquisition.

June 5: Met in Detroit regarding property acquisition.

June 7: Met in Grand Rapids with TowerPinkster for Architecture & Engineering Update.

The Building-Facilities committee recommended, based on their review of the TowerPinkster proposal and the expertise that SFCS brings to the design of long-term care facilities, that the board accept the proposal as submitted to DTMB.

Henry, seconded by Rutledge moved acceptance of the DTMB presented Architecture & Engineering bid proposal from TowerPinkster to present to the Ad Board for final approval on June 12, 2017. The motion passed 7-0 with two members not voting.

8. Executive Committee Report

The Executive committee reported that they met on the following dates for the following reasons:

May 26: Phone conference to discuss possible site locations, development opportunities, and budgeting.

Chair Redford led a discussion regarding the establishment, transition, and utilization of MVFA appropriated funds, including the establishment of accounting codes through DMVA that will allow the MVFA to authorize spending and the need to establish a five year financial plan.

9. Consider approval of Resolution to Authorize Signatories

Thorhauer, seconded by Henry moved acceptance of the Resolution to Authorize Signatories with the following amendments:

I. Addition of: 4(c) in compliance with current State of Michigan practices.

The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote with members Redford, Rutledge, Naber, Henry, Hoover, Potter, and Thorhauer voting in favor. Shannon and Raczkowski did not vote.

Break

Chair Redford called for a ten minute recess at 9:40 a.m.

Chair Redford called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

10. Organizational structure of the Michigan Veteran Health System and current state veteran homes. (Brad Slagle, MVAA)

Brad Slagle presented agenda item #9, leading a discussion regarding the current organizational structure and responsibilities of the Michigan Veteran Health System, including an overview of vacant positions within the MVHS and current contractual relationships with service providers and State of Michigan departments and agencies.

The MVFA Board of Directors was informed that the DOD is moving to a new electronic health record platform called, Military Health System (MHS) GENESIS. MHS GENESIS will be available throughout all Department of Defense facilities, and accessible to all members of the DOD's healthcare team. The Veteran Healthcare Administration (VHA) is currently working to move VHA electronic health records to MHS GENESIS so that the VHA and the DOD will be utilizing the same platform.

11. Building and operating state veteran homes – “The Maine Model” (John Larouche, Esq.)

John Larouche provided information and led a discussion about his experience with the VA's State Veteran Home Program, including construction, streams of revenue, bonding intricacies, involvement with the National Association of State Veteran Homes (NASVH) and political advocacy opportunities.

12. Board Comments

Thorhauer requested that the Governance Committee review the MSHDA documents provided by Phil Yeiter and be prepared to discuss at the next Governance Committee meeting.

Hoover, seconded by Naber moved to request a formal Finance Committee description for Board approval to be included on the Agenda for the July 18 MVFA Board of Directors meeting. The motion passed 7-0 with two members not voting.

13. Public Comments

Katherine Kooyers thanked the Board of Directors and the Michigan Veteran Affairs Agency staff for their work and dedication to Michigan's veterans. Ms. Kooyers noted that she is seeing a positive change in the Grand Rapids community's perception of the State Veteran Home program.

Jack Devine thanked the Board of Directors for their service and commitment to Michigan veterans. Mr. Devine also offered his assistance as the legislative liaison of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Veteran Service Organization.

Paul Palazzolo, Vietnam Veterans of America Detroit Chapter 9 President, offered his assistance with potential site identification and property procurement. Mr. Palazzolo provided a brief history of his role with the Fisher House Foundation and his commitment to see the completion of a State Veteran Home completed within the City limits of Detroit.

Break

Chair Redford called for a five minute recess at 11:55 a.m.

Chair Redford called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

14. Closed Session

Henry, 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 and to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure under section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consult with Attorney Joe Froehlich regarding a written legal memorandum. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote with members Redford, Thorhauer, Rutledge, Naber, Henry, Potter, and Hoover voting in favor. Raczkowski and Shannon did not vote.

The meeting moved into closed session at 12:03 p.m.

15. Closed Session Minutes

16. Open Session

Rutledge, seconded by Henry motioned to move into open session. The motion passed 7-0 with two members not voting.

The meeting came out of closed session and returned to open session at 1:25 p.m.

17. Adjournment

Rutledge, seconded by Henry, motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 7-0 with two members not voting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:27p.m.



James Robert Redford
Board Chairman
MVAA Director