

MICHIGAN VETERANS FACILITY AUTHORITY  
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

December 5, 2017  
10:00 a.m.

APPROVED MINUTES

A meeting of the Michigan Veterans Facility Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Jim Redford. The meeting was held at the Michigan State Capitol – 100 N. Capitol Square Lansing, MI 48933, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Senate Appropriations Room

**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, Paul Potter, David Henry, John Thorhauer, Spencer Hoover, Mary Naber, A. Rocky Raczkowski, David Rutledge. The following were absent: MaryAnne Shannon.

**3. Acceptance of the meeting agenda**

*Henry, seconded by Thorhauer, motioned to accept the agenda as presented. The motion passed 8-0.*

**4. Approval of Minutes**

*Rutledge, seconded by Naber motioned to accept the meeting minutes dated October 17, 2017 as presented. The motion passed 8-0.*

**5. Public comment**

Representatives from Genesys Health System presented comments that as a health system working with the USDVA as a registered facilities and providers in the VA Choice Program they would like to potentially leverage their Genesee County Campus for a State Veteran Home to ensure a continuum of care for Michigan's veteran population.

**6. Housekeeping;** Board member terms and upcoming expirations, January meeting time and location

John Thorhauer's term expires in April 2018. Thorhauer indicated his desire to continue to serve on the Michigan Veterans Facilities Authority Board of Directors.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held at the Outdoor Adventure Center in Detroit, MI on January 23 at 9:00 a.m.

**7. Consider recommendation and approval of hiring timeline and position descriptions**

Chair Redford summarized the conversation from an executive subcommittee meeting that was held via telephone conference on October 27, 2017. The subcommittee discussed the timeline for the hiring of a CEO dedicated solely to the MVFA. The decision was made based on the recommendation of both Chair Redford and MVHA CEO Brad Slagle that the new CEO could effectively manage the current MVHS and the Authority Administration at this point in time, contingent on the approval of positions being established for a Director of Construction, an Executive Assistant, and possibly additional administrative support positions.

Chari Redford led a discussion on how State of Michigan contractual agreements for staff are created through Civil Service and the Office of the State Employer and additionally how the position description development process and hiring is conducted through the aforementioned entities.

Attorney General Counsel Joe Froehlich indicated that the MVFA should seek “appointing authority” from DMVA.

*Rutledge, seconded by Raczkowski motioned to approve the recommendation and hiring timeline as presented and subject to Civil Service Commission and Office of the State Employer approval. The motion passed 8-0.*

**8. Consider recommendation and approval of FY '18 budget and spend plan**

MVAA Chief of Staff Steve Potter provided background on the budget development, indicating that the position descriptions approved were accounted for in the FY'18 spend plan and the CEO salary is split between the MVFA and the MVAA operating budgets.

Treasurer Hoover indicated that there were a change in line items from the initial projection and an overall reduction in staff salaries and projected contractual costs.

*Henry, seconded by Rutledge motioned to approve the FY '18 budget and spend plan as presented. The motion passed 8-0.*

**Break**

Chair Redford called for a ten minute recess at 11:12 a.m.  
Chair Redford called the meeting to order at 11:22 a.m.

## **9. Consider recommendation and approval of the FY '17 annual legislative report**

MVAA Legislative Specialist Phil Yeiter provided an overview of the annual legislative report as presented and the reporting requirements outlined in Public Act 560 of 2016, MCL 36.112 Sec. 12(1).

*Rutledge, seconded by Raczkowski motioned to approve the FY '17 annual legislative report subject to final approval by Chair Redford. The motion passed 8-0.*

## **10. Architecture & Engineering update; design & construction budget, schematic design, local zoning – TowerPinkster**

TowerPinkster Project Manager Rob Courter presented the most updated project overview and led a discussion with members of the board discussing zoning changes, master planning, design and function of the neighborhood center, potential activities for future residents and location of rehabilitation services in the community center.

## **11. Board Comments**

Chair Redford discussed possible changes to the original capital outlay statute and a possible expansion area for construction from the City of Detroit to a broader Southeast Michigan location.

Raczkowski made note that he had been receiving phone calls that would be best directed to the board chair and/or MVAA staff.

## **12. Public Comment**

There were none.

## **13. Closed Session**

*Henry, seconded by Thorhauer 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 8-0 by roll call vote with members Redford, Thorhauer, Rutledge, Naber, Henry, Potter, Hoover and Raczkowski voting in favor.*

The meeting moved into closed session at 11:53 p.m.

## **14. Closed Session Minutes**

## **15. Open Session**

*Rutledge, seconded by Raczkowski motioned to move into open session. The motion passed 8-0.*

The meeting came out of closed session and returned to open session at 12:25 p.m.

## **16. Adjournment**

Raczkowski, *seconded by Naber, motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 8-0.*

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Robert Redford".

James Robert Redford  
Board Chairman  
MVAA Director