

MICHIGAN VETERANS FACILITY AUTHORITY
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 20, 2018
10:00 a.m.

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 Grand Rapids Home for Veterans – 3000 Monroe Ave. Grand Rapids, MI 49525.

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

There was not a quorum present.

3. Acceptance of the meeting agenda

4. Approval of Minutes

5. Public comment

Catherine Buckley spoke questioning whether there would be an increased cost for veterans for cost of stay in the proposed new facility.

Sonya VanValkenburg expressed her support of the board and Michigan veterans.

6. Housekeeping; Board software update, MVHS CEO search update, GRHV member satisfaction survey

Chair Redford provided an update on the purchase of Director Point and indicated that further review of the contractual language delayed a March roll out of the software and that it will be ready for a April roll out.

7. Architecture and engineering update (TowerPinkster)

Rob Courter and Shaun Parshall (TowerPinkster) provided an update on the finalization of the design process, as well as, the cost estimating process and that they are nearing the completion of Phase 400 design.

Additionally, TowerPinkster provided an update on community engagement to date and their continued efforts to seek input from staff, members and neighbors.

8. Construction Manager RPF update

Chris Kulhanek (DTMB) provided an update on the RFP process for a Construction Manager contract. DTMB indicated that the final selection of Christman Company Inc. for presentation to the State Administrative Board for final approval. Ron Stayle and Dan LaMor (Christman) presented their qualifications and experience in healthcare and skilled nursing facility construction.

Thorhauer, Potter and Henry all expressed their individual support of the process and ultimate selection of the Christman Company Inc.

9. Fundraising committee; appointments and responsibilities

Chair Redford presented a draft outline of the Fundraising Committee responsibilities for board review and future approval.

10. Governance Committee; Policy review: Conflict of Interest and Gift Acceptance

Thorhauer presented draft policies for board review and future approval, also noting the Governance Committees priorities to have additional policies presented for review at upcoming scheduled board meetings.

Henry indicated that he would like to see formal Memorandums of Understanding established between the Board of Managers, Board of Directors and the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency. Potter, Thorhauer and Redford expressed their shared support to establish formal MOUs.

11. Long-term planning workgroup framework and proposed meeting dates

Chair Redford presented the workgroup framework and proposed meeting dates for discussion purposes specifically outlining the need for community and stakeholder feedback.

12. Board Comments

Hoover requested that there be a deeper discussion on the next scheduled board meeting agenda regarding the establishment of bank accounts.

Henry requested that the Board continue to share information and maintain open communication.

Rackowski extended congratulations to Brad Slagle and best wishes in retirement.

Potter encouraged all in attendance to be proactive with their health.

Thorhauer extended congratulations to Brad Slagle and welcomed Laurie McCullough-Benner.

13. Public Comment

Catherine Buckley of the 5th District American Legion requested that the MVFA board maintain current practices of donor intent when accepting donations.

Mr. Olinger, volunteer at GRHV, requested improvements be made to the meeting cancellation notice process.

Sonya VanValkenburg thanked the MVFA board for holding their meeting at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.

Terrance Bergman of the GRHV Member Council was appreciative of the information presented during the meeting and thankful that the meeting was held at GRHV.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.