

**MICHIGAN VETERANS FACILITY AUTHORITY
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

August 20, 2019
10:00 a.m.

APPROVED MINUTES

A meeting of the Michigan Veterans Facility Authority (MVFA) Board of Directors was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Chair David Henry. The meeting was held at the Binsfeld Senate Office Building, Room 1100 – 201 Townsend St., Lansing, MI 48933.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Attendance Roll Call

Chair David Henry called for a roll call of members present.

The following members were present: Zaneta Adams, David Henry, Mary Naber, Brad Slagle, David Rutledge, and Larry Yachcik (present at 10:05 a.m.)

The following members were absent: Henry Boutros, Spencer Hoover, MaryAnne Shannon

3. Approval of Agenda

Adams, seconded by Naber, motioned to accept the meeting agenda dated August 20, 2019 as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

4. Approval of Proposed Minutes

Rutledge, seconded by Adams, motioned to accept the proposed meeting minutes dated July 16, 2019 as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

5. Public Comment

None

6. Interviews for the MVFA CEO/ED Position

Fred Schaible provided an overview of the interview process to the board members.

Candidates interviewed:

Rand O'Leary was interviewed from 10:08 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Lori Portfleet was interviewed from 11:03 a.m. until 11:38 a.m.

7. Meeting Break, Interviews Resumed

Chair Henry called for a meeting break at 11:39 a.m.

Chair Henry resumed the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Fred Schaible instructed the board to continue with the interview process.

Candidates interviewed:

Michelle Waggoner was interviewed from 12:08 p.m. until 12:28 p.m.

Anne Zerbe was interviewed from 12:35 p.m. until 1:10 p.m.

8. New Business

The board conducted a discussion regarding the qualifications of the candidates.

Rutledge, seconded by Adams, motioned to remove Rand O'Leary and Michelle Waggoner from consideration for the position of MVFA CEO/ED. The motion passed 6-0.

The board continued to discuss the qualifications of Lori Portfleet and Anne Zerbe.

Rutledge, seconded by Henry, motioned to advance Anne Zerbe's name to the Governor's Office as the MVFA board's recommendation for the position of MVFA CEO/ED. The motion passed by roll call vote 6-0 with members Adams, Henry, Naber, Rutledge, Slagle, and Yachcik in favor.

9. Board Comments

Adams – None.

Slagle – Happy to be here and looking forward to serving on the board.

Naber – Appreciates the process, although she was initially skeptical.

Rutledge – Appreciates the work provided by Fred Schaible.

Yachcik – Appreciates the work provided by Fred Schaible and believes the board has selected the right candidate.

Fred Schaible concluded by stating that he will call the candidates today regarding the board's recommendation. He will also develop a formal letter from the Chair thanking the candidates for their time and interest.

10. Public Comments

Mark Sutton, Public Relations Director for the American Legion, stated that Anne Zerbe is the only person he can argue with and yet remain friends. He also stressed the importance of having a strong veteran in the upper echelon of the MVFA who will talk to and show a presence to the veteran community. Mr. Sutton stated that the

board made a good choice in selecting Anne Zerbe for the position and he is pleased to work with her. Lastly, he shared that he is pleased to see Brad Slagle again.

Kellie Cody Jr., State Veterans Facility Ombudsman, asked how Anne Zerbe will be notified of the recommendation to the Governor's Office.

Tracey Nelson, Grand Rapids Home for Veterans (GRHV) Administrator, thanked the board for its selection, and Anne Zerbe has been instrumental in bringing staff together and supporting them.

Steve Rolston, COO of the Michigan Veteran Health System, congratulated Anne Zerbe and shared that she is not afraid to challenge him.

Fred Schaible escorted Anne Zerbe back to the meeting. Chair Henry stated that it is his privilege to recommend Anne Zerbe's name to the Governor for the position of MVFA Executive Director. He stressed that the board is excited for the challenges ahead, and Ms. Zerbe has the support of the board.

Tiffany Carr, GRHV Public Relations Director, indicated she has worked for the Home for 19 years. With the addition of Tracey Nelson and Steve Rolston driving the mission of the Home, the GRHV is improving. She added that Anne Zerbe will help with the partnerships and she appreciates the process of finding a leader.

6. Adjournment

Adams, seconded by Rutledge, motioned to adjourn at 1:58 p.m. The motion passed 6 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 pm.



David Henry Jr.
Board Chairperson