

**South Dakota Veterans Commission Meeting
February 19, 2010
Conference Call**

The conference call meeting of the South Dakota Veterans Commission was called to order at 3:00 PM (CT) on Friday, February 19, 2010, by Chairman Hubbard.

Chairman Hubbard noted that all legal requirements as outlined in SDCL1-25-1 and 1-25-1.1 were met with regard to this conference call.

Roll Call: Chairman Hubbard asked staff to take roll call. Roll call indicated a quorum was present. Commissioners present were: Mike Birnbaum, Wade Hubbard, John Noyes, Bill Locken, Gene Murphy and Don Loudner.

Staff: Deputy Secretary Harding and Audry Ricketts (for opening of the meeting).

Review of Agenda – Chairman Hubbard asked if there were any additions or changes for the proposed agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Birnbaum, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote indicated: Birnbaum – aye, Noyes – aye, Hubbard – aye, Locken – aye, Loudner – aye, and Murphy – aye. Ballot vote indicated 6 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Consideration of Director Position – A motion was made by Commissioner Noyes, seconded by Commissioner Loudner, to enter into executive session for the purposes of discussing personnel issues. Roll call vote indicated: Birnbaum – aye, Noyes – aye, Hubbard – aye, Locken – aye, Loudner – aye, and Murphy – aye. Ballot vote indicated 6 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Birnbaum, to return to open session. Roll call vote indicated: Birnbaum – aye, Noyes – aye, Hubbard – aye, Locken – aye, Loudner – aye and Murphy – aye. Ballot vote indicated 6 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Birnbaum, seconded by Commissioner Loudner, to interview the Division Director candidates and to adopt the interview procedures discussed during executive session. Roll call vote indicated: Birnbaum – aye, Noyes – aye, Hubbard – aye, Locken – aye, Loudner – aye and Murphy – aye. Ballot vote indicated 6 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Old/New Business – Chairman Hubbard asked if there was any old or new business.

Chairman Hubbard reviewed the status of legislation. Commissioners discussed HB 1049, HB 1130, HB 1185, SB 69, SB 134, and SB 150, for not formal action was necessary or taken.

Commissioners discussed SB 76 at some length. The Commission did not arrive at an updated position on the bill because the conference call was extinguished at its time elapsed.

The meeting adjourned without formal motion because the time limited for the conference call expired. Meeting concluded at 4:30 pm.

Wade Hubbard, Chairman