

APPROVED MINUTES
South Dakota Veterans Commission Meeting
February 5, 2014
Conference Call – Pierre, SD

The conference call meeting of the South Dakota Veterans Commission was called to order at 10:00 am (CT) on Wednesday, February 5, 2014, by Chairman Hubbard.

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

Roll Call - Commissioners present were: Mike Birnbaum, John Noyes, Wade Hubbard, Jim Ross, KC Russell and Lori Vosika.

Staff Present: Secretary Zimmerman, Deputy Secretary Aaron Pollard, Public Information Officer Audry Ricketts and Program Manager Larry Person.

Review of Agenda – Chairman Hubbard asked if there were any additions or changes for the proposed agenda. Chairman Hubbard asked that we add next meeting time and location to discussion. A motion was made by Commissioner Birnbaum, seconded by Commissioner Ross, to approve the agenda. Roll call vote indicated: Birnbaum – aye, Hubbard - aye, Russell – aye, Ross – aye, Noyes– aye, and Vosika - aye. Ballot vote indicated six ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Consideration of Minutes – Chairman Hubbard asked the Commission how they wished to handle the December 4, 2013, Commission meeting minutes. Chairman Hubbard asked that the minutes be reflected to read that Commissioner Noyes was in attendance. Commissioner Russell moved approval of the December 4, 2013, Commission meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birnbaum. Roll call vote indicated: Birnbaum – aye, Hubbard - aye, Russell – aye, Ross – aye, Noyes– aye, and Vosika - aye. Ballot vote indicated six ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Legislative Update – Chairman Hubbard called on Secretary Zimmerman. Secretary Zimmerman briefed the Commission on proposed legislative initiatives – House Bills: 1060, 1111, 1150, 1159, 1165, and 1185; Senate Bills: 61, 132, 151, 159, and 171; and HCR 1004.

A motion was made by Commissioner Birnbaum, seconded by Commissioner Ross, that Chairman Hubbard testify on behalf of the Commission in support of SB 151 – an act to revise the appointment process for the State Veterans Home superintendent. Roll call vote indicated: Birnbaum – aye, Hubbard - aye, Russell – aye, Ross – aye, Noyes– aye, and Vosika - aye. Ballot vote indicated six ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Birnbaum, seconded by Commissioner Ross, that the Commission stay neutral on HB 1111 – an act to revise certain provisions related to the design, construction, and equipping of a veterans home near Hot Springs. Roll call vote indicated: Birnbaum – aye, Hubbard - aye, Russell – aye, Ross – aye, and Noyes– aye. Ballot vote indicated five ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Future Meeting Dates and Locations – Chairman Hubbard asked the wishes of the Commission regarding dates and locations for future meetings. The consensus was for the next meeting to be held in the September/October time frame in the Aberdeen area.

Commissioners commended Secretary Zimmerman for his efforts in communicating with the Commission and with our network partners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Russell, seconded by Commissioner Ross, to adjourn. Roll call vote indicated: Birnbaum – aye, Hubbard - aye, Russell – aye, Ross – aye, and Noyes– aye. Ballot vote indicated five ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 10:55 am

Wade Hubbard, Chairman