

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**South Dakota Veterans Commission Meeting**  
**January 30, 2014**  
**Highlands Room – Redrossa - Pierre, SD**

The meeting of the South Dakota Veterans Commission was called to order at 3:10 pm (CT) on Thursday, January 30, 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 meeting.

Chairman Hubbard called on Secretary Zimmerman. Secretary Zimmerman announced that Governor Dugaard has appointed Lori Vosika to the Veterans Commission to replace Commissioner Murphy. Zimmerman introduced Vosika who was participating in the meeting via phone and noted that she would be receiving her official announcement from the Governor in the near future.

**Roll Call** - Commissioners present were: Mike Birnbaum, Wade Hubbard, and KC Russell. The Commission did not have a quorum present and so no formal action could be taken at this meeting.

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

Guests: Lori Vosika, Helen Parr, and Ken Laughlin.

**Review of Agenda** – Agenda for the January 30, 2014, was reviewed, but no action was taken.

**Consideration of Minutes** – Minutes from the December 4, 2013, meeting were reviewed, but no action was taken.

**Legislative Update** – Chairman Hubbard called on Secretary Zimmerman. Secretary Zimmerman introduced the Department staff and guests present at the meeting. He thanked the CTVSOs, veterans service organizations and staff for the great job they are doing. Zimmerman then briefed the Commission on proposed legislative initiatives – House Bills: 1026, 1027, 1060, 1111, 1150, 1159, 1165, and 1185; Senate Bills: 32, 61, 89, and 132; and HCR 1004. Zimmerman then reviewed proposed legislation that the Department would be introducing with regard to the selection of superintendent for the State Veterans Home.

After considerable discussion, those commissioners present thought that it would be a good idea to have a conference call meeting within the next week or so to discuss these legislative initiatives and determine the Commissions position. Chairman Hubbard asked staff to arrange for a conference call for 10:00 am CT on Wednesday, February 5, 2014.

Secretary Zimmerman briefed the Commission on the status of the State Veterans Home construction project, the Task Force and Operation RAV.

The meeting ended at 4:45 pm.

Wade Hubbard, Chairman