

APPROVED MINUTES
South Dakota Veterans Commission Meeting
December 4, 2013
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, December 4, 2013, by Chairman Russell.

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

Roll Call - Commissioners present were: Mike Birnbaum, John Noyes, Wade Hubbard, Jim Ross, and KC Russell. Excused was Gene Murphy.

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

Guests Present: Helen Parr and Ken Laughlin (DAV).

Review of Agenda – Chairman Russell asked if there were any additions or changes for the proposed agenda. There were none.

Consideration of Minutes – Chairman Russell asked the Commission how they wished to handle the October 29, 2013, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Birnbaum moved approval of the October 29, 2013, Commission meeting minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Noyes and motion carried.

Legislative Update – Chairman Russell called on Secretary Zimmerman. Secretary Zimmerman briefed the Commission on the Governor’s Budget address, proposed legislative initiatives, the Michael J. Fitzmaurice State Veterans Home Foundation and the upcoming Legislative Breakfast scheduled for January 31, 2014. Discussion ensued regarding SDCL 33A-4-6 with regard to the selection of superintendent for the State Veterans Home. Secretary Zimmerman encouraged commissioners to provide nominees for the superintendent’s position and noted that the position should be advertised by December 10, 2013, and that all applicants would need to complete the on-line application process.

Update on Meeting with Lt. Governor - Chairman Russell, Secretary Zimmerman and Commissioner Wade Hubbard updated the Commissioners on their recent meeting with Lt Governor Michels regarding the role of the South Dakota Veterans Commission.

Old Business – Chairman Russell asked if there was any old business. No old business was presented.

New Business – Chairman Russell asked Secretary Zimmerman to address the Commission seat. Zimmerman noted that Commissioner Murphy does not wish to seek another term on the Commission and as such the Governor would like to have Commissioners provide potential nominees. Commissioners should forward them to Secretary Zimmerman as soon as possible.

Next Meeting – Chairman Russell asked the wishes of the Commission regarding dates for the next meeting. It was unanimously agreed that Commission meet January 30 in Pierre in conjunction with the legislative breakfast.

A motion was made by Commissioner Birnbaum, seconded by Commissioner Noyes, to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 11:10 am

KC Russell, Chairman