

APPROVED MINUTES
South Dakota Veterans Commission Meeting
October 10, 2018
Highlands Room – RedRossa Grille - Pierre, SD

The meeting of the South Dakota Veterans Commission was called to order at 8:00 am (CT) on Wednesday, October 10, 2018, by Vice Chairman Kella With Horn. The meeting was held in the Highlands Room at the RedRossa in Pierre, SD.

Vice Chairman With Horn noted that all legal requirements as outlined in SDCL 1-25-1 and 1-25-1.1 were met for this meeting.

Roll Call - Commissioners present were: Brooks Schild, Kella With Horn, Jim Ross and KC Russell.

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

Review of Agenda – Vice Chairman With Horn asked if there were any additions or changes for the proposed agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Russell, seconded by Commissioner Ross, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Consideration of Minutes – Vice Chairman With Horn asked the Commission how they wished to handle the January 3, 2018, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Ross moved approval as presented, seconded by Commissioner Schild and motion carried.

SDDVA Update – Vice Chairman With Horn called on Secretary Zimmerman and Deputy Secretary Pollard for the SDDVA Update. Secretary Zimmerman reported that Governor Daugaard had re-appointed Jim Ross to the Commission for a second six-year term. Deputy Secretary Pollard reported on legislative bills and SDDVA's legislative task force. Secretary Zimmerman briefed the Commission on South Dakota Joining Forces and the Michael J. Fitzmaurice State Veterans Home. The SDDVA briefing ended with a report on the State Veterans Cemetery project.

South Dakota Veterans Council Update – With the absence of Helen Parr, Vice Chairman With Horn called on Secretary Zimmerman and Deputy Secretary Pollard for the South Dakota Veterans Council Update. They noted that the Council had hosted house and governor candidate forums.

Old Business – Vice Chairman With Horn asked for an update on Department of Labor issues. Secretary Zimmerman noted he was working with Secretary Hultman on this issue.

New Business – Vice Chairman With Horn opened the floor for nominations for chairman and vice chairman of the Commission. A motion was made by Commissioner Ross, seconded by Commissioner Schild, to re-elect the current officers for a second term. Motion carried. Lori Vosika will serve as chairman and Kella With Horn will serve as vice chairman.

Vice Chairman Kella With Horn asked Commissioners if they had reviewed the materials forwarded to the Commission on the adoption of Code of Conduct policy. A motion was made by Commissioner Russell, seconded by Commissioner Schild, to adopt the presented Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policy for State Authority, Board, Commission, and Committee members as the policy for members of the South Dakota State Veterans Commission. Motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed and discussed their mission, vision, and role. After considerable discussion, the Commission thought it would be wise to wait and visit with the newly elected Governor on the role they would like the Commission to play.

Commissioners asked that the following topics be added to the next meeting: DOL update and Commission meeting with Governor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Russell, seconded by Commissioner Schild, to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 11:30 am (CT).

Kella With Horn, Vice Chairman