

## **Soldiers' Home in Holyoke Board of Trustees Meeting**

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A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke on Tuesday, February 21, 2017, in Conference Room A. The meeting began at 4:00 PM.

- **Members Present**  
Daniel J. Smith, Acting Chairman; Benjamin H. Cluff; Brian Q. Corridan; Cindy T. Lacoste; and Cesar A. Lopez
- **Also Present**  
Bennett W. Walsh, Superintendent; John K. Crotty, Deputy Superintendent; Mike Rigas, Chief of Staff (Department of Veterans' Services); and Lori Beswick, Recording Secretary
- **Pledge of Allegiance**  
All present cited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **Public Comment**  
Daniel J. Smith asked if any member of the public wished to address the Trustees. No public comment was offered.
- **Minutes**  
Upon motion by Brian Q. Corridan and seconded by Benjamin H. Cluff, it was unanimously VOTED to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017.
- **Superintendent's Report**  
Bennett W. Walsh presented the Superintendent's Report, which included the introduction of our new Deputy Superintendent John K. Crotty. Upon motion by Benjamin H. Cluff and seconded by Brian Q. Corridan, it was unanimously VOTED to accept the Superintendent's Report as presented.
- **Old Business**  
Bennett W. Walsh updated/discussed the following topics: State Auditors, Energy Survey, Gary Rome Hyundai Bake Sale/Donation of New England Patriots Items, Electric Beds for Veteran Care Center #1, January 2017 VA Survey and Legislative Breakfast. The Trustees decided to host a Legislative Luncheon in conjunction with the Tuesday, March 14, 2017 Board of Trustees Meeting. The start time of the meeting will be rescheduled to 3:00 PM. In addition, the Trustees requested that one department make a presentation, each month, on a rotating basis.
- **New Business**  
There is no new business to report.

- **Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Bennett W. Walsh*

Bennett W. Walsh  
Secretary for the Board of Trustees