

## **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, January 10, 2017, in Conference Room A. The meeting began at 4:00 PM.

- **Members Present**  
Michael F. Case, Chairman; Benjamin H. Cluff; Brian Q. Corridan; Cindy T. Lacoste; Cesar A. Lopez; and Daniel J. Smith
- **Also Present**  
Bennett W. Walsh, Superintendent; Joseph Truschelli, Director of Communications and Intergovernmental Relations (Department of Veterans' Services); and Lori Beswick, Recording Secretary
- **Pledge of Allegiance**  
All present cited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **Public Comment**  
Michael F. Case asked if any member of the public wished to address the Trustees. No public comment was offered.
- **New Trustee**  
Bennett W. Walsh welcomed and congratulated Cindy T. Lacoste as a new Trustee appointed to the Board.
- **Minutes**  
Upon motion by Benjamin H. Cluff and seconded by Cesar A. Lopez, it was unanimously VOTED to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, December 13, 2016.
- **Briefing by Medical Director**  
Due to Dr. Clinton's absence, Bennett W. Walsh provided a brief summary of Medical Department activities. Upon motion by Daniel J. Smith and seconded by Benjamin H. Cluff, it was unanimously VOTED to accept the briefing by Bennett W. Walsh.
- **Superintendent's Report**  
Bennett W. Walsh presented the Superintendent's Report.

Upon motion by Cesar A. Lopez and seconded by Daniel J. Smith, it was unanimously VOTED to expend the \$50,000.00 donated from the V4V Motorcycle Runs to purchase electric beds for Veteran Care Center #1 and associated electrical work. Further discussion ensued about the total cost of the project being \$65,000.00. Upon an amended motion by Cesar A. Lopez and seconded by Daniel J. Smith, it was unanimously VOTED

- **Superintendent's Report, Con't.**

to expend the donated \$50,000.00 from the V4V Motorcycle Runs supplemented with \$15,000.00 from the Trustees' Fund to cover the additional cost of the project.

Bennett W. Walsh and Brian Q. Corridan will be attending the NASVH 2017 Winter Conference in Alexandria, VA. Upon motion by Benjamin H. Cluff and seconded by Daniel J. Smith, it was unanimously VOTED to reschedule the Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, to Tuesday, February 21, 2017. The start time of 4:00 PM will remain the same.

Upon motion by Cesar A. Lopez and seconded by Daniel J. Smith, it was unanimously VOTED to accept the Superintendent's Report as presented.

- **Old Business**

Cesar A. Lopez inquired about the status of headphones for the Veterans. Bennett W. Walsh responded that there were enough headphones donated to cover the Veterans' needs.

- **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