

Soldiers' Home in Holyoke Board of Trustees Meeting

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke on Tuesday, July 11, 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; Dr. David Clinton, Medical Director; Alice Pizzi, Counsel II; Randy G. Stone, Director of Nursing; Eric Donovan, Director of Operations and Planning (Department of Veterans Services) via Remote Participation; Robert Reilly, Ed.D. (Community); and Lori Beswick, Recording Secretary
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
All present cited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **Public Comment**
Robert Reilly, Ed.D., introduced himself and distributed copies of his resume and cover letter addressed to the Trustees. He submitted an application to become a member of the Board of Trustees. Robert sought advice, from the Trustees, as to how to proceed. Daniel J. Smith replied that they do not get involved in the process, as the Trustees are appointed by the Governor.
- **Regular Minutes**
Upon motion by Cindy T. Lacoste and seconded by Cesar A. Lopez, it was unanimously VOTED to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, June 13, 2017.
- **Executive Session Minutes**
Upon motion by Benjamin H. Cluff and seconded by Cesar A. Lopez, it was unanimously VOTED to accept the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting held on Tuesday, June 13, 2017.
- **Executive Committee of the Medical Staff Meeting**
 - Dr. Clinton informed the Trustees that there was no Medical Staff Meeting held in July 2017, so there are no minutes to report. However, he sought approval to reappoint Alicia Ross, M.D., to a two (2) year appointment to the Medical Staff. Upon motion by Benjamin H. Cluff and seconded by Brian Q. Corridan, it was unanimously VOTED to reappoint Alicia Ross, M.D., to a two (2) year appointment to the Medical Staff. Dr. Clinton was excused from the meeting.
 - Brian Q. Corridan questioned the procedure when a nurse/doctor calls out. Randy G. Stone replied that they utilize a per diem list prior to offering overtime.

- **Superintendent's Report**
Bennett W. Walsh presented the Superintendent's Report. Upon motion by Cindy T. Lacoste and seconded by Brian Q. Corridan, it was unanimously VOTED to accept the Superintendent's Report as presented.
- **Old Business**
Partitions – Cesar A. Lopez questioned the status of the partitions. Bennett W. Walsh said that at the Trustees' suggestion, Veterans and staff were surveyed and they prefer the privacy partition vs. the transparent style. Currently, we are researching vendors to achieve the lowest cost.
- **New Business**
Brian Q. Corridan mentioned that his term expires on July 22, 2017. He commented that it was an honor to serve as a Trustee, as his future status is unknown. Brian encouraged the Trustees and Administration to keep former members involved in events at the Home. Daniel J. Smith said it was wonderful to serve with Brian. All present applauded.
- **Adjournment**
There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bennett W. Walsh
Secretary for the Board of Trustees