

BOARD MINUTES
WISCONSIN BOARD OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Teleconference Meeting of March 11, 2013
Madison, Wisconsin

Board Members

Al Richards
John Gaedke (excused)
John Townsend
Dan Bohlin
Carl Krueger
Dan Naylor (excused)
Kevin Nicholson
Cathy Gorst (absent)
Ben Collins (absent)

Others Present

Jeffrey Lawrence, State Budget Office
Roger Fetterly, COVP/MOAA
Robert Gadwill, MOAA
Al Labelle, DAV

WDVA Present

John A. Scocos, Secretary
Michael Trepanier, Deputy Secretary
Ken Grant, Division Administrator
James Bond, Division Administrator
Tom Rhatican, Division Administrator
Jim Parker, CFO, Budget, Finance & Facilities
Randy Nitschke, Division Administrator
Julie Van Metre, Executive Staff Assistant

1. **Roll Call and Introductions**

The meeting of the Board of Veterans Affairs was called to order by Chair Townsend at 2:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A quorum was present.

2. **Certification of Notice of Meeting**

It was certified proper notification of the meeting had occurred.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

a. Board Meeting of February 28, 2013

MOTION #1: It was moved by Mr. Richards, seconded by Mr. Bohlin and carried on a voice vote to approve the minutes of the February 28th Board meeting.

4. **Discussion of veterans issues in Wisconsin 2013-14 state budget**

Chair Townsend reviewed the highlights of Governor Walker's budget initiatives as they relate to veterans—taking care of veterans and families, focusing on jobs and workforce development and increasing access to education. Board members had their questions clarified by Department staff.

5. **Action on Wisconsin 2013-14 state budget on veterans issues**

MOTION #2: It was moved by Mr. Krueger, seconded by Mr. Richards and carried on a voice vote to endorse the Governor's proposed budget as it affects the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs.

6.. **Adjournment**

MOTION #3: It was moved by Mr. Krueger, seconded and carried on a voice vote to adjourn the teleconference meeting; the time was 2:45 p.m.

John Townsend
Chair