



Minutes - March 17, 2026

Call to Order: Chair Peer called the hybrid Education & Veterans Committee meeting to order at 5:00 PM in the Veteran Services Conference Room.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Peer, Fugelseth, Bobzien, and Schneider.

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Sutter.

Staff Members Present: Paul Crawford, Veteran Services Officer;

Others Present:

Approve Agenda: Supervisor Bobzien moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Schneider. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: None.

Approval of Minutes:

February 17, 2026 Minutes: Supervisor Bobzien moved to approve February 17, 2026 minutes, second by Supervisor Schneider. ADOPTED.

Approval of Transfers:

Veterans Service Office Transfer: Supervisor Schneider moved to approve the Veterans Service office transfer, second by Supervisor Bobzien. ADOPTED.

Review of Payments:

February Payments: The committee reviewed the presented payments.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

Veterans Service Office Update:

Veterans Resources Update: Paul provided updates on the application for donation usage, explaining the process for emergency assistance and eligibility requirements, including a 90-day residency requirement in Rock County.

New Position Updates: Paul let the committee know Mark had been successfully assisting with office operations on Mondays through Thursdays from 10 AM to 2 PM, helping with appointments and walk-ins. Noting that they would still like to pursue the position to be full-time as the position has proven to be successful

You May Not Know: Paul gave information about free lifetime access to national parks for veterans and their families, as well as free Wisconsin state park passes for veterans with 70% or more service-connected disabilities.

Public Awareness for Veterans: Paul explained a recent VA ruling that changed how medication effects are considered in disability ratings, potentially reducing benefits for veterans on medication. After significant backlash from veteran organizations, the VA announced it was rescinding the ruling. It was not officially rescinded until February 27th, making it no longer law.

Discussion of What Other Counties' Role in Education Is: No discussion.

Research on Title of Committee Name: No discussion.

Committee Requests: None.

Next meeting date and time: April 21, 2026 5:00PM

Adjournment: Supervisor Schneider moved adjournment at 6:05 PM, second by Supervisor Bobzien. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Wolf
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