



Minutes - March 18, 2025

Call to Order: Chair Peer called the hybrid Education & Veterans Committee meeting to order at 5:00 PM at the Veteran Service's conference room.

Committee Members Present: Supervisor Peer, Bobzien, Schneider, and Sutter

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Fugelseth.

Staff Members Present: Paul Crawford, Veterans Service Officer; Andrea Wolf, Administrative Professional III.

Others Present: David Haas

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

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements:

Approval of Minutes:

February 18, 2025 Minutes: Supervisor Schneider moved to approve February 18, 2025 minutes, second by Supervisor Bobzien. ADOPTED.

Approval of Transfers: None.

Review of Payments:

February Payments: The committee reviewed the presented payments.

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

Veterans Service Office Update: Paul explained they received some artwork donated from the VFW they used to decorate the offices. Paul gave updates on the department's operations, stating February was slow, which is normal, but tends to pickup in March. Road construction is to begin and may cause difficulties for veterans getting to the building. Paul discussed the potential for the department to get a receptionist, possibly someone through the VA Work Study program, which would allow

veterans using their Federal GI Bill to work at a veteran-related place and receive extra money. Paul also mentioned the uncertainty surrounding the recent announcement of 80,000 VA employees being cut, and the potential impact on benefits and medical services.

Discussion of Education Role of Committee: The committee discussed the role of education within their Veterans Committee and the challenges they face in engaging with local educational institutions. They note the lack of consistent representation from schools and the difficulty in defining their role without a budget or direct authority. The committee considers potential avenues for involvement, such as connecting with veteran support groups at local colleges, exploring recruitment opportunities for veterans in county services. They also discuss reaching out to other counties to understand how they handle education within their committee structures.

Discussion of Participation in Youth in Governance Program: The committee talked about the future of the Ad Hoc Youth In Governance Committee and the possibility of it being absorbed into the Education & Veterans Committee.

Discussion of Propel Forward's Programming: Supervisor Schneider discussed the possibility of referring veterans to Acts Housing, a program that helps first-time home buyers in Beloit. Supervisor Schneider offered to reach out to Regina Duncan, to potentially have her speak at a meeting about the program. Supervisor Peer requested adding Veteran Housing to the next agenda.

Committee Requests: Supervisor Peer asked to add to the next agenda topics on what other counties role in education is and housing options for veterans. Supervisor Peer also requested an update on the Pistons and Props activities.

Next meeting date and time: April 15, 2025 at 5:00 PM.

Adjournment: Supervisor Schneider moved adjournment at 5:53 PM, second by Supervisor Bobzien. ADOPTED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Wolf
Administrative Professional III

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