Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.
Minutes of the Board of Directors of the Georgia
Veterans Service Foundation, Inc
Atlanta, Georgia

Members present were:

Mr. Doug Middleton, Chairman

Mr. Dan Zachman, Vice Chair

Ms. Carmen Streit-Smith, Treasurer

Mr. Marvin Thomas, Board Member

Mr. Mike Hudson, Board Member

Others present were:

Mr. Mark Bannister, CEO, Assistant Commissioner, GDVS

Mr. George Canavaggio, COO, Assistant Commissioner, GDVS

Ms. Shareka Monday-Robinson, CFO, Budget Analyst, GDVS

Mr. Kerry Dyer, Director of Operations, GDVS, Guest

Mr. Chris Hambright, Director of Accounting, GDVS, Guest

Ms. Mary Aukerman, Confidential Secretary to Commissioner Mike Roby

Chairman Doug Middleton called the zoom meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Bannister gave the invocation. Chairman Middleton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Chairman Middleton performed a "roll call" of people listed above.

Mr. Hudson made a motion to approve the August agenda. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Streit-Smith made a motion to approve the June 2019 minutes which were previously distributed for members to review. Mr. Zachman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion on the resolved issue of the Foundation Board a 501 (c)(3) and the State Auditor. They thanked Mr. Bannister for being the mediator and appreciated all the work he has done to help get this board established. They spoke about updated Bylaws. Chairman Middleton said what we need to do is clarify our Bylaws. The article in question was Article II, Corporate Purposes and Powers, Section 2. Specific Purpose by adding an additional paragraph which will be Paragraph e. should be added to say, "It shall be the sole discretion of the Georgia Veterans Service Foundation to have final say of how the money is distributed, where and how much and if it even is distributed at all." Chairman Middleton said electronic signatures were fine.

Mr. Zachman made a motion to approve the addition to the Bylaws. Ms. Streit-Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous vote.

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Chairman Middleton stated according to the Bylaws the Foundation Board has to meet at least once a year. Also regarding terms of appointments we need to find a 7 year term member and they have to be a veteran according to O.C.G.A 38-4-14. Chairman asked for nominations and he would share with Commissioner Roby.

Chairman Middleton also stated it is time to reelect officers. The current officers are:
Doug Middleton, Chairman
Dan Zachman, Vice Chairman
Jim Frederick, Secretary
Carmen Streit-Smith, Treasurer

Mr. Thomas made a motion to reelect the same officers for another year. Mr. Hudson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Middleton stated there is one more order of business. When the Board was first established, Ms. April Dodgen was the CFO. She resigned for personal reasons and Commissioner Roby appointed Ms. Shareka Monday-Robinson as the CFO. We need a motion to approve Ms. Monday-Robinson as the new CFO. Ms. Streit-Smith made a motion to approve Ms. Monday-Robinson, seconded by Mr. Dan Zachman. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Hambright asked if the Georgia Veterans Foundation Board is a separate Board from the Georgia Board of Veterans Service. Chairman Middleton stated yes, it is. It is not attached to the Veterans Service Board.

Mr. Hudson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m. The next meeting will be determined at a later date when the Tax I.D. number is secured.

SIGNED:

Doug Middleton Chairman

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ATTEST:

im Frederick, Secretary

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