

Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at 12:15 p.m.
Minutes of the Veterans Service Board Meeting
Atlanta, Georgia

Present Mr. Joshua Kopsie, Chair
 Mr. Tim Paslawski, Vice Chair
 Mr. Steve Mendez, Secretary
 Mr. Shawn Hanley, Member
 Mr. Pete Peterson, Member
 Ms. Patricia Ross, Commissioner
 Ms. Julie Hammond, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner

On Tuesday, November 5, 2024, the Special Called Meeting of the Veterans Service Board meeting was held by video/tele-conference.

Mr. Kopsie called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS:

Mr. Kopsie stated that the purpose of today's meeting is to provide some additional guidance to the Foundation. Back in 2023, we passed new legislation expanding the Foundation Board and we've done a good job of filling those positions. The Foundation Board has been really aggressive, doing great work, getting the word out and expanding our reach. After a few discussions with Ms. Magnus, the AG's Office and Commissioner Ross, we have been asked to provide some guidance to the Foundation.

Mr. Kopsie shared five directives:

Directive #1 - The Foundation should seek supplemental (private) funds and in-kind goods, services, and property to promote GA's State War Veterans Homes and Veteran's Cemeteries, and for any other purpose of the Veterans Service Board.

Directive #2 - Foundation will not conduct meetings (in person, calls, or email) with any elected GA Official or Agency Employee unless approved by Commissioner in writing (email).

Directive #3 – Foundation Meeting Days and Time need to be approved by the GDVS Commissioner in writing (email). These meetings will follow the GA Open Meetings Act.

Directive #4 – No Foundation funds over \$100 may be spent without approval of the Commissioner in writing (email).

Directive #5 – All tasks or work requests from the Foundation to a GDVS employee must be approved in writing (email) by the Commissioner. No GDVS employee shall be copied on request to Commissioner of GDVS. Exceptions are the CEO, COO, CFO, where the Commissioner will be copied.


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Mr. Hanley made a motion that the Georgia Veterans Service Board pass all five directives to be implemented by the Georgia Foundation Board immediately. Mr. Paslawski seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Peterson questioned whether or not everything had been covered in these directives. Mr. Kopsie stated that there will be more discussion at the next Veterans Service Board meeting, and these directives will cover us until that time.


Mr. Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Mendez seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:20 p.m.

SIGNED:



Joshua Kopsie, Chair

ATTEST:



Steve Mendez, Secretary