DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE READJUSTMENT OF VETERANS

March 07, 2023 Virtual (MS Teams) 8:00AM – 4:00PM (PST)

MINUTES

Tuesday, March 07, 2023:

Attendees:

Committee Member Attendance:

Joseph Anderson
Viviana Marcotte
David Duren
Erin Cook (Absent)
Jessica Dunn
Michael Embrich (Absent)
Terry Schow
Jara Monetathchi
Isaac Pike
Heather Nystrom
Thomas Hall
Gregg Orto
Larry Herke

Department of Veterans Affairs Staff Present:

Richard Barbato, Designated Federal Officer, 10RCS.

Matthew Newman, Alternate Designated Federal Officer, 10RCS.

Public Attendees:

Ellen Milhiser, Synopsis.

Opening Remarks:

At 1:00 p.m. (EDT), Designated Federal Officer Richard Barbato welcomed the Committee members, initiated with housekeeping items, to include that one portion of the meeting would be closed to the public, and the latter portion would be open when the 23rd (unvetted) Report would be voted on for submission. DFO Barbato spoke to the fact that normally meetings are open to the public, but as the Committee is conducting an administrative meeting and as no formal committee meeting work would be done a

portion would be closed to protect Veterans' privacy and personal information, and a portion (voting to submit the 23rd Report) would be open Meetings are closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C Sec. 552b(c)(6). Finally, DFO Barbato spoke to the fact that instructions were provided in the Federal Registry in the published Notice of Meeting.

Committee Chair Joseph Anderson called the Committee to order, and provided an overview of the meeting, took roll call to establish quorum, reviewed the over-arching objectives of the meeting.

Presentation:

DFO Barbato led the Committee in a review of the Agenda, Committee Objectives and Charter. He also provided an overview of the Committee Report process moving forward (after submission of the un-vetted report).

Committee chair Joseph Anderson then led the committee in a round-table discussion of the meeting conducted in San Diego, in an after-action review format on lessons learned to be applied moving forward toward the next committee meeting(s).

Committee Chair Joseph Anderson then reviewed the plan for the breakout sessions that would be used the next day.

The meeting was then opened to the public at Approximately 2:00 p.m. (EDT)

Committee Chair Joseph Anderson and DFO Richard Barbato led the Committee through review of the 23rd Report. No questions were raised from Committee members regarding the 23rd Report. Committee Chair Joseph Anderson then made a motion to accept and support the 23rd Report as written. Motion was seconded by Dr. David Duren. The Committee then voted by roll-call, vote was unanimous in favor of submitting the 23rd Report.

Committee Chair Joseph Anderson then provided closing remarks.

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Requests:

None.

The committee adjourned at 2:15 p.m. (EDT)

Joseph-Anderson, Committee Chair

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