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**MINUTES**  
**March 3, 2016**

A meeting of the Senate Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security Committee joint with the Senate Oversight, House Military and Veterans Affairs, and House Oversight and Ethics Committees was scheduled for Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., in Room 352, House Appropriations, Capitol Building.

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**The agenda summary is as follows:**

Testimony from the offices of the State of Michigan Auditor General, Michigan Veteran Health System, and Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency regarding the Auditor General's report on the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.

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Chairwoman O'Brien called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

Present: Sens. O'Brien (C), Emmons, Zorn, Colbeck, Knezek  
Excused: None

The following individuals testified before members regarding the Auditor General's report on the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans:

- Doug Ringler, CPA, CIA, State of Michigan Auditor General
- Laura Hirst, Office of the Auditor General
- Jessica Armstrong, Office of the Auditor General
- James Robert Redford, Interim Director, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency
- Leslie Shanlian, MSA, NHA, CEO, Michigan Veteran Health System
- Stephen Potter, Chief of Staff, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency
- Anne Zerbe, Legislative & Data Specialist, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency

Being no further business, the Chairwoman adjourned the meeting at 4:28 p.m., without objection.

**Date Adopted by Committee: March 10, 2016**