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MINUTES
March 10, 2016

A meeting of the Senate Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security Committee was scheduled for Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., in room 110 of the Farnum Building.

The agenda summary is as follows:

The Committee accepted public testimony on the Auditor General's performance audit report regarding the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.

Chairwoman O'Brien called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Present: Sens. O'Brien (C), Zorn, Colbeck, Knezek

Excused: Sen. Emmons

Senator Zorn made a motion to excuse absent members; being no objection, members were excused.

Senator Knezek made a motion to adopt the minutes of the December 15, 2015 and March 3, 2016 meetings. Being no objection, the minutes were adopted.

The Chairwoman announced the Committee would be accepting public testimony on the Auditor General's performance audit report regarding the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.

The following individuals testified before the Committee:

- Catherine Buckley, an advocate for Veterans
- Nick Ciaramitaro, representing the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees
- Catherine Kooyers, an advocate for Veterans
- Theresa Robinson, Commander, United Veterans Council of Kent County
- Tim Sheeran, father was a resident of the Home
- Jerry Luckstead, an advocate for Veterans
- Sean Bennett, a resident
- James Robert Redford, Interim Director, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency
- Leslie Shanlian, MSA, NHA, CEO, Michigan Veteran Health System

Being no further business, the Chairwoman adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m., without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: 04/14/2016