

Minnesota State Senate

Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development Subcommittee on Veterans
Monday, January 27, 2025
3:00 PM, 1150 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

Present: Senator Bruce D. Anderson - **Chair**, Senator Aric Putnam - **Chair**, Senator Gene Dornink, Senator Zach Duckworth, Senator Mary K. Kunesh, Senator Robert J. Kupec, Senator Judy Seeberger, Senator Nathan Wesenberg

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Aric Putnam called the meeting to order at 3:06pm

Call to Order

Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs Overview

Testifiers: MDVA Commissioner Brad Lindsey, Deputy Commissioner for Healthcare Eric Meittunen, Deputy Commissioner for Programs & Services Ben Johnson, Government Affairs Director Jon Kelly

Minnesota Department of Military Affairs Overview

Testifiers: MDMA Executive Director Donald Kerr, Director of Operations Lieutenant Colonel Eric Athman

Minnesota Commanders' Task Force Overview

Testifiers: Legislative Chair for the American Legion Department of Minnesota Dr. Kristy Janigo, Department Commander for the American Legion, Chairman of Commanders Task Force Dr. Carl Moon

Minnesota Association of County Veterans Service Officers

Testifiers: Executive Director John D. Baker, J.D.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54pm

Senator Aric Putnam, Chair

Keely Spens, Legislative Assistant