

Minutes
Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission
Special Meeting by Teleconference

February 26, 2018
8:30 a.m.

The meeting was held by teleconference with the call originating from Room 680 at the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

MMPEC members participating: Royal Turner, Steve Ehrhardt, Bob Hagedorn, Bob Russell, Hart Nelson, Grace Link (Veterans Commission Chair designee), and Military Advocate Joe Driskill (DED Director designee).

WELCOME

Chair Hagedorn called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. The roll was called by Mr. Driskill and the Chair declared a quorum was present, consisting of five statutory members and two ex-officio member designees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, the following resolution was passed unanimously:

RESOLVED, the Commission hereby defers approval of the December 5, 2017 minutes until the March 6, 2018 quarterly meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of the planned Military Appreciation Day, March 28, 2018. The Chair called on Mr. Driskill to lead a discussion of the planned Military Appreciation Day. Mr. Driskill indicated that he had received inquiries from the office of Brigadier General John Nichols, Commander of the 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman AFB, and Major General Kent Savre, Commanding General of Fort Leonard Wood regarding whether they could reschedule their participation on March 28. They indicated their support for the event, but given recent controversies in the news, they would feel more comfortable if the event could be rescheduled to a future date.

Mr. Driskill also reported that he received a cancellation notice from the office of Robert Cardillo, Director, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency. Mr. Cardillo had accepted an invitation from Mr. Driskill to be a keynote speaker during the Military Appreciation Day luncheon, but his office sent his regrets last Thursday.

The Commissioners engaged in a discussion of the situation and advised Mr. Driskill that he should contact leaders in the General Assembly and the Governor's Office to determine whether the event could be rescheduled to a future date. Mr. Driskill indicated he would make these and additional contacts and provide further advice to the MMPEC members.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The next MMPEC meeting is set for 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 in Jefferson City.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business on the agenda and on motion by Commissioner Ehrhardt, seconded by Commissioner Turner, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 8:51 a.m.