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**MINUTES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON
MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
AND
OVERSIGHT AND ETHICS**

Grand Rapids Home for Veterans
Monday, June 13, 2016 9:00 a.m. 3000 Monroe Ave NE Grand Rapids, MI 49505

The House Committee on Ethics and Oversight was called to order by the Chairman, Representative Ed McBroom.

Members present: Representatives McBroom, Howrylak, Graves, Theis, Robinson, and Pagan.
Members absent: None.

The House Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs was called to order by the Chairman, Representative Tom Barrett.

Members present: Representatives Barrett, Hughes, Hooker, Outman, Glenn, Whiteford, and Rutledge.
Members absent/excused: Representatives Talabi and LaGrand.

Chairman McBroom laid before the committees the performance audit on the Grand Rapids home for Veterans, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, February 2016, Report Number: 511-0170-15.

Chairman McBroom reviewed the Oversight and Ethics Committee's recommendations based on the Auditor General's report.

Chairman Barrett gave a legislative update.

The following people testified to the performance audit on the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans:

Norm Tope, representing himself.
Ken Hammond, representing himself.
Bradford Southerland, representing himself.
Joe Wisser, representing himself.
Larry Noragon, representing himself.
Richard Green, representing himself.
Michael Young, representing himself.
Betty Pike, representing James Pike.
Maryam Al Kaboun, representing Andrew Ball.
Sarah Manning, representing David Manning.
Arnold Paolucci, representing himself.
Jerry Brott, representing himself.

Charles Mangold, representing himself.
Tony Spallone, representing himself.
Cheryl Ware, representing Richard Ference.

The committees went at east at 11:40 a.m. and reconvened at 12:00 p.m.

Representative Outman moved to excuse the absent members.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The following people testified to the performance audit on the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans:

Danielle VanderMeulen, representing John VanderMeulen.
Lonnie Fields, representing himself.
Wayne Brooks, representing himself.
Rob Troost, representing himself.
Mrs. Dennison, representing herself.
Kevin MacLeod, representing himself.
Theo Bates, representing Veterans in Michigan.
Anthony Moore, representing himself.
Don Ridgell, representing himself.
Catherine Buckley and Rolland Michael Brand, representing himself.
Allan Plantenga, representing himself.
Robert Hall, representing himself.
Don Johnson, representing himself.
Fred Sinclair, representing himself.
Larry Krul, representing himself.

Director James Robert Redford, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, Leslie Shanlian, CEO, Michigan Veterans Health System, Scott Blakeney, representing the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans, and Bob Johnson, answered questions from committee members.

There being no further business and seeing no objection, Chairman McBroom adjourned the House committee on Oversight and Ethics, the time being 2:40 p.m.

There being no further business and seeing no objection, Chairman Barrett adjourned the House committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, the time being 2:40 p.m.

Representative Tom Barrett, Chair

Kevin Gawronski
Committee Clerk
June 13, 2016
5 hours 20 minutes

Date Approved and Signed