

VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS DIVISION

Representative Jay Xiong, Co-Chair of the Veterans and Military Affairs Division, called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, in Room G23 of the Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

XIONG, Jay (Co-Chair)
REHRAUER, Kari (Co-Vice Chair)
BLISS, Matt (Co-Chair)
BJORN, Olson (Co-Vice Chair)
BENNETT, Peggy
CLARDY, Mary Frances
DAVIS, Ben
DURAN, Bidal
FEIST, Sandra
HILL, Josiah
LEE, Xp
REPINSKI, Aaron

A quorum was present.

Co-Vice Chair Rehrauer moved that the minutes of April 9, 2025, be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Presentation from the Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs (MDVA) on SGU Task Force.

Presenting:

- Ben Johnson, Deputy Commissioner, MDVA
- Jon Kelly, Director of Government Affairs, MDVA

Presentation from the Minnesota Military and Veterans Museum on updates and progress.

Co-Vice Chair Rehrauer assumed the gavel at 8:46 AM

Presenting:

- Randal Dietrich, Executive Director, Minnesota Military and Veterans Museum

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 AM.



Representative Jay Xiong, Co-Chair

Bonnsy Vue, Committee Legislative Assistant