



## **GEORGE E. WAHLEN OGDEN VETERANS HOME Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

**June 19, 2025 at 3:00pm**

### **Attendance:**

**In-person:** Curt Oda, John Knox, Steven Steed, Tressa Quayle, Marlene Summers, Jim Harvey, Jory Wahlen, Kim Pech

**Virtual:** Lacey Bizios

**Excused:** Beth Topa, Jeff Hanson, Gary Harter, Andrea Aston

**Absent:**

### **Welcome**

Chair Curt Oda called the meeting to order at 3:01 and welcomed everyone. Jory gave an opening prayer, and Marlene led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approval of the minutes of December 19, 2024**

A motion was made by Steve and seconded by Tressa to approve the minutes. Approval was unanimous.

### **Resident Council Update**

Resident Council President John Knox reported on all activities throughout the months of May and June. Some of the activities during the past two months: went on a trip to Wendover, numerous movies, outings to local stores, Father's Day barbeque, Memorial Day Program, flag burning ceremony, birthday bash with band, dedication of the George E. Wahlen monuments. This past quarter saw the passing of six residents.

### **Administrator's Report (Avalon)**

Kim Pech briefed about the new semi-annual survey-the resident and family satisfaction survey. The following categories were survey: Care provided by nursing staff, Quality of Food, Dining Services, Cleanliness-GEWOVH is at the top of the Avalon Company, Laundry Services, Recreational Activities, Therapy, Resolutions of Concerns, Recommend to Friends and Family. There were numerous resident and family members who stated the is the best place in the state of Utah, this place saved my dads life, appreciated all the employees who worked there, wished all care centers were as well managed as the GEWOVH, the facility should be the model for every other facility in the world.

### **State Officer's Report**

Jacquee reported on the status of the barbershop remodel stating the cabinets/countertops have been installed. We are a month out to completion. She reported that the Detention Pond project did go out to bid and one contractor was in

attendance. DFCM Carl Francis is the project manager and will update our department when the contractor has been awarded this project. She reported on the installation of the George E Wahlen Monuments. The event was scheduled on Memorial Day and it was well attended by numerous members of the Wahlen family/residents/family members/visitors. We are so excited that we have a memorial for George E Wahlen!

## **Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs Executive Director/Deputy Director's Report**

Jacquee reported on the status of the new nursing home and update on the northern cemetery. She went over the National Association of State Veterans Homes Federal Legislative Priorities. The most important being the high cost of medication and admission to the state veteran's home. Upon admission the veterans are no longer able to fill their medication with SLC VA Hospital. So, the cost of higher medications can be problematic for admitting the veteran and paying for that specific type of medication (example cancer medications). The association is hopeful for a resolution for VA to pay for those types of medication, but the laws would need to change for that to happen.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

George E Wahlen Tribute Run will be scheduled for November 1, 2025. Jory will send out further details about this event when received.

### **Upcoming Board Meetings**

September 18th, 2025 at 3:00pm

December 18th, 2025, at 3:00pm

March

**Adjourn Chairman** Curt Oda adjourned the meeting at 4:05 PM.