

**SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS**

November 16, 2021
11:00 AM

Hearing Room Remote A

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. James Manning Jr., Chair
Sen. Chuck Thomsen, Vice-Chair
Sen. Dennis Linthicum
Sen. Deb Patterson

STAFF PRESENT: Regina Wilson, LPRO Analyst
Sean Murphy, Committee Assistant

EXHIBITS: Exhibits from this meeting are available [here](#)

MEASURES/ISSUES: Organizational Meeting
Adoption of Committee Rules
Informational Meeting
COVID-19 Testing – Veterans and General Population
Veterans’ Housing and the Impact of COVID-19

This meeting was held virtually with remote participation only

00:00:52 Meeting Called to Order
00:00:53 Chair Manning Jr.
00:01:30 ROLL CALL

00:02:42 **Adoption of Committee Rules - Organizational Meeting**
00:02:43 Chair Manning Jr.
00:02:56 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR THOMSEN MOVES ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE RULES
00:04:08 VOTE: 3-1-0
AYE: PATTERSON, THOMSEN, MANNING JR.
NAY: LINTHICUM

00:07:02 **COVID-19 Testing - Veterans and General Population - Informational Meeting**
00:07:03 Chair Manning Jr.
00:07:18 Kelly Fitzpatrick, Director, Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs
00:12:31 Sen. Linthicum
00:20:42 Dean Sidelinger, State Health Officer and State Epidemiologist, Oregon Health Authority

00:34:47 Sen. Patterson

00:45:50 **Veterans' Housing and the Impact of COVID-19 - Informational Meeting**

00:45:51 Chair Manning Jr.

00:46:20 Brit McLean, Senior Legislative and Government Relations Coordinator, Oregon Housing and Community Services

00:53:39 Sen. Patterson

00:56:18 Carolyn Bateson, Director, Community Reintegration Services, VA Portland Health Care System

01:07:09 Rachel Carlson, Director, Community Resource and Referral Center, VA Portland Health Care System

01:21:06 Cole Schnitzer, Supervisor, Housing and Urban Development - VA Supportive Housing Program (HUD-VASH), VA Portland Health Care System

01:36:24 Sen. Linthicum

01:37:01 Patrick Wright, Executive Director, Operation Rebuild Hope

01:50:27 Angela Archer, Director of Marketing, Operation Rebuild Hope

02:04:37 Sara Webb, Veterans Program Manager, Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency the ARCHES Project

02:20:25 Regina Wilson, LPRO Analyst

02:20:41 Meeting Adjourned