

**ASSESSMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PHYSICAL AND MENTAL
HEALTH EXAMINATIONS AND THE DEPARTMENT'S SCHEDULE OF RATING
DISABILITIES FOR DISABILITY COMPENSATION CLAIMS RELATED TO MILITARY
SEXUAL TRAUMA**

MEETING 2 OPEN SESSION

TUESDAY MARCH 18, 2025

OPEN SESSION ONE

10:00–10:05 am **Introductory comments**

- Hortensia Amaro, Committee Chair

10:05–11:30 **Insight from Veterans' Service Organizations on VA's Military Sexual
Trauma Disability Exams**

- Naomi Mathis, Assistant National Legislative Director,
Disabled American Veterans
- Jennifer McGuire, National Service Officer II, Benefits,
Wounded Warrior Project
- Cindy Noel, Assistant Director, Field Operations, Veterans
of Foreign Wars
- Julie Howell, Associate Legislative Director for
Government Relations, Paralyzed Veterans of America

11:30am–12:00pm **Committee questions**

12:00–12:05 **Chair's concluding remarks**

- Hortensia Amaro, Committee Chair

OPEN SESSION TWO

1:00–1:10 pm **Introductory comments**

- Hortensia Amaro, Committee Chair

1:10–2:10 **Insight from Veteran's Legal and Local Advocates**

- Christine Clemens, National Organization of Veterans Advocates Board President,
Partner at Chisholm, Chisholm & Kilpatrick
- Herman "Herm" K. Breuer, Senior Advisor, Ward Circle Strategies

2:10–2:45 **Committee questions**

2:45–2:50 **Closing comments (open session ends)**

- Hortensia Amaro, Committee Chair

