

**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 1 OPEN SESSION

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025

1:30–1:35 pm Introductory comments

- Hortensia Amaro, Committee Chair

1:35–2:35 Insight from Department of Veterans Affairs

- James Eggers, MHA/MBA, Acting Deputy Chief Officer, VHA Office of Disability and Medical Assessment
- Earl Hutchinson, Assistant Director, Policy and Program Management, Medical Disability Examination Office
- Stephanie Hyberger, Clinical Program Management Officer, Medical Disability Examination Office

3:00–3:30 Insight from Congressional Staff

Anticipated Presenters

- Jenny Tang, House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Republican Staff
- Alex Lucero, House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Republican Staff
- Bradley Plunkett, Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, Republican Staff
- Abby Roubal, Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, Democratic Staff
- Carlos Fuentes, Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, Democratic Staff
- Kelsey Baron, Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, Republican Staff

3:3–3:40 Committee Questions

3:40–3:45 Closing comments (open session ends)

- Hortensia Amaro, Committee Chair