

**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**

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**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

**3:33–3:40        Committee Questions**

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

- Hortensia Amaro, Committee Chair