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TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION

July 30, 2014

NOTICE OF FOURTH QUARTERLY MEETING (FISCAL YEAR 2014) **TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION**

Agenda for the Fourth Quarterly Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on August 7, 2014 at the Stephen F. Austin Building, 1700 N. Congress Avenue, Room 170, Austin, Texas 78701:

- I. Call meeting to order.
- II. Public comment.
- III. Approve the minutes of the Third Quarterly Meeting held May 14, 2014, and the Special Meeting held June 18, 2014.
- IV. Annual Election of Vice Chairman and Secretary of Commission.
- V. Report, presentation and/or action by representatives of the Veterans Communication Advisory Committee.
- VI. Report, presentation and/or action regarding Texas Veterans Commission Excellence in Media Awards.
- VII. Report, presentation and/or action by representatives of the Fund for Veterans' Assistance Advisory Committee.
- VIII. Report, presentation and/or action by representatives of the Veterans County Service Officer Advisory Committee.
- IX. Report, presentation and/or action by representatives of the Veterans Employment and Training Advisory Committee.
- X. Report, presentation and/or action regarding Texas Veterans Commission Employer of Veterans Awards.
- XI. Report, presentation and/or action regarding Advisory Committee membership.
- XII. Report, presentation and/or action regarding Executive Director report.
- XIII. Report, presentation and/or action regarding Military Veteran Peer Network.
- XIV. Report, presentation and/or action regarding a partnership with the Supreme Court of Texas for a separate Veterans Courts/legal services grant solicitation.
- XV. Report, presentation and/or action regarding Texas Veterans Healthcare Strike Force Teams.
- XVI. Report, presentation and/or action regarding the Legislative Appropriations Request for Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017.
- XVII. Report, presentation and/or action on agency programs and divisions:
 - A. Claims Representation and Counseling;
 - B. Veterans Employment Services;
 - C. Veterans Education;
 - D. Fund for Veterans' Assistance;
 - E. Administration;
 - F. Finance;

- G. Government Relations; and
- H. Communications and Veterans Outreach.
- XXVIII. Report, presentation and/or action on Appropriation Year 2014 3rd Quarter Operating Statement.
- XXIX. Report, presentation and/or action on Fiscal Year 2015 Operating Budget.
 - A. Report, presentation and/or action regarding an increase in the salary of the Executive Director as provided by the 2015-2016 General Appropriations Act.
- XX. Report, presentation and/or action regarding Fund for Veterans' Assistance Veterans Mental Health Grant awarded to Mental Health America of Greater Dallas.
- XXI. Report, presentation and/or action to propose amendments to agency rules:
 - A. 40 TAC, Chapter 452, Administration General Provisions:
 - i. §452.1. Charges for Copies of Public Records
 - ii. §452.2. Advisory Committees
 - iii. §452.4. Alternative Dispute Resolution
 - iv. §452.5. Petition for Adoption of Rules
 - v. §452.8. Employee Training and Education
 - B. 40 TAC, Chapter 453, Historically Underutilized Business Program
 - C. 40 TAC, Chapter 455, TAPS Program:
 - i. §455.3. Definitions
 - ii. §455.4. Process
 - iii. §455.5. Adoption of Standard Form
- XXII. Report, presentation and/or action regarding Internal Audit of the Fund for Veterans' Assistance Grant Administration.
- XXIII. Report, presentation and/or action regarding Internal Auditor contract services.
- XXIV. Discussion to set date, time, and location of next Commission meeting.
- XXV. Executive Session.

THE FOLLOWING MAY BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION OR OPEN MEETING AND HAVE ACTION TAKEN IN AN OPEN MEETING:

- A. Government Code §551.074(a)(1) The Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of the Executive Director, Executive Staff, and/or other personnel.
 - B. Government Code §551.071(1) Contemplated Litigation or Pending Litigation: *Armando Lazarin v. Texas Veterans Commission*, Cause No. 2014CCV-60657-4, County Court at Law No. 4, Nueces County, Texas; and *Keith Harris v. Texas Veterans Commission*, Civil Action No. 14-cv-1312, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division.
 - C. Government Code §551.071(2) All Matters Identified in This Agenda Where the Commission Seeks the Advice of Their Attorney as Privileged Communications under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas and to Discuss the Open Meetings Act and the Administrative Procedures Act.
- XXVI. Discuss and take possible action on the items considered in Executive Session.
 - XXVII. Adjournment.

Those individuals or organizations wishing to address the Commission with reference to an agenda item must make a request prior to the date of the meeting. Requests should be directed to H. Karen Fastenau, General Counsel, at 512/463-1549.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, large print or Braille, are requested to contact Luis Acuna, Staff Services Officer, at 512/463-6564, two (2) work days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.


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