

ELISEO "AL" CANTU, JR.
Major, US Army (Retired)
Chairman

JAMES H. SCOTT
Colonel, USAF (Retired)
Vice Chairman

THE REV. RICHARD A. McLEON, IV
US Army Veteran
Secretary



DANIEL P. MORAN
Captain, USMC (Retired)
Member

J.K. "JAKE" ELLZEY
Commander, US Navy (Retired)
Member

THOMAS P. PALLADINO
Colonel, US Army (Retired)
Executive Director

TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION

October 28, 2014

NOTICE OF FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING (FISCAL YEAR 2015) **TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION**

Agenda for the First Quarterly Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on November 5, 2014 at the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Room 1-111, Austin, Texas 78701:

- I. Call meeting to order.
- II. Public comment.
- III. Approve the minutes of the Fourth Quarterly Meeting held August 7, 2014.
- IV. Report, presentation and/or action by representatives of the Veterans Communication Advisory Committee.
- V. Report, presentation and/or action by representatives of the Veterans Employment and Training Advisory Committee.
- VI. Report, presentation and/or action by representatives of the Veterans County Service Officer Advisory Committee.
- VII. Report, presentation and/or action by representatives of the Fund for Veterans' Assistance Advisory Committee.
- VIII. Report, presentation and/or action regarding the Fiscal Year 2014 Internal Audit Annual Report.
- IX. Report, presentation and/or action regarding the Fiscal Year 2015 Internal Audit Plan.
- X. Report, presentation and/or possible action regarding the Internal Audit of Information Resources Systems and Controls.
- XI. Report, presentation and/or possible action regarding the Internal Audit of the Federally Funded Programs of Veterans Education.
- XII. Report, presentation and/or action on Appropriation Year 2014 4th Quarter Operating Statement.
- XIII. 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.

- XIV. Discuss and take possible action on the items considered in Executive Session.
- XV. Report, presentation and/or action regarding acceptance of gifts.
- XVI. Report, presentation and/or action to Adopt the Review of agency rules:
 - A. 40 TAC, Chapter 450, Veterans County Service Officers Certificate of Training
 - B. 40 TAC, Chapter 451, Veterans County Service Officers Accreditation
 - C. 40 TAC, Chapter 452, Administration General Provisions
 - D. 40 TAC, Chapter 453, Historically Underutilized Business Program
 - E. 40 TAC, Chapter 455, TAPS Program
 - F. 40 TAC, Chapter 456, Contract Negotiation and Mediation
 - G. 40 TAC, Chapter 457, Protests of Agency Purchases
 - H. 40 TAC, Chapter 459, Transportation Support Services
- XVII. Report, presentation and/or action to Adopt Amendments to agency rules:
 - A. 40 TAC, Chapter 452, Administration General Provisions:
 - i. §452.1. Charges for Copies of Public Records
 - ii. §452.3. Negotiated Rulemaking
 - 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
- XVIII. Report, presentation and/or action to Adopt or Propose Amendments to agency rule: 40 TAC §452.2. Advisory Committees.
- XIX. Report, presentation and/or action regarding conflict of interest and non-disclosure of confidential information policies for Advisory Committees.
- XX. Report, presentation and/or action regarding recommendations for Fund for Veterans' Assistance General Assistance, Series XV-A grants.
- XXI. Report, presentation and/or action regarding Commission priorities for Fund for Veterans' Assistance General Assistance, Series XV-B grants.
- XXII. Report, presentation and/or action regarding annual evaluation of Advisory Committees.
- XXIII. Report, presentation and/or action regarding Advisory Committees membership.
- XXIV. Report, presentation and/or action regarding Executive Director report.
- XXV. 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;
 - H. Communications and Veterans Outreach;

- I. Military Veteran Peer Network;
- J. Women Veterans; and
- K. Veteran Entrepreneurship.

XXVI. Discussion to set date, time, and location of next Commission meeting.

XXVII. Adjourn.

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 Acuña, Staff Services Officer, at 512/463-6564, two (2) work days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.



THOMAS P. PALLADINO
Executive Director

TPP/pjo