

Texas Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting (FY 2011)
February 24, 2011

I. Call to Order

Chairman O'Mahoney called to order the Special Meeting of the Texas Veterans Commission at 11:00 a.m. on February 24, 2011, in the Texas Veterans Commission Conference Room in Suite 800 of the Stephen F. Austin Building at 1700 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78701.

The following Commissioners were present:

T.P. O'Mahoney, Chairman
Eliseo "Al" Cantu, Vice Chairman
James H. Scott, Member

Absent: Richard A. McLeon, IV, Member

Also present was Thomas P. Palladino, Executive Director.

Commissioner Scott led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag. Vice Chairman Cantu gave the opening prayer.

Chairman O'Mahoney announced the purpose of today's meeting was to hold a workshop to review the proposed rules for the Fund for Veterans' Assistance (FVA) Grant Program.

II. Report, Presentation and/or Action regarding Approval of Funding for Grant Application

Bill Wilson, Director, Fund for Veterans' Assistance, presented a recommendation to the Commissioners to approve grant funding for applicant Grace After Fire.

MOTION: To approve for funding as presented.

MADE BY: Vice Chairman Cantu

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Scott

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

A complete list of the grants awarded by the TVC Commissioners is available on the Texas Veterans Commission website at: <http://www.tvc.state.tx.us/about/awards>.

III. Report, Presentation and/or Action regarding Proposed Rules

Tina Carnes, General Counsel, presented proposed new rule, Texas Administrative Code, Title 40, Part 15, Section 452.8 concerning Employee Training and Education. The proposed rule was previously distributed to the Commissioners.

MOTION: To approve the proposed new rule, as presented, for publication in the Texas Register.

MADE BY: Vice Chairman Cantu

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Scott

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

Bill Wilson, Director, Fund for Veterans' Assistance, presented proposed new rules, Texas Administrative Code, Title 40, Part 15, Chapter 460 concerning Fund for Veterans' Assistance Program. The proposed rules were previously distributed to the Commissioners. Discussion was held and revisions were made.

MOTION: To approve the proposed new rule, with changes as discussed, for publication in the Texas Register.

MADE BY: Commissioner Scott

SECONDED BY: Vice Chairman Cantu

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Carnes presented proposed repeal of Texas Administrative Code Title 40, Part 15, Chapter 454 concerning Grants. The proposed repeal was previously distributed to the Commissioners.

MOTION: To approve the proposed repeal, as presented, for publication in the Texas Register.

MADE BY: Vice Chairman Cantu

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Scott

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Report, Presentation and/or Action regarding Fund for Veterans' Assistance Program Update

Mr. Wilson provided an update regarding the FVA program goals and action since February 1, 2011. He announced the addition of new Grant Monitor, Sarah Tillman, and noted a second Grant Monitor position has been filled effective March 1, 2011. Mr. Wilson then provided the Commissioners the internal Grant Agreement Amendment Policy for information. Mr. Wilson reported on the FVA Grant Performance through December 31, 2010, and the status of the Grant Agreements that were approved at the Commission meeting on January 25, 2011. Thomas Palladino, Executive Director, reported on a recent meeting with the Texas Lottery Commission about the next lottery ticket design. He requested feedback from the Commissioners regarding their recommendation on the ticket design.

V. Discussion of Date, Time and Location of Next Commission Meeting

The Third Quarterly Commission Meeting was scheduled to be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, in Room 170 of the Stephen F. Austin Building, in Austin, Texas. The time of meeting to be determined at a later date.

VI. Public comment

None.

VII. Executive Session

Chairman O'Mahoney adjourned into Executive Session at 12:27 p.m.

Chairman O'Mahoney reconvened in Open Meeting at 1:13 p.m.

VIII. Discuss and take Possible Action on the Items considered in Executive Session

Chairman O'Mahoney reported there was no action taken in Executive Session.

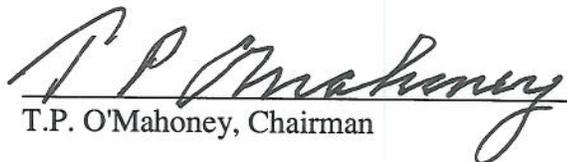
IX. Commissioners' closing comments

Chairman O'Mahoney recognized Mr. Palladino and the FVA staff and thanked them for all their work. Vice Chairman Cantu extended his appreciation to staff for all their support. He announced that Commissioner John McKinney's ashes will be laid to rest at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas on Monday, March 21, 2011, at 2:00 p.m.

X. Adjournment

Chairman O'Mahoney adjourned the meeting at 1:14 p.m.

Minutes Approved by:


T.P. O'Mahoney, Chairman