

Texas Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting (FY 2012)
April 30, 2012

I. Call to Order

Chairman O'Mahoney called to order the Special Meeting of the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) at 1:01 p.m. on April 30, 2012, in the Aransas Room of the Omni Corpus Christi Hotel, at 900 Shoreline Blvd., in Corpus Christi, Texas 78401.

The following Commissioners, constituting a quorum, were present:

T.P. O'Mahoney, Chairman
Eliseo "Al" Cantu, Vice Chairman
James H. Scott, Secretary
Richard A. McLeon, Member
Daniel P. Moran, Member

Also present was Thomas P. Palladino, Executive Director.

Also present: See the attached list.

Commissioner Moran led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag; Secretary Scott led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag; and Commissioner McLeon gave the opening prayer.

Vice Chairman Cantu introduced Representative Connie Scott, Texas House Member, District 34. Chairman O'Mahoney welcomed visitors to the meeting: Paul Moore, and Tommy Gregg of the Veterans Land Board. Chairman O'Mahoney recognized Rufus Coburn as the new Director of Veterans Education for the agency.

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Approval of Minutes from January 30, 2012 Commission Meeting

The minutes were previously distributed to the Commissioners.

MOTION: Approve the minutes of the Second Quarterly Meeting held on January 30, 2012, as presented.

MADE BY: Vice Chairman Cantu

SECONDED BY: Secretary Scott

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Discussion and/or Action to Adopt Amendment to 40 TAC §452.2, Advisory Committees, regarding the creation of a new Veterans County Service Officer Advisory Committee

Karen Fastenau, General Counsel, presented the staff recommendation to approve the adoption of the amendment to 40 TAC §452.2, Advisory Committees, as previously published in the February 17, 2012, issue of the *Texas Register*. There were no comments received by the public during the comment period that ended on March 19, 2012.

MOTION: Approve the adoption of the amendment to 40 TAC §452.2(e) to create a new VCSO Advisory Committee, without changes to the rule as published in the *Texas Register*.

MADE BY: Secretary Scott

SECONDED BY: Vice Chairman Cantu

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

V. Report, Presentation and/or Action on Agency Strategic Plan

Thomas Palladino, Executive Director, presented an overview of the agency's draft Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2013 - 2017. Mr. Palladino highlighted updates from the previous plan to the current draft, and noted additional recommended revisions. The Commissioners discussed the draft Strategic Plan and recommended revisions to various sections, and gave input on the final formatting for the final draft.

Bill Wilson, Director, Fund for Veterans' Assistance (FVA), discussed the proposal of the FVA to establish a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that would have the ability to apply for federal funds, and allow flexibility to the Commission to award emergency assistance grants for natural disasters in a timely manner. The Commissioners agreed to take up this matter for discussion at a future Commission meeting after additional research by staff.

Chairman O'Mahoney briefly discussed House Resolution (HR) 4072, 112th Congress, Consolidating Veteran Employment Services for Improved Performance Act of 2012. He asked Shawn Deabay, Director, Veterans Employment Services, to keep the Commission apprised of any action taken on HR 4072.

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

The Third Quarterly Commission Meeting was scheduled for May 30, 2012 at 8:00 a.m.; the Fourth Quarterly Commission Meeting was scheduled for August 8, 2012 at 8:00 a.m.

VII. Executive Session

Chairman O'Mahoney adjourned into Executive Session at 1:34 p.m.

Chairman O'Mahoney reconvened in Open Meeting at 2:25 p.m.

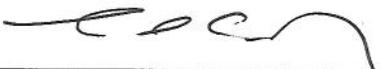
VIII. Discuss and take Possible Action on the Items considered in Executive Session

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

IX. Adjournment

Chairman O'Mahoney adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

Minutes Approved by:



Eliseo "Al" Cantu, Jr., Chairman

TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION

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1:00 p.m. Omni Corpus Christi Hotel, Aransas Room,
Corpus Christi, Texas

Speakers & Visitors

Tommy Gregg
Veterans Land Board

Paul Moore
Executive Secretary
Veterans Land Board

Rep. Connie Scott
Texas House of Representatives, District 34