

Texas Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes

Special Commission Meeting (FY 2014)

June 18, 2014

I. Call to order.

Chairman Eliseo Cantu called to order the Special Commission Meeting of the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) at 9:01 a.m. on June 18, 2014, at the John H. Reagan Building, 105 West 15th Street, Room 110, Austin, Texas, 78701.

The following Commissioners, constituting a quorum, were present:

Eliseo "Al" Cantu, Chairman
James H. Scott, Vice Chairman
Jake Ellzey, Commissioner

Absent: Richard A. McLeon, Secretary
Daniel Moran, Commissioner

Chairman Cantu noted Commissioner McLeon's and Commissioner Moran's absence on the record and excused him from the meeting.

Also present was Thomas P. Palladino, Executive Director.

Also present: See the attached list.

Chip Osborne, Chief Financial Officer, gave the opening prayer. Vice Chairman Scott led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and Commissioner Ellzey led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

Chairman Cantu welcomed visitors to the meeting. He introduced TVC new employees:

Edith Disler

Veterans Education Program – Program Specialist – started on April 1st at TVC HQs

Aaron Smith

Communications and Veterans Outreach – Information Specialist – transferred from Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area to TVC HQs on April 1st

Gabe Torres

Veterans Education Program – Staff Services Officer – started on May 1st at TVC HQs

Brent Flournoy

Fund for Veterans Assistance – Grant Coordinator, Housing4TexasHeroes – started on May 1st at TVC HQs

Andrea Jones

Human Resources – Human Resources Specialist – started on June 1st at TVC HQs

II. Public comment.

None.

III. Report, presentation and/ or action regarding agency Strategic Plan.

Rachel Shumaker, Communications and Veterans Outreach Manager, provided an overview of 2015 – 2019 Texas Veterans Commission Strategic Plan. She elaborated on each of the ten parts included in the 2015 – 2019 Strategic Plan, and explained the info graphics provided for the internal assessment of each of the agency’s program areas and divisions. She highlighted specific information provided by the info graphics and briefed the Commission over the agency goals, strategies and measures, however she noted this section is incomplete due to pending approval from the Legislative Budget Board. Lastly, Ms. Shumaker provided an overview of the appendixes and noted the timeline and planning process for approval.

MOTION: Approve staff to submit the agency’s Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2015 – 2019, which includes the authority to include the pending items and the ability to make necessary stylistic and grammatical changes.

MADE BY: Vice Chairman Scott

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Ellzey

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

Concluding Ms. Shumaker’s presentation, the Texas Veterans Commission honored Mr. Sam Shore, Texas Department of State Health Services, for his work in Veterans Mental Health.

IV. Report, presentation and/or action regarding potential exceptional items for the Legislative Appropriations Request.

Chip Osborne, Chief Financial Officer, and Kyle Mitchell, Deputy Executive Director, briefed the Commission over the process and timeline the agency staff participated in to form the potential exceptional items for the Legislative Appropriations Request.

Rufus Coburn, Veterans Education Program Director, presented the Commission potential exceptional items proposed by the Veterans Education Program.

Shawn Deabay, Veterans Employment Services Director, presented the Commission potential exceptional items proposed by the Veterans Employment Services Program.

Rachel Shumaker, Communication and Veterans Outreach Manager, presented the Commission potential exceptional items proposed by the Communications division and the Women Veterans Initiative.

Cruz Montemayor, Chief Administrative Officer, presented the Commission potential exceptional items proposed by the Administrative division.

Kyle Mitchell, Deputy Executive Director, presented the Commission potential exceptional items relating to Veteran County Service Officers and Justice Involved Veterans.

V. **Report, presentation and/or action on the proposed Review of Agency Rules.**

Karen Fastenau, General Counsel, briefed the Commission on the proposed review of agency rules. She explained the required four year review of agency rules process to the Commission. Additionally, she explained the internal process for reviewing the proposed review of agency rules. Ms. Fastenau listed all the agency rules proposed for review concluding her presentation.

MOTION: Approve staff to submit the agency's administrative rules for all items under Agenda Item V (a-h) to the Texas Register for publication and comment.

MADE BY: Commissioner Ellzey

SECONDED BY: Vice Chairman Scott

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

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

The Commission discussed the date, time, and location of the upcoming Fourth Quarterly Commission meeting. TVC staff suggested the Fourth Quarterly Commission Meeting to be scheduled on August 6, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. in Austin, TX. The Commission expressed no conflicts with these two dates. The Commission agreed to accept this date, time, and location for the Fourth Quarterly Commission meeting.

VII. **Executive Session.**

The Commission adjourned into an Executive Session at 10:36 a.m. and reconvened in open meeting at 11:00 a.m.

VIII. **Discuss and take possible action on the items considered in Executive Session.**

No discussion or action taken on any items considered in the Executive Session.

IX. Adjournment.

Chairman Cantu adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

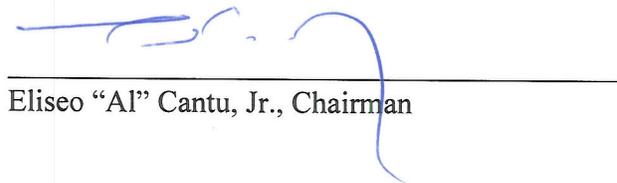
MOTION: Adjourn

MADE BY: Vice Chairman Scott

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Ellzey

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes Approved by:



Eliseo "Al" Cantu, Jr., Chairman

TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION
Special Commission Meeting
FY 2014 – June 18, 2014
9:00 a.m. – John H. Reagan Building – Room 110
Speakers & Visitors

Shakira Pumphrey
Office of the Texas House Speaker

Sam Shore
Texas Department of State Health Services

Dwight Clark
Texas House Committee on Defense and Veterans Affairs