

Texas Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes

Commission Special Meeting (FY 2011)
September 8, 2010

I. Call to order

Chair Rankin called to order the Special Meeting of the Texas Veterans Commission at 8:00 a.m. on September 8, 2010, in Room 170 of the Stephen F. Austin Building, 1700 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78701.

The following Commissioners were present:

Karen S. Rankin, Chair
T.P. O'Mahoney, Vice Chairman
Eliseo "Al" Cantu, Secretary
John B. McKinney, Member

Also present was James O. Richman, Interim Executive Director.

Chair Rankin called the meeting to order and asked Secretary Cantu to conduct the opening prayer, and Commissioner McKinney to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag, and Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag.

II. Receive Report, Presentation and/or Action Regarding Annual Evaluation of Advisory Committees.

Cruz Montemayor presented the report of the Evaluation Team regarding its findings of each advisory committee's work, its usefulness, and the costs related to each advisory committee's existence from August 2009 to August 2010.

MOTION: To allow the advisory committees to continue to operate for the next year.

MADE BY: Vice Chairman O'Mahoney

SECONDED BY: Secretary Cantu

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Rankin announced the purpose of the Special Meeting today is to conduct the second round of interviews with the top three candidates selected for the Texas Veterans Commission Executive Director position.

Chair Rankin adjourned into Executive Session at 8:07 a.m.

Chair Rankin reconvened the Open Meeting at 11:45 a.m.

III. Discuss and Take Possible Action on the Items Considered in Executive Session.

The Commissioners voted on the selection of the Executive Director subject to the following stipulations: Reference checks; criminal background investigation; and driver's license review.

MOTION: The Commissioners select Thomas Palladino as the new Executive Director.

MADE BY: Secretary Cantu

SECONDED BY: Commissioner McKinney

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Rankin adjourned the Open Meeting for a short recess at 11:47 a.m.

Chair Rankin reconvened the Open Meeting at 11:52 a.m.

IV. Approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting held July 20, 2010

The minutes of the Special Meeting and second LAR Workshop held on July 20, 2010 were previously distributed to the Commissioners.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the Special Meeting as presented.

MADE BY: Secretary Cantu

SECONDED BY: Vice Chairman O'Mahoney

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

V. Date for Next Commission Meeting

The next Commission meeting was scheduled for September 28, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.

VI. Commissioners' Closing Comments

The Commissioners each thanked Alice Mehringer and Connie Jacksits for their assistance, expertise and professionalism in assisting with the interview process.

Chair Rankin thanked James Richman for taking on the role of Interim Executive Director, and for doing a fine job of running the daily operations of the agency.

V. **Adjourn Meeting**

Chair Rankin adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

Minutes Approved by:


T.P. O'Mahoney, Chairman