Texas Veterans Commission
Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting (FY 2012)
September 12, 2011

I. Call to Order

Chairman O'Mahoney called to order the Special Meeting of the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) at 11:00 a.m. on September 12, 2011, in the Westchester Room of the Houston Westin Galleria at 5060 W. Alabama, Houston, Texas 77056.

The following Commissioners were present:
T.P. O'Mahoney, Chairman
Eliseo "Al" Cantu, Vice Chairman
Richard A. McLeon, IV, Member
Daniel P. Moran, Member

Excused: James H. Scott, Secretary

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 and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag. Commissioner McLeon gave the opening prayer.

II. Public Comment

Buddy Grantham, Executive Director, City of Houston Office of Veterans Affairs, provided a brief explanation of the role of his office, and welcomed the Texas Veterans Commission to the City of Houston on behalf of Mayor Annise D. Parker.

Chairman O'Mahoney thanked Mr. Grantham for his service and all his office does to assist veterans.

III. Approval of Minutes from August 10, 2011 Commission Meeting

The minutes were previously distributed to the Commissioners.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on August 10, 2011, as presented.

MADE BY: Vice Chairman Cantu

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Moran

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Report, Presentation and/or Action regarding Proposed Housing4TexasHeroes Rules

Bill Wilson, Director, Fund for Veterans' Assistance, presented the proposed amended rule in Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Title 40, Part 15, Section 460.10 and new Section 460.16, concerning the Housing4TexasHeroes program, for publication in the Texas Register.

MOTION: To approve the proposed Housing4TexasHeroes rules for publication in the Texas Register, as presented.

MADE BY: Vice Chairman Cantu

SECONDED BY: Commissioner McLeon

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

V. Report, Presentation and/or Action regarding Proposed Amendments to Fund for Veterans' Assistance (FVA) Grant Program rules

Bill Wilson presented the proposed amended rules in Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Title 40, Part 15, Sections 460.1, 460.2, 460.5, 460.8 460.9, and new Section 460.12, concerning the Fund for Veterans' Assistance Grant Program, for publication in the Texas Register.

MOTION: To approve the proposed amendments to the Fund for Veterans' Assistance Grant Program rules for publication in the Texas Register, as presented.

MADE BY: Vice Chairman Cantu

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Moran

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

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

The 1st Quarterly Commission Meeting for Fiscal Year 2012 was previously scheduled for November 16, 2011, at 8:00 a.m. in Room 170 of the Stephen F. Austin Building in Austin, Texas.

VII. Executive Session

Chairman O'Mahoney adjourned into Executive Session at 11:10 a.m.

Chairman O'Mahoney reconvened in Open Meeting at 11:37 a.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 11:38 a.m.

Minutes Approved by: T.P. O'Mahoney, Chairman

TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION

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September 12, 2011, 11:00 a.m.
Westin Galleria Hotel
Houston, Texas

Buddy Grantham
Executive Director, City of Houston Office of Veterans Affairs

Marianne Rogers
Chair, Veterans Employment & Training Advisory Committee

Thomas G. Smith
Chair, FVA Advisory Committee

Gary Thomas
Veterans County Service Officer, Rains County

Tim Vasquez
President, Veterans County Service Officer Association of Texas