

# Texas Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes

First Quarterly Meeting (FY 2015)  
November 5, 2014

## **I. Call to order.**

Chairman Eliseo Cantu called to order the 1st Quarterly Meeting of the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) at 9:00 a.m. on November 5, 2014, at the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Room 1-111, Austin, Texas 78701.

The following Commissioners, constituting a quorum, were present:

Eliseo "Al" Cantu, Chairman  
James H. Scott, Vice Chairman  
Richard A. McLeon, IV, Secretary  
Jake Ellzey, Commissioner  
Daniel P. Moran, Commissioner

Also present was Thomas P. Palladino, Executive Director.

Also present: See the attached list.

Secretary McLeon 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.

## **II. Public Comment.**

Dan West, Department of Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars State Senior Vice Commander, provided public comment regarding agenda item *XVIII Report, presentation and/or action to Adopt or Propose Amendments to agency rule: 40 TAC §452.2. Advisory Committees*. He expressed his concern regarding the proposed rule language to agency rule 40 TAC §452.2. Advisory Committees.

Navarro Williams, CEO of Sam Ministries, provided public comment regarding the Fund for Veterans' Assistance General Assistance, Series XV-A grants. Mr. Williams provided an overview of his organization and the services his organization offers.

Cassandra Melgar-C'De Baca, Founder and CEO of F7 Group, provided public comment regarding the Fund for Veterans' Assistance General Assistance, Series XV-A grant and the Fund for Veterans' Assistance Committee membership. Ms. Melgar C'De Baca provided an overview of her organization and her organization's experience with the Fund for Veterans' Assistance grant process. Lastly, Ms. Melgar C'De Baca expressed concerns with a current member of the Fund for Veterans' Assistance Advisory Committee, and

requested for the removal of that member.

Morgan Little, Texas Coalition of Veterans Service Organizations, provided public comment regarding agenda item *XVIII Report, presentation and/or action to Adopt or Propose Amendments to agency rule: 40 TAC §452.2. Advisory Committees*. He provided support for the intention of the proposed rule. Lastly, Mr. Little offered suggestions to better improve the proposed rule.

**III. Approve the Minutes of the Fourth Quarterly Meeting held August 7, 2014.**

The minutes for the Fourth Quarterly Meeting held August 7, 2014, were previously distributed to the Commissioners.

MOTION: Approve the minutes of the Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on August 7, 2014, as presented.

MADE BY: Vice Chairman Scott

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Ellzey

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Report, presentation and/or action by representatives of the Veterans Communication Advisory Committee.**

Jim Cunningham, Chairman of the Veterans Communication Advisory Committee, provided a summary of activities conducted by the Veterans Communication Advisory Committee since its last report to the Commission. The Advisory Committee reviewed the Texas Veterans Commission Excellence in Media Awards and discussed the Committees plan for next year's award presentation. The Advisory Committee also discussed future outreach opportunities, including events and promotions that would occur during the upcoming quarter. Lastly, the Advisory Committee reviewed the Texas Coordinating Council for Veterans Services Second Report, and discussed initiatives that could be adopted to communicate the needs discussed in the report to communities.

**V. Report, presentation and/or action by representatives of the Veterans Employment and Training Advisory Committee.**

No presentation given. Report from John DiPiero, Chairman of the Veterans Employment and Training Advisory Committee, was submitted prior to the Meeting.

**VI. Report, presentation and/or action by representatives of the Veterans County Service Officer Advisory Committee.**

No presentation given. Report from Jimmy DeFoor, Chairman of the Veterans County Service Officer Advisory Committee, was submitted prior to the Meeting.

**VII. Report, presentation and/or action by representatives of the Fund for Veterans' Assistance Advisory Committee.**

Perry Jefferies, Fund for Veterans' Assistance Advisory Committee Member, provided a summary of activities conducted by the Fund for Veterans' Assistance Advisory Committee since its last report to the Commission. The Advisory Committee received public comment from nineteen (19) grant applicants during the Advisory Committee's September meeting, and were notified to have all funding recommendation submitted by October 20, 2014. The Advisory Committee met on October 24, 2014, for a second meeting in the quarter but had to adjourn before taking action due to a committee member's conflict of interest.

**VIII. Report, presentation and/or action regarding the Fiscal Year 2014 Internal Audit Annual Report.**

Russell Gregorczyk, TVC Contracted Internal Auditor, provided an overview of the Annual Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2014. Mr. Gregorczyk provided an overview of the process completed by him and his team. He highlighted noteworthy items in the report and changes that occurred as a result of statutory changes.

No motion to approve needed.

**IX. Report, presentation and/or action regarding the Fiscal Year 2015 Internal Audit Plan.**

Russell Gregorczyk, TVC Contracted Internal Auditor, provided an overview for the 2014 Internal Audit Plan and explained the three components of the Internal Audit Plan Report. Additionally, Mr. Gregorczyk explained the risk assessments to the Commission and elaborated on the risk factors and weights mentioned in the report. Lastly, Mr. Gregorczyk provided recommendations on what topics and areas should be audited this upcoming year based on the potential risk. Concluding the presentation, Mr. Gregorczyk addressed questions from the Commission.

MOTION: Approve the Internal Audit Plan for Fiscal Year 2015.

MADE BY: Vice Chairman Scott

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Moran

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

**X. Report, presentation and/or possible action regarding the Internal Audit of Information Resources Systems and Controls.**

Russell Gregorczyk, TVC Contracted Internal Auditor, provided an overview of the

internal audit he conducted of TVC's Information Resources Systems and Controls. Mr. Gregorczyk highlighted the conclusion of the internal audit and presented the key findings and key recommendations regarding the internal audit. Concluding the presentation, Mr. Gregorczyk addressed questions from the Commission.

MOTION: Approve the Internal Audit of Information Resources Systems and Controls.

MADE BY: Commissioner Ellzey

SECONDED BY: Vice Chairman Scott

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

**XI. Report, presentation and/or possible action regarding the Internal Audit of the Federally Funded Programs of Veterans Education.**

Russell Gregorczyk, TVC Contracted Internal Auditor, provided an overview of the internal audit he conducted of TVC's Federally Funded Programs of Veterans Education. Mr. Gregorczyk highlighted the conclusion of the internal audit and presented the key findings and key recommendations regarding the internal audit. Concluding the presentation, Mr. Gregorczyk addressed questions from the Commission.

MOTION: Approve the Internal Audit of the Federally Funded Programs of Veterans Education.

MADE BY: Secretary McLeon

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Moran

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

**XII. Report, presentation and/or action on Appropriation Year 2014 4th Quarter Operating Statement.**

Chip Osborne, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Fourth Quarter Operating Statement for FY 2014, which was previously provided to the Commissioners. Mr. Osborne noted that TVC is currently financially sound and all budgets are on track. Additionally, Mr. Osborne addressed discrepancies associated with total funding and total expenditures.

No motion to approve needed.

**XIII. Executive Session.**

Executive Session was held from 9:55 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

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

No action taken.

**XV. Report, presentation and/or action regarding acceptance of gifts.**

Karen Fastenau, General Counsel, informed the Commission that the Agency received a monetary gift in the amount of \$106,343.48 from the Callie Bowers Green Family Trust. Ms. Fastenau explained the process of acknowledging the acceptance of a monetary gift, and provided an overview of the specifications of using the money received.

MOTION: Approve the acceptance of the gift from the Callie Bowers Green Family Trust as presented.

MADE BY: Vice Chairman Scott

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Ellzey

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

**XVI. Report, presentation and/or action to Adopt the Review of agency rules:**

Karen Fastenau, General Counsel, briefed the Commission on the review of agency rules. Ms. Fastenau explained the purpose of these rules and the satisfying requirements. A copy of the notices of review of agency rules were previously distributed to the Commission for review.

MOTION: Adopt the Rule Review of the agency's administrative rules for 40 TAC chapters 450, 451, 452, 453, 455, 456, 457, and 459 under TAB #16 (A-H), giving staff the authority to make final clerical revisions as needed.

MADE BY: Commissioner Ellzey

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Moran

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

**XVII. Report, presentation and/or action to Adopt Amendments to agency rules:**

Karen Fastenau, General Counsel, briefed the Commission on the amendments to agency rules. A copy of the amendments for adoption to agency rules were previously distributed to the Commission for review.

MOTION: Adopt the amendments to the agency's rules under Agenda Item #17 (A-C), as previously published in the Texas Register, and giving staff the authority to make final clerical revisions as needed.

MADE BY: Vice Chairman Scott

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Moran

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

**XVIII. Report, presentation and/or action to Adopt or Propose Amendments to agency rule: 40 TAC §452.2. Advisory Committees.**

Karen Fastenau, General Counsel, briefed the Commission on the proposed amendments to agency rules relating to Advisory Committees. Ms. Fastenau informed the Commission that no public comments were received during the Texas Register 30-day comment period, but comments were received after the comment period closed. Ms. Fastenau summarized the concerns expressed by the commenters. Ms. Fastenau explained the purpose and background of the proposed amendments to the agency rule and reviewed the proposed revised language of the rule for the Commissioners. A copy of the amendments to the agency rule was previously distributed to the Commission for review.

MOTION: Adopt the amendments to agency rule: 40 TAC §452.2, regarding Advisory Committees, as previously published in the Texas Register.

MADE BY: Vice Chairman Scott

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Ellzey

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

**XIX. Report, presentation and/or action regarding conflict of interest and non-disclosure of confidential information policies for Advisory Committees.**

Karen Fastenau, General Counsel, briefed the Commission over conflict of interest and non-disclosure of confidential information policies for Advisory Committees. Ms. Fastenau explained the background of the conflict of interest policy for Advisory Committees. She presented the proposed conflict of interest policy recommended for adoption by the Commission for the Advisory Committees. Ms. Fastenau explained the background of the non-disclosure policy for Advisory Committees. She presented the proposed non-disclosure policy recommend for adoption by the Commission for the Advisory Committees. A copy of both proposed policies were previously distributed to the Commission for review.

MOTION: Adopt the proposed conflict of interest and non-disclosure policies for Advisory Committees.

MADE BY: Commissioner Ellzey

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Moran

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

**XX. Report, presentation and/or action regarding recommendations for Fund for Veterans' Assistance General Assistance, Series XV-A grants.**

Sarah Tillman, Fund for Veterans' Assistance (FVA) Manager, provided an overview of the Series XV-A grants. She briefed the Commission over the grant review process and the timeline to be followed to complete the Series XV-A grants. Ms. Tillman provided an overview of the FVA Advisory Committee meetings and notified the Commission that no action was taken on funding recommendations due to conflict of interest issues with certain members of the Advisory Committee. She notified the Commission that the Chairman of the Advisory Committee would call a meeting to order after the Commission addressed the conflict of interest issues.

MOTION: Authorize the FVA Advisory Committee to schedule and hold a meeting in November to make funding recommendations to the Commission and present these recommendations at a Special Commission meeting in December to review and approve grant funding.

MADE BY: Secretary McLeon

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Ellzey

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

**XXI. Report, presentation and/or action regarding Commission priorities for Fund for Veterans' Assistance General Assistance, Series XV-B grants.:**

Sarah Tillman, FVA Manager, presented an update over the priorities for FVA's General Assistance, Series XV-B grants. Ms. Tillman provided an overview of the FVA General Assistance grants and briefed the Commission over FVA's history of funding priorities. She explained how these priorities are implemented and utilized. Ms. Tillman notified the Commission that TVC is currently conducting a statewide needs assessment to update the priorities for FVA's General Assistance, but the priorities will not be ready to be implemented until 2016. Given the timeframe for FVA's General Assistance, Series XV-B grants, Ms. Tillman recommended that the Commission utilize the current priorities in

place for FVA's General Assistance, Series XV-B grants.

MOTION: Approve the FVA to continue using the priorities currently established by the Commission to be used for the Series XV-B Grant awards.

MADE BY: Secretary McLeon

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Moran

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

**XXII. Report, presentation and/or action regarding annual evaluation of Advisory Committees.**

Chip Osborne, Chief Financial Officer, provided a background regarding current rules on the annual evaluation of the Advisory Committees. Mr. Osborne briefed the Commission on the annual report regarding the effectiveness of the four Advisory Committees. Each Commissioner received a copy of this report prior to the meeting. Additionally, Mr. Osborne highlighted the numerous accomplishments of each Advisory Committee and the awards presented by each Advisory Committee to their respective sector. Mr. Osborne explained to the Commission that TVC staff recommended the continuation of each Advisory Committee.

MOTION: Approve the continuation for each of TVC's four Advisory Committees.

MADE BY: Secretary McLeon

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Moran

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

**XXIII. Report, presentation and/or action regarding Advisory Committees membership.**

Chip Osborne, Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of the membership selection process for each Advisory Committee. In addition, Mr. Osborne explained the outreach strategies utilized by the TVC to recruit members for the Advisory Committees. Mr. Osborne explained that each Director or Manager that works with the Advisory Committee will provide an overview of their recommended appointees and re-appointees for Advisory Committee membership to the Commission.

Rachel Shumaker, Communications and Veterans Outreach Manager, provided a summary of the recommended appointees and re-appointees for the Veterans Communication Advisory Committee. Ms. Shumaker explained the background and

highlighted the accomplishments of each recommended member to the Commission. The following were recommended for appointment and re-appointment to the Advisory Committee:

John Boerstler (reappointment)  
Luciana Rodriguez (reappointment)  
Andrew Fortunato  
Richard "Lee" Sechrist  
Drew Yenzer  
Maureen Jouett

**MOTION:** Approve the recommended Communication and Veterans Outreach Advisory Committee membership as presented.

**MADE BY:** Commissioner Ellzey

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Moran

**ACTION:** The motion passed unanimously.

Stan Kurtz, Veterans Employment Services Manager, provided a summary of the recommended appointees and re-appointees for the Veterans Employment and Training Advisory Committee. Mr. Kurtz explained the background and highlighted the accomplishments of each recommended member to the Commission. The following were recommended for appointment and re-appointment to the Advisory Committee:

Beth Vivaldi (reappointment)  
Steven Burke (reappointment)  
Andrew Houser  
Jerry Icenhower

**MOTION:** Approve the recommended Veterans Employment and Training Advisory Committee membership as presented.

**MADE BY:** Vice Chairman Scott

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Ellzey

**ACTION:** The motion passed unanimously.

Sarah Tillman, Fund for Veterans' Assistance Manager, provided a summary of the recommended appointees and re-appointees for the Fund for Veterans' Assistance Advisory Committee. Ms. Tillman explained the background and highlighted the accomplishments of each recommended member to the Commission. The following

were recommended for appointment and re-appointment to the Advisory Committee:

Mathew Foster (reappointment)  
LaShondra Jones (reappointment)  
William Meehan (reappointment)  
Kerry Reyna  
Wayne Sturdevant  
Robert Cervantes  
Robert O'Reilly

MOTION: Approve the recommended Fund for Veterans' Assistance Advisory Committee membership as presented.

MADE BY: Commissioner Ellzey

SECONDED BY: Secretary McLeon

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Richman provided a summary of the recommended appointees and re-appointees for the Veterans County Service Officers Advisory Committee. Mr. Richman explained the background and highlighted the accomplishments of each recommended member to the Commission. The following were recommended for appointment and re-appointment to the Advisory Committee:

Ruben Escobar (reappointment)  
James Henderson (reappointment)  
Leonardo Gonzalez (reappointment)  
Jimmy DeFoor (reappointment)  
Queta Marquez

MOTION: Approve the recommended Veterans County Service Officer Advisory Committee membership as presented.

MADE BY: Vice Chairman Scott

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Moran

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

**XXIV. Report, presentation and/or action regarding Executive Director report.**

Thomas Palladino, Texas Veterans Commission Executive Director, provided a report on the agency's priorities and activities over the last quarter. Mr. Palladino informed the

Commission that he and staff have been meeting with the Legislature and the Legislative Budget Board regarding the agency's exceptional items. He informed the Commission that the second report of the Texas Coordinating Council for Veterans Services has been completed and delivered to the Legislature. Mr. Palladino notified the Commission about his recent meetings and trips to the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs Fall Conference, Texas A&M Military Symposium, and the University of Texas Presidents and Chancellors meeting. Mr. Palladino updated the Commission on the status of the Military Veteran Peer Network transition to TVC and the expansion of the Women Veterans Initiative and the Veterans Entrepreneur Program Initiative. Lastly, Mr. Palladino noted all of his upcoming meetings and events that he will be attending this upcoming quarter.

**XXV. Report, presentation and/or action on agency programs and divisions:**

The Commissioners reviewed the Quarterly Program Reports that were previously provided. Directors were provided the opportunity to brief the Commission on any new items or highlight significant items that occurred within their program or division.

- A. Jim Richman, Claims Representation and Counseling Program Director, reported on major activities and accomplishments completed by the program since the last Texas Veterans Commission Meeting. Mr. Richman notified the Commission that his staff has begun work on both the Spring and Fall Training Conferences. Additionally, Mr. Richman updated the Commission on the progress that the Waco VA Regional Office's work with regard to providing an eBenefits/ Stakeholder Enterprise Portal lab. He informed the Commission about the Healthcare Initiative Events that have been occurring around the state in an effort to assist Veterans concerning difficulties accessing their healthcare. A schedule of these events was given to the Commission. Lastly, Mr. Richman provided an overview of his programs performance measures.
- B. Stan Kurtz, Veterans Employment Services Operations Manager, reported on major activities and accomplishments by the program since the last Texas Veterans Commission Meeting. Mr. Kurtz briefed the Commission over the training that the Veterans Employment Services Program has provided to field staff. He informed the Commission that the Department of Labor – Veterans Employment and Training Services (DOL-VETS) completed the Jobs for Veterans State Grant Audit and TVC participated in the exit briefing. He notified the Commission that the report is scheduled for release from the DOL-VETS this November. Mr. Kurtz updated the Commission on the programs completion of employment recommendations for the Texas Coordinating Council for Veterans Services second report. Lastly, Mr. Kurtz provided an update on the Veterans Employment Liaison's work involving state agencies, and the Women Veterans Employment Coordinator program.
- C. Rufus Coburn, Veterans Education Program Director, reported on major activities and accomplishments by the program since the last Texas Veterans Commission Meeting. Mr. Coburn informed the Commission about the completion of the program's internal audit. Mr. Coburn briefed the Commission over his meetings at the National

Association of State Approving Agencies Summer Business Meeting, and his meeting with the CEO of the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company. Lastly, Mr. Coburn provided an update on the programs performance measures.

- D. Sarah Tillman, FVA Manager, reported on major activities and accomplishments made by the program since the last Texas Veterans Commission Meeting. Ms. Tillman notified the Commission that the Request for Application for General Assistance – Series XV-A grants. Ms. Tillman briefed the Commission over FVA’s onsite compliance visits and updated the Commission over FVA’s administration of VA’s Transportation for Veterans in Highly Rural Counties grant. She notified the Commission that Notices of Grant Awards were sent out to counties located across the state. Lastly, Ms. Tillman briefed the Commission over the trainings, conferences and meetings that staff attended during the months of September and October.
- E. Chip Osborne, Chief Financial Officer, reported on major activities and accomplishments by the Administration division since the last Texas Veterans Commission Meeting. Mr. Osborne briefed the Commission on the planning the division is completing for the move of FVA, Veterans Entrepreneur Program, and the Military Veteran Peer Network staffs. He notified the Commission that the division has completed the refresh of the agency’s computer hardware. Lastly, he briefed the Commission over the division’s performance measures.
- F. Chip Osborne, Chief Finance Officer, reported on major activities and accomplishments by the division since the last Texas Veterans Commission Meeting. Mr. Osborne noted to the Commission that all reports for the quarter were submitted in a timely manner. Mr. Osborne concluded his presentation by noting that the division is working with the Legislative Budget Board to clarify some performance measures.
- G. Jeff Williford, Government Relations Director, reported on major activities and accomplishments made by the division since the last Texas Veterans Commission Meeting. Mr. Williford notified the Commission his staff has been in communication with legislative offices assisting them with interim reports and legislation guidance. He notified the Commission that his staff has successfully completed the Texas Coordinating Council for Veterans Services process. Lastly, Mr. Williford highlighted his division’s external issues.
- H. Rachel Shumaker, Communications and Veterans Outreach Director, reported on major activities and accomplishments made by the division since the last Texas Veterans Commission Meeting. Ms. Shumaker briefed the Commission over successes resulting from press releases and campaigns completed by her staff. Ms. Shumaker informed the Commission over the Wide Open for Veterans Campaigns that the TVC will participate in during the upcoming months. Lastly, Ms. Shumaker briefed the Commission over Veterans Day events and distributed a list of all events.
- I. Tim Keesling, Military Veteran Peer Network (MVPN) Manager, reported on major

activities and accomplishments made by the division since the last Texas Veterans Commission Meeting. Mr. Keesling updated the Commission the status of MVPN's transition to TVC. Mr. Keesling briefed the Commission over the recent site visits and meetings he attended. Lastly, Mr. Keesling updated the Commission over the division's progress in creating operating manuals and training guides to meet TVC's standards.

- J. Rachel Shumaker, Communications and Veterans Outreach Director, reported on major activities and accomplishments made by the Women Veterans Initiative since the last Texas Veterans Commission Meeting. Ms. Shumaker briefed the Commission over the outreach events that the Women Veterans Initiative staff has participated in. Ms. Shumaker updated the Commission on the Claims Case Management and Employment Case Management progresses. Lastly, Ms. Shumaker notified the Commission that the Women Veterans Initiative was selected to host the next National Association of State Women Veterans Coordinators Conference.
- K. Duncan McGhee, Veterans Entrepreneur Program Manager, reported on major activities and accomplishments made by the program since the last Texas Veterans Commission Meeting. Mr. McGhee notified the Commission that the program has concluded the statewide seminar series and reported on the series' accomplishments. Mr. McGhee informed the Commission that he and his staff has continued to provide direct assistance to Veterans. Lastly, Mr. McGhee notified the Commission that the program is getting ready to expand by adding more personnel.

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

The Commission discussed the date, time, and location of the upcoming Special Commission meeting and the Second Quarterly Commission meeting. TVC staff suggested the Special Commission meeting to be scheduled on December 15, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the William B. Travis Building, Room 1-111 and the Second Quarterly Commission Meeting to be scheduled on February 4, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the Stephen F. Austin Building, Room 170. The Commission expressed conflicts with the Special Commission meeting date and directed TVC staff to review other possible dates and directly coordinate with each Commission regarding their schedule. The Commission expressed no conflicts with the Second Quarterly Commission meeting date and agreed to accept this date, time, and location for the Second Quarterly Commission meeting.

**XXVII. Adjourn.**

Chairman Cantu recognized each Commissioner for closing statements. The Commissioners extended their gratitude to Texas Veterans Commission staff for all their support and hard work in serving our Texas Veterans.

MOTION:           Adjourn.

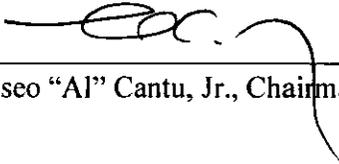
MADE BY:         Vice Chairman Scott

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Ellzey

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Cantu adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Minutes Approved by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Eliseo Cantu, Jr.', is written above a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.

Eliseo "Al" Cantu, Jr., Chairman

**TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION**  
1st Quarterly Commission Meeting  
FY 2015 – November 5, 2014  
9:00 a.m. – William B. Travis Building – Room 1-111  
Speakers & Visitors

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**Jim Cunningham**  
Chair, Veterans Communication Advisory Committee

**Perry Jefferies**  
Member, Fund for Veterans' Assistance Advisory Committee

**Russell Gregorczyk**  
Jansen & Gregorczyk CPAs

**Navarro Williams**  
Sam Ministries

**Cassandra Melgar C'De Baca**  
F7 Group

**Morgan Little**  
Texas Collation of Veterans Services Organizations

**Dan West**  
Department of Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars

**Chad Riley**  
Texas Department of Criminal Justice

**Bill Wilson**  
Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs and Military Installations