

Texas Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes
Emergency Meeting (FY 2020)
March 20, 2020

I. **Call to order.**

Chairman Eliseo Cantu called to order the Emergency Commission Meeting of the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) at 9:03 a.m. on March 20, 2020 via live teleconference.

The following Commissioners, constituting a quorum were present:

Eliseo "Al" Cantu, Chairman
Daniel Moran, Vice Chairman
Kevin Barber, Secretary
Kimberlee Shaneyfelt, Commissioner
Laura Koerner, Commissioner

Also present was Thomas P. Palladino, Executive Director. Also

present: See the attached list.

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag was led by Commissioner Kevin Barber and Commissioner Koerner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag. Chip Osborne led the opening Prayer.

II. **Public Comment.**

Members of the public participated by dialing 877 226-9790 and enter access code 5138892.

No public comment was received.

III. **Report, presentation and/or action regarding TVC's response to and remedies for COVID-19's effects on the Fund for Veterans' Assistance 2019-2020 grant program. This item will include an update to the Commission from TVC staff regarding current grantees and may result in deliberation and/or action on emergency grant funding procedures being put in place immediately to ensure the continued provision of services to Texas Veterans.**

James (Jim) Bracken, Director, Funds for Veterans Assistance briefed the Commission regarding the current status of the TVC grantees as they continue to provide services to veterans during this crisis. He also proposed a FVA policy provision in the form of an Emergency Funding Amendment request, that if approved by the Commissioners, would help our grantees continue providing critical services to Texas veterans, their dependents and surviving spouse.

The document provided for the Commissioners (FVA 19-20 Grantee Status Board) shows that to date, 3 of the 100 grantees have suspended their services, while 7 of the 100 grantees modified their service delivery methods to leverage web based, virtual or

IV. Possible selection of next regularly called Commission meeting (Third Quarterly meeting, fiscal year 2020), and whether the date of that meeting could be affected by increased or decreased projections and data of the pandemic.

May 14, 2020

MOTION: Approve to keep May 14, 2020 for the Third Quarterly meeting
MADE BY: Secretary Kevin Barber
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Laura Koerner
ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

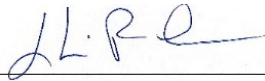
V. Adjournment.

Chairman Cantu asked 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.

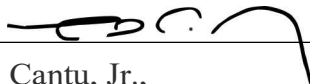
MOTION: Adjourn
MADE BY: Commissioner Shaneyfelt
SECONDED BY: Vice Chairman Moran
ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Cantu adjourned the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

Minutes Approved by:



Kevin Barber
Secretary



Eliseo "Al" Cantu, Jr.,
Chairman