

**TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION**  
**FVA ADVISORY COMMITTEE FY23-24 ANNUAL TRAINING MEETING**  
**January 13, 2023**

**I. Meeting called to order**

The FVA Advisory Committee Meeting was held in person at 1700 North Congress Ave Suite 170, Austin, TX, with remote participants attending via GoToWebinar. Chairman Reyna called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. The following were present:

**Advisory Committee Members**

Kerry Reyna

Charles W. Wright

Bobby Ehrig

Brian Allen

Dan Ball

Pete Rispoli

Jamilah James (remote)

John Perez (remote)

Mr. Luis Martinez (not present)

**TVC Staff**

James Bracken

Craig Towlson

Erv Leos

Julie Dillard

Cory Scanlon

Chairman Reyna welcomed all in attendance and then asked Mr. Bobby Ehrig to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and Mr. Brian Allen to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

**II. Public Comment**

Chairman Reyna opened the floor to members of the public. In person public comments were as follows:

1. No public comments.

**III. Introduction of new FVA Advisory Committee Members**

The following new FVAAC members introduced themselves:

Mrs. Jamilah James, Mr. John Perez, and Mr. Pete Rispoli

**IV. Approval of the April 25, 2022, FVA Advisory Committee minutes**

Motion: Approve the minutes of the Feb 23-24, 2022, meeting.

Motion made by: Dan Ball

Motion made by: Charles Wright

Action: Motion passes: 8 Y; 0 N

**V. Review of Admin Rules regarding committee chair and vice chair elections**

Discussion: Mr. Bracken, FVA Director presented the rules pertaining to committee chair and vice-chair elections in accordance with TAC §452.2.

**VI. Review and discussion of policies and statutes regarding conflicts of interest, non-disclosure, Public Information and Open Meetings Acts**

Mr. Cory Scanlon, TVC General Counsel introduced himself and provided a presentation to the committee to review and discuss policies and statutes regarding conflicts of interest, non-disclosure, Public Information and Open Meetings Acts.

**VII. Presentation and discussion of the 2023-2024 Request for Applications (RFA Overview)**

Mr. Bracken provided the Committee an overview of the current Request for Applications pertaining to the next grant cycle.

**VIII. Presentation and discussion regarding the new web-based TVC Grant Portal**

Mr. Craig Towlson provided the Committee an overview of the new grant portal.

**IX. Presentation and Discussion of 2023-2024 grant application materials to be provided to FVA Committee members**

Mr. Bracken provided an explanation and discussion of the grant application materials to be provided to the Committee members by the FVA staff in support of the upcoming grant cycle.

**X. Discussion and Review of Current Grant Cycle Key Dates/Meetings/Events**

Mr. Towlson provided a discussion of grant cycle key dates in order to prepare a 2023-2024 Grant Recommendation List for the May 2023 Commission Meeting.

**XI. Discussion to set the date, time, and location of the next FVA Advisory Committee meeting**

Mr. Bracken proposed the date, time, and location for the next FVA Advisory Committee meeting, which is the Grant Applicants' "Presentation Meeting". The next Committee meeting is scheduled for March 1st – 3rd, 2023. Travel to Austin, Texas will occur on February 28, 2023 and March 3, 2023. The meeting will be held in person for all FVAAC members and participating Grantees at 1700 North Congress Ave Suite 170, Austin, TX, with remote Grantee participants attending via GoToWebinar.

A question as to whether members can travel via air was asked. Mr. Bracken said he will clarify and get back the FVAAC about the distance rules for air travel.

**XII. Discussion to set the date, time, and location the FVA Advisory Committee “Recommendation Meeting”**

The following dates were proposed by Mr. Bracken: April 14 8:00 am-2:00 pm; April 18 8:00 am-2:00 pm; April 19 8:00 am-2:00 pm; April 21 8:00 am-2:00 pm. An information request email will be sent to FVAAC members for their desired date requested by January, 27 2023.

No Questions

**XIII. Adjournment**

Motion: Adjournment of FVA Advisory Committee meeting

Motion made by: Mr. Ehrig

Motion seconded by: Dan Ball

Action: Motion passes: 8 Y; 0 N

Meeting was adjourned at 12:57 pm

Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Kerry Reyna, Chairman