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TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION

NOTICE OF FOURTH QUARTERLY MEETING (FISCAL YEAR 2024) OF THE TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION

Texas Veterans Commission's Fourth Quarterly Meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on August 15, 2024, at the George H. W. Bush Bldg., 1801 Congress Ave., Board Room 4.300, Austin, TX 78701, under Tex. Gov't Code Chapter 551 (Open Meetings Act).

This meeting will be a live webcast and can be accessed on the day of the meeting at https://admin1.adminmonitor.com/tx/tvc/commissioner_meeting/20240815/.

Public members may address the Commission in person during the public comment portion of the meeting.

A full meeting recording will be posted on the TVC Website after the conclusion of the meeting at <https://tvc.texas.gov/about/commission-meetings/>.

AGENDA

- I. Opening.
 - A. Call Meeting to Order.
 - B. Roll Call.
 - C. Pledge of Allegiance.
 - D. Invocation.

- II. Public Comment.

- III. Consent.
 - A. Approve the Minutes of the FY 2024 Third Quarterly Commission Meeting held May 16, 2024.
 - B. Acceptance of Gifts
 - C. Adopt Agency Rules Review and Repeal of Chapter 455, TAPS Program, and Readoption of Chapter 456, Contract Negotiation and Mediation, with Amendments, in Title 40, Part 15 of the Texas Administrative Code.
 - D. Adopt Agency Rules Review and Readoption of Chapter 461, Veterans Education, with Amendments, in Title 40, Part 15 of the Texas Administrative Code.

- E. Adopt repeal of Title 40, Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Part 15, Chapter 455, TAPS Program.
 - F. Adopt amendments to Title 40, TAC, Part 15, Chapter 456, Contract Negotiation and Mediation, §456.8, Negotiation Timetable, and 456.13, Request for Contested Case Hearing.
- IV. Presentations.
- A. “We Hire Vets” Employer Recognition Presentation to TVC by the Texas Workforce Commission
 - B. Public Policy Research Institute - Texas Veterans Needs Assessment Study
 - C. Quarterly Presentations from Advisory Committees.
 - 1. VCSO Advisory Committee Chair Report.
 - 2. Veteran Services Advisory Committee Chair Report.
- V. Reports.
- A. FY2024 Internal Audit Update and Report.
 - B. Report on Agency Departments and Programs.
 - 1. Program Operations Division.
 - 2. Resource Management Division.
 - a. HR – Employee Engagement Survey
 - b. VEP – Highlight Veteran Business
 - c. Finance – Appropriation Year (AY) 2024 Third Quarter Operating Statement
 - C. Deputy Executive Director Report.
 - D. Executive Director Report.
- VI. Considerations for action:
- A. City of El Paso Amendment Request to Increase FVA Grant Amount.
 - B. Proposed Amendments to Title 40, TAC, Chapter 461 to:
 - 1. Add “Space Force,” to Subchapter A, Exemption Program for Veterans and Their Dependents (The Hazlewood Act), Definitions, §461.20(15), Initial Entry Training.
 - 2. Correct the statutory authority for the Veteran Education Excellence Recognition Award (VEERA) Network in Chapter 461, Subchapter B, Veteran Education Excellence Recognition Award (VEERA) Network.
 - C. 2024 Veteran Education Excellence Recognition Awards (VEERA).
 - D. 2024 TVC Advisory Committees Evaluation and Recommendations.
 - E. Fund for Veterans' Assistance 2025-2026 Request for Application (RFA).
 - F. AY 2025 Operating Budget: Includes the Approved 5% Increase for TVC Employees and the Executive Director’s Salary Increase Appropriated in the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act.
 - G. FY 2026–2027 Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR).
- VII. Executive Session.

THE FOLLOWING MAY BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION OR OPEN MEETING AND HAVE ACTION TAKEN IN AN OPEN MEETING:

- A. Government Code §551.074(a)(1) Personnel Matters. The Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of personnel identified in this agenda.
- B. Government Code §551.071(2) All Matters Identified in This Agenda Where the Commission Seeks the Advice of Its Attorney as Privileged Communications under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas Involving the Open Meetings Act and the Administrative Procedure Act.

- VIII. Discussion and take possible action on the items in the Executive Session.
- IX. Discussion to set the date, time, and location of the next Commission meeting.
- X. Adjournment.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, large print or Braille should notify the Commission as far in advance as possible so that appropriate arrangements can be made for the individual. You are requested to contact Cheryl Aldridge, Executive Assistant, at 512.463.0504 or cheryl.aldrige@tvc.texas.gov

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