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TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION

NOTICE OF FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING (FISCAL YEAR 2026) TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION

Texas Veterans Commission's First Quarterly Meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on November 13, 2025, at the George H.W. Bush Bldg. 1801 Congress Ave., Board Room 4.300 Austin, TX 78701, under Texas Government Code § 551, the Open Meetings Act.

This meeting will be a live webcast and can be accessed on the day of the meeting via this link: https://admin1.adminmonitor.com/tx/tvc/commissioner_meeting/20251113/.

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

A full recording of the meeting 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 FY25 Special Commission Meeting held July 15, 2025.
   B. Approve the minutes of the FY25 Fourth Quarterly Commission Meeting held August 12, 2025.
   C. Acceptance of Gifts.

IV. Presentations.

A. Presentation of University of Texas at Arlington 2025 Veteran Education Excellence Recognition Award ("VEERA").
B. Presentation of joint activities between Veterans Land Board and Texas Veterans Commission.

V. Reports.

A. FY25 Annual Internal Audit Report.
B. Report on Agency Departments and Programs.
    i. Veteran Benefits Division.
    ii. Veteran Services Division.
        a. FY25 Performance Measures Report.
C. Deputy Executive Director Report.
    i. FY25 4th Quarter Operating Statement.
    ii. FY25 Human Resources End of Year Report.
D. Executive Director Report.

VI. Considerations for action.

A. FY26 Internal Audit Plan.
B. Recommendations for Fund for Veterans' Assistance Advisory Committee Members.
C. Central Texas Council of Governments ("VetRide")-grant amendment requesting to extend grant performance period for an additional 8 months for 2024-2025 grant year.
D. Hidalgo County Community Service Agency- grant amendment requesting an additional $150,000 for 2025-2026 grant year.
E. Addition of University of Texas at El Paso to the 2025 Veteran Education Excellence Recognition Award ("VEERA") recipient list.
F. Proposed posting of statutory four-year proposed rule review for Title 40, Texas Administrative Code ("TAC"), Part 15 Chapters 457, *Protests of Agency Purchases*, and 460, *Fund for Veterans' Assistance Program*.
G. Proposed repeal of Title 40, TAC, Part 15 section 457.1, *Protests*.
H. Proposed new rules for Title 40, TAC, Part 15 Chapter 457, *Protests of Agency Purchases.*
I. Proposed repeal of Title 40, TAC, Part 15 Chapter 460, *Fund for Veterans' Assistance Program.*
J. Proposed new rules for Title 40, TAC, Part 15 Chapter 460, *Fund for Veterans' Assistance Program*.

VII. Executive Session.

THE FOLLOWING MAY BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION 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(1): Pending or Contemplated Litigation.

C. Government Code § 551.071(2): All Matters Identified in This Agenda Where the Commission Seeks the Advice of Their Attorney as Privileged Communications under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas and involving the Open Meetings Act and the Administrative Procedures Act.

D. Government Code § 551.076: To Deliberate Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits, Specifically in Relation to (1) the Deployment, or Specific Occasions for Implementation, of Security Personnel or Devices; or (2) a Security Audit.

E. Government Code § 551.089: To Deliberate Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits, Specifically in Relation to (1) Security Assessments or Deployments Relating to Information Resources Technology; (2) Network Security Information as Described by Section 2059.055(b); or (3) the Deployment, or Specific Occasions for Implementation, of Security Personnel, Critical Infrastructure, or Security Devices.

VIII. Discussion and take possible action on the items in 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. You are requested to contact Cheryl Aldridge, Executive Assistant, at 512.463.0504 or cheryl.aldridge@tvc.texas.gov.

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