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TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION

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

Texas Veterans Commission's Second Quarterly Meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on February 10, 2026, 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/20260107/.

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 FY26 1st Quarter Commission Meeting held November 13, 2025.

IV. Presentations.
   - A. Commissioner Recognition.

V. Reports.

A. Report on Agency Departments and Programs.

i. Veteran Benefits Division.

a. Performance Measures

b. 2025 Veterans Treatment Court Report

ii. Veteran Services Division.

a. Performance Measures

B. Deputy Executive Director Report.

i. Performance Measures

ii. FY26, 1st Quarter Operating Budget

iii. Outreach Plan

iv. Social Media Metrics

C. Executive Director Report.

VI. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action.

A. 2025 Excellence in Media Awards.

B. Recommendations for Fund for Veterans' Assistance Advisory Committee Members.

C. Fund for Veterans' Assistance Advisory Committee Chair Selection.

D. TVC Commissioner Conflict of Interest Policy.

E. USA Care - grant amendment requesting an additional $250,000 for the 2025-2026 grant year.

F. Webb County Veteran County Service Office - grant amendment requesting an additional $70,000 for the 2025-2026 grant year.

G. Alamo Area Council of Governments - grant amendment requesting an additional $150,000 for the 2025-2026 grant year.

H. Castle Cares - grant amendment requesting an additional $100,000 for the 2025-2026 grant year.

I. Separation of Policy Making and Management Responsibilities (Texas Government Code §434.0091).

J. Proposed new rule for 40 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 459 (New Veteran-Owned Business Verification Letters). 40 TAC §459.1 *Documents Needed to Request a New Veteran-Owned Business Verification Letter*.

K. Proposed new rule for 40 TAC Chapter 463 (Veteran Entrepreneur Program). 40 TAC §463.1 *Establishment of Veteran Entrepreneur Program.*

L. Proposed new rule for 40 TAC Chapter 458 (Health Care Advocacy Department for Veterans). 40 TAC §458.1 *Establishment of Health Care Advocacy Program for Veterans.*

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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