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TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION

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

Texas Veterans Commission's Third Quarterly Meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. on May 21, 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://adminmonitor.com/tx/tvc/commissioner_meeting/202605212/.

Public comments may be made in-person at the designated meeting location or virtually via this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83548174733?pwd=bUufElsZsUqqaOowupbWBEZpjYhynl.1#success.

Before speaking, members of the public must submit a public comment form to TVC staff identifying the agenda item they wish to address: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/yQEFS09NC7. Speakers will be given 3 minutes to speak and must be visible on-camera.

A full recording of the meeting will be posted on the TVC Website after the conclusion of the meeting via this link: 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 2026 2nd Quarter Commission Meeting held February 10, 2026.
- B. Acceptance of Gifts.

IV. Reports.
- A. Report on Agency Departments and Programs.
  - i. Veteran Benefits Division.
  - ii. Veteran Services Division.
    - a. Women Veterans Day.
- B. Deputy Executive Director Report.
  - i. FY 2026, 2nd Quarter Operating Budget.
- C. Executive Director Report.

V. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action.
- A. 2025 TVC Employer Awards.
- B. TVC FY 2027-2031 Strategic Plan.
- C. Adoption of 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*.
- D. Fund for Veterans' Assistance (FVA) Grant Year 2025-2026 Grant Amendments: Regarding Additional Funding to Support a Grant Period Extension.
  - i. General Assistance – Concho Valley Community Action Agency.
  - ii. General Assistance – Panhandle Community Services.
  - iii. General Assistance – Rolling Plains Management Corporation.
  - iv. General Assistance – Transition Skills Training.
  - v. Housing for Texas Heroes – Austin Area Urban League.
  - vi. Housing for Texas Heroes – Panhandle Community Services.
  - vii. Housing for Texas Heroes – Rolling Plains Management Corporation.
- E. Fund for Veterans' Assistance (FVA) Grant Year 2025-2026 Grant Amendments: Regarding Additional Funding without a Grant Period Extension.
  - i. Veterans Treatment Court – Montgomery County.
  - ii. VCSO – Housing for Texas Heroes – Zapata County.
  - iii. VCSO – General Assistance – Zapata County.
  - iv. Service Dog Program for Veterans – Canine Companions for Independence.
  - v. Housing for Texas Heroes – Operation Finally Home.
  - vi. Housing for Texas Heroes – Meals on Wheels San Antonio.
  - vii. Veterans Mental Health – Anger Solutions Network.
  - viii. Veterans Mental Health – Family Service Center of Galveston County.
  - ix. Veterans Mental Health – Pecan Valley MHMR Region.
  - x. Veterans Mental Health – West Texas Counseling and Guidance Inc.
  - xi. General Assistance – Bandera County Committee on Aging.
  - xii. General Assistance – City of El Paso.
  - xiii. General Assistance – Easter Seals of Greater Houston.
  - xiv. General Assistance – Fort Bend County.
  - xv. General Assistance – Houston Area Urban League.
  - xvi. General Assistance – Meals on Wheels San Antonio.
  - xvii. General Assistance – Pecan Valley MHMR Region.
  - xviii. General Assistance – Project Mend.
  - xix. General Assistance – San Antonio Food Bank.
  - xx. General Assistance – Texas National Guard Family Support Foundation.

F. Recommendations for FY 2027 Fund for Veterans' Assistance (FVA) Grants.
   i. Veterans Treatment Court.
   ii. Veterans County Service Offices.
   iii. Service Dog Program for Veterans.
   iv. Veterinary Care Services for Veterans.
   v. Need-based Grants by Region for Housing for Texas Heroes, Veterans Mental Health, and General Assistance.

VI. 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. Anna Baker vs. Texas Veterans Commission Cause No. D-1-GN-26-001484.

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.

VII. Discussion and possible action on the items in Executive Session.

VIII. Discussion to set the date, time, and location of the next Commission meeting.

IX. 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 Samantha Weaver, Executive Assistant, at 512.463.2189 or samantha.weaver@tvc.texas.gov.

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