Texas Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes

Special Commission Meeting (FY 2013)
May 20, 2013

I. Call to Order

Chairman Cantu called to order the Special Commission Meeting of the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) at 10:00 a.m. on May 20, 2013, at the Crowne Plaza Riverwalk Hotel, Executive Salon 4, 111 East Pecan Street, San Antonio, Texas 78205.

The following Commissioners, constituting a quorum, were present:

Eliseo "Al" Cantu, Chairman
James H. Scott, Vice Chairman
Richard A. McLeon, IV, Secretary
Daniel P. Moran, Member

Excused: J.K. "Jake" Ellzey, Member

Also present was Thomas P. Palladino, Executive Director.

Also present: See the attached list.

Secretary McLeon gave the opening prayer. Vice Chairman Scott led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and Commissioner Moran led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag.

Chairman Cantu welcomed visitors to the meeting.

II. Public Comment

Matthew Wright, representing the Scott & White Foundation, addressed the Commission seeking support for the FVA grant application by his organization. He gave a brief presentation for the organization.

Barbara & Bob Zielinski, representing Marriage Management Consultants, addressed the Commission seeking support for the FVA grant application by their organization. They gave a brief presentation for the organization.

Susan Copeland, representing the McLennan Community College Foundation (Connect-A-Vet Program), addressed the Commission seeking support for the FVA grant application by her organization. She gave a brief presentation for the organization.

III. Report, Presentation and/or Action regarding TVC Fund for Veterans' Assistance General Assistance Grants

Kathy Wood, Director of the Fund for Veterans' Assistance (FVA), presented the Series XIII-A Grant Applications for Commission Recommendation. She reported that the FVA Advisory Committee met on Friday, May 3, 2013, in Austin, and made their grant funding recommendations. She noted that 76 applications were received in response to the notice of solicitation posted in the *Texas Register* for this grant cycle, with over $16 million in funding requested by the applicants.

After review of the recommendations, a total of $3,004,782.00 was awarded to the following 25 organizations:

1. McLennan Community College Foundation: $61,493.00 recommended and approved.
2. Communities in Schools of Greater Central Texas: $150,000.00 recommended and approved.
3. Families in Crisis-Incorporated: $274,532.00 recommended and approved.
4. The Salvation Army-Amarillo: $191,530.00 recommended and approved.
5. Urban League of Greater Dallas-North Central Texas: $100,000.00 recommended and approved.
6. Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid: $138,190.00 recommended and approved.
7. Galaxy Counseling Center: $20,085.00 recommended and approved.
8. LULAC Project Amistad: $125,000..00 recommended and approved.
9. Ride on Center for Kids R.O.C.K.: $75,000..00 recommended and approved.
10. Marriage Management: $65,700.00 recommended and approved.
11. Alamo Area Development Corporation: $125,000.00 recommended and approved.
12. Center for Life Resources: $132,851.00 recommended and approved.
13. Fe-Ma-Le Foundation: $99,660.00 recommended and approved.
14. Community Healthcore: $211,668.00 recommended and approved.
15. Houston Area Urban League: $100,000.00 recommended and approved.
16. Texas Legal Services Center: $196,000.00 recommended and approved.
17. Meals and Wheels and More: $100,000.00 recommended and approved.
18. San Augustine County: $8,279.00 recommended and approved.
19. Grace After Fire: $96,328.00 recommended and approved.
20. Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc.: $25,000.00 recommended and approved.
21. Scott & White Healthcare Foundation: $100,000.00 recommended and approved.
22. Lone Star Veterans Association: $75,061.00 recommended and approved.
23. Adult Protective Services Partners: $11,500.00 recommended and approved.
24. Texas VFW Foundation: $500,000.00 recommended and approved.
25. BABA Support Our Troops, Inc.: $21,905.00 recommended and approved.

MOTION: Approve the Fund for Veterans' Assistance General Assistance Grants recommendations as presented.

MADE BY: Vice Chairman Scott

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Moran

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

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

Chairman Cantu reported the 4th Quarterly Commission meeting for FY 2013 will be held on Wednesday, August 7, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., SFA Building, Room 170. He noted the 1st Quarterly Commission meeting for FY 2014 will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., SFA Building, Room 170.

V. Executive Session

No executive session was held.

XIX. Adjournment

The Commissioners extended their gratitude to staff for all their support and hard work.

Chairman Cantu adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

MOTION: Adjourn

MADE BY: Vice Chairman Scott

SECONDED BY: Secretary McLeon

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes Approved by:

Eliseo "Al" Cantu, Jr., Chairman

TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION
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10:00 a.m.
Crowne Plaza Riverwalk Hotel, Executive Salon 4
111 East Pecan Street, San Antonio, Texas
Speakers & Visitors

Susan Copeland
McLennan Community College Foundation
Connect-A-Vet Program

Jim Duncan
Past-Chairman, Texas Veterans Commission

Angela McGeHee
Scott & White Foundation

Matthew Wright
Scott & White Foundation

General Thomas G. Smith
Chair, Fund for Veterans' Assistance Advisory Committee

Bob Zielinkski
Marriage Management Consultants, Inc.

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