

Texas Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting (FY 2020)
September 17, 2020

I. **Call to order.**

Chairwoman Laura Koerner called to order the Special Commission Meeting of the Texas Veterans Commission at 09:00 a.m. on September 17, 2020, via gotowebinar.

The following Commissioners, constituting a quorum, were present:

Laura Koerner, Chairwoman
Kevin Barber, Vice Chairman
Kimberlee Shaneyfelt, Secretary
Mike Hernandez, Commissioner
Mary Dale, Commissioner

Also present was Thomas P. Palladino, Executive Director.

Also present: See the attached list.

Vice-Chair Kevin Barber led the pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag, and Commissioner Mike Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

Chip Osborne led the Opening Prayer.

II. **Public Comment.**

Members of the public participated by registering for the meeting at:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5875976365371419403>.

No public comment was received.

III. **Report, Presentation, and/or action regarding the agency's Legislative Appropriation Request (LAR) discussion.**

Shawn Deabay, Deputy Executive Director, briefed the Commission on the LAR.

Timeline: In the even number years, the summer of 2020, the Strategic Plan was submitted and approved at the Commission Meeting. This document coincides with the strategic plan.

Typically, in June we get the detailed instructions for the Legislative Appropriation Request. This year we received the instructions on August 18th, with a due date of September 18th. Thanks to Michelle Nall and her team for putting it together.

Michelle Nall, Chief Financial Officer, will present the LAR to the Commissioners
You will find TVC's Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR) for FY2022 and FY2023 for your approval in the first attachment. As you see in the Table of Contents, there is an administrative statement and organizational chart followed by many LAR schedules. Each of these schedules is

different reports of the Method of Finance (appropriations) and the Object of Expense (expenditures) of the agency and its programs (strategies).

Please focus your attention on the two primary areas of the LAR: Section III; Strategy Request and Section IV; Exceptional Items. All other schedules are informational, but they will be briefed and reviewed with you as well. Section III (Strategy Request) is the agency's appropriations request by strategy (program) and is based upon the agency's 2020-2021 legislative appropriations and expenditures as well as detailed forecasting. Section IV (Exceptional Items) is the agency's request for additional funding or authorization to expend funds. We have recommended 4 Exceptional Items, which are listed in the administrative statement.

MOTION: Approve the Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR).
MADE BY: Secretary Kimberlee Shaneyfelt
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Mike Hernandez
ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

Chip Osborne, Division Director of Resource Management, will brief the Commissioners on the programs' recommended ranking. In the Governor's letter to all agency heads, dated August 18, 2020, he directed that each agency reduce its 2022-2023 budget by 5 percent and prioritize which agency programs would be the most impacted if there was a further reduction in general revenue funds. The "Recommended Rank Order" is attached. This is the first time TVC has participated in the rank order process. If approved by the Commission, this rank order will be put into the Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST) no later than September 25, 2020, per the LAR instructions.

MOTION: Approve the TVC programs in rank order for the State Budget program.
MADE BY: Vice-Chair Kevin Barber
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Mary Dale
ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

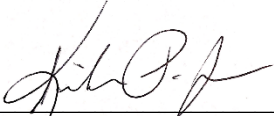
IV. Adjournment.

Chairwoman Koerner asked each Commissioner for closing statements. The Commissioners extended their gratitude to the Texas Veterans Commission staff for all their support and hard work in serving our Texas Veterans.

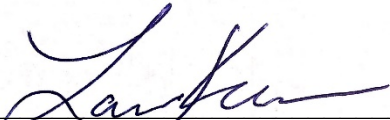
MOTION: Adjourn.
MADE BY: Vice-Chair Kevin Barber
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Mike Hernandez
ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

Chairwoman Koerner adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Minutes Approved by:



Kimberlee Shaneyfelt, Secretary



Laura Koerner, Chairwoman