



TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION
SECOND QUARTER COMMISSION MEETING (FY 2023)
Thursday, February 9, 2023, 09:00 a.m.
1701 N. Congress Ave, Room 1-111, Austin TX 78701

MINUTES

I. OPENING

- a. Chairwoman Laura Koerner calls the meeting to order at 09:02 a.m.
- b. Roll call:

Secretary Mary Dale informs Chairwoman Koerner that there is a quorum.

Chairwoman Laura Koerner, Vice-Chair Kimberlee Shaneyfelt, Secretary Mary Dale,
Commissioner Mike Hernandez, Commissioner Kevin Barber,
Also present was Executive Director Thomas P. Palladino.

- c. Commissioner Kevin Barber led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag, and Commissioner Mary Dale led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.
- d. Chip Osborne led the Commission in prayer.
- e. Approval of the February 9, 2023, First Quarter Commission meeting minutes.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Mike Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Kimberlee Shaneyfelt to approve the minutes

VOTE: 5-0: Motion Passed

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mitch Fuller – Williamson County Veteran Treatment Court member, VFW – VTC work.
Working the following legislation in Washington D.C.

III. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Advisory Committee Member Recognition, Bob O'Reilly
- b. Quarterly Presentations from Advisory Committees.
 - i. **Jim Bracken, Director Fund of Veterans Assistance**, provided a summary of the Advisory Committee's activities since their last report to the Commission.
 - ii. **Ted Oates, Vice Chair of Veteran County Service Officer**, provided a summary of the Advisory Committee's activities since their last report to the Commission. Announced the Advisory Committee's new Chair, Michael Hernandez (Hays County).
 - iii. **Earl Newsome, Chair of Veteran Services**, provided a summary of the Advisory activities since their last report to the Commission. Announced the Advisory Committee's new Chair, Kitty Meyers.

IV. REPORTS

- a. **Report on Agency Departments and Programs.**
- i. **Program Operations Division.** Charlie Catoe, Division Director of Program Operations, provided the Commissioners with the department updates.
1. **Daily Status Report.** Charles Catoe, Division Director of Program Operations, gave a detailed report to the Commissioners on Program Operations Division.
2. **Department Summaries.**
- Veterans Employment Services:** Hiring Red, White, and You event results. Texas ranks first in the nation with 650,000 positions gained in 2022 via the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- Claims:** November 15-17, 2022, the VEAC results. TVC and the VA partnered for this event.
- Texas has submitted the most PACT ACT claims.
- After Hours Appointments worked very well. Hired two staff, and work hours are 11:00 am – 8:00 pm.
- Veterans Education Department:** VA assigned the State Approving Agency (SAA) the rating of satisfactory for FY 2022.
- Health Care Advocacy Department:** Expansion, added 12 full-time employees, difficult in finding office locations.
- Training conferences** – scheduled
- **HCAD:** Mar 6-10, 2023 – Galveston
 - **Vets Ed:** April 5, 2023 – Corpus Christi
- ii. **Resource Management Division.** **Legislature Updates:** Chip Osborne, Division Director of Resource Management. Provided a detailed brief of Legislature action. Update on Exception Items (EI).
1. **FY23 First Quarter Operating Budget:** Coretta Briscoe, gave a detailed brief.
2. **Employee Engagement Results:** Tina Marberry, gave a detailed brief.
3. **FTE and Agency Turnover Rate:** Tina Marberry, gave a detailed brief.
4. **Veteran Treatment Court Report:** Blake Harris, Director, VMHD, gave a detailed brief.
- b. **Deputy Executive Director Report.** Shawn Deabay, Deputy Executive Director, provided updates.
- i. **Updates.**
1. **Communications:** Distribution of Desert Storm and Vietnam Era Books, Mar 9, 2023 – TVC participating in the Military Families Workshop to create a new military family center at Austin Community College – Highland Campus
2. **Women Veterans Program:** June 12, 2023, Women Veterans Day.
- ii. **Internal Audit:** starting with Emergency Management and then Internal Audit follow-ups
- iii. **Legislative Session:** James Crabtree, gave a detailed briefing of Government Relations activities.
- c. **Executive Director Report.** Thomas Palladino, Executive Director, provided updates.
- i. **Reports.**
1. **Updates:**
- **2021-2022 Biennial Report:** gave a copy of the report to each commissioner, and briefed some highlights.
 - **Legislative Hearings:** briefed by other directors but will attend future hearings to testify as a resource and meet with legislatures to assist in veteran bills.

BREAK 10:35 am – 10:50 am**V. CONSIDERATIONS**

- a. *Action Regarding Acceptance of Gifts.* No gifts.
- b. *Action Regarding the Acceptance of the Media Awards recommendations.* Elaine Zavala, Director Communications and Outreach, will provide the recommendations.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Kevin Barber and seconded by Commissioner Mike Hernandez to accept the Medial Awards recommendations.

VOTE: 5-0: Motion Passed.

- c. *Action Regarding the Acceptance of the Advisory Committee Processes and Procedures.* Shawn Deabay, will provide the action.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Kimberlee Shaneyfelt and seconded by Commissioner Kevin Barber to accept the Advisory Committee Processes and Procedures.

VOTE: 5-0: Motion Passed.

- d. *Action Regarding the Proposed Amendment of Administrative Rule Title 40 TAC Part 15 Section 452.2, Advisory Committees.* Cory Scanlon, Legal Counsel, will provide the action.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Mary Dale and seconded by Commissioner Mike Hernandez to accept the Proposed Amendment of Administrative Rule Title 40 TAC Part 15 Section 452.2, Advisory Committees.

VOTE: 5-0: Motion Passed.

- e. *Action Regarding the Proposed Repeal of Administrative Rule Title 40 TAC Part 15 Chapter 459, Transportation Support Services.* Cory Scanlon, Legal Counsel, will provide the action.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Kimberlee Shaneyfelt and seconded by Commissioner Kevin Barber to the proposed repeal of the Administrative Rule Title 40 TAC Part 15 Chapter 459, Transportation Support Services.

VOTE: 5-0: Motion Passed.

VI. Executive Session.

None.

VII. Discussion about setting the date, time, and location of the next Commission Meeting

The Commission agreed that the 3rd Quarterly Commission Meeting of FY 2023 would be held on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. HQ Austin TX, William B. Travis Bldg. room 1-111.

VIII. Adjournment.

Chairwoman Koerner asked each Commissioner for any closing remarks. The Commissioners


extended their gratitude to the staff and the Advisory Committee members. The Executive Director extended their gratitude to the Texas Veterans Commission staff for their support and hard work in serving Texas Veterans.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Kevin Barber, seconded by Commissioner Mary Dale, motion to adjourn.

VOTE: 5-0: Motion Passed.

Chairwoman Koerner adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

Minutes Approved by:



Mary Dale, Secretary