

Texas Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting (FY 2017)
September 18, 2017

I. Call to order.

Chairman Eliseo Cantu called to order the Special Commission Meeting of the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) at 9:06 a.m. on September 18, 2017 at the San Luis Resort, 5222 Seawall Blvd., Third Floor Main Lobby, Grand Ballroom B, Galveston, Texas 77551.

The following Commissioners, constituting a quorum were present:

Eliseo "Al" Cantu, Chairman
Richard A. McLeon IV, Vice Chairman
Jake Ellzey, Secretary
Dan Moran, Commissioner
Kevin Barber, Commissioner

Also present was Thomas P. Palladino, Executive Director.

Also present: See the attached list.

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag was led by Secretary, Jake Ellzey and Commissioner Barber led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag. Vice Chairman Richard McLeon led the opening Prayer.

II. Public Comment.

No public comment was received.

III. Discussion and/or action regarding Commission policy for implementation of SB1679, Veterans County Service Offices grant funding.

Charles Catoe, Director, Funds for Veterans Assistance informed the Commission discussed the methodology to implement the legislative intent of SB 1679, what our current guidance is, direct assistance and services to veterans and what is the method to prioritize 5% of Funding to VCSO grants. Lastly, recommendations were discussed for approval.

MOTION: Approve the recommendation to set aside a minimum of 5% funding to VSCSO grant and direct the staff to draft rules for the November meeting.

MADE BY: Commissioner Dan Moran

SECONDED BY: Secretary Ellzey

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Report, presentation and/or action regarding the Fund for Veterans' Assistance (FVA) Grant Programs, including:

A. Discussion with FVA Advisory Committee representatives; and

Charlie Catoe, Director of Funds for Veterans' Assistance, briefed the commission on the meeting with the FVA advisory committee that took place on 8 July 2017 to discuss goals, priorities, TVC Geographic Distributions Regions and Recommendations from FVA committee to TVC. The FVA committee understands that some of these Recommendations will make our job more difficult but we welcome the challenge for our Veterans.

B. Discussion of FVA grant policies and procedures with FVA staff.

Charlie Catoe, Director of Funds for Veterans' Assistance, briefed the commission on Policy discussion topics with the FVA staff on FVA grant policies, intent for FVA Staff to share ideas on changes/improvements, stimulate discussion among the Commissioners and provide insight and guidance to the staff. Items discussed included but not limited to; Limit multiple FVA grants, increase the grant term, limiting consecutive FVA grants, cap budget categories and realign Homeless Services to General Assistance.

V. Executive Session.

No Executive Session was held.

VI. Discuss and take possible action on the items considered in Executive Session.

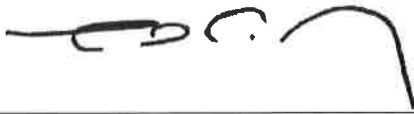
No items to consider.

VII. Adjournment.

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

MOTION: Adjourn.
MADE BY: Secretary Jake Ellzey
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Moran
ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.
Chairman Cantu adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Minutes Approved by:



Eliseo "Al" Cantu, Jr., Chairman

TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION

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Speakers and Visitors

NONE

