OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION
MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
APRIL 22nd, 2022 10:00AM
Lawton Veterans Center
501 SE Flower Mound Road
Lawton, OK 73501

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING:
The Oklahoma Veterans Commission held a regular meeting on Friday, April 22nd, 2022, at 10:00 AM. This meeting was held at the Lawton Veterans Center 501 SE Flower Mound Road, Lawton, OK 73501. A Notice of this meeting was filed with the Secretary of State’s Office on August 19th, 2021 and amended on April 12th, 2022.

AGENDA:
Friday, April 22nd, 2022 10:00 AM

I. CALL TO ORDER
   The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:00am

II. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM
   A. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS
      Commissioner Ball:  Present
      Commissioner Costilow:  Absent
      Commissioner Jackson:  Absent
      Commissioner Kokendoffer:  Present
      Commissioner Lasser:  Present
      Commissioner LeDay:  Late – 10:02am
      Commissioner McEver:  Absent
      Commissioner Miles:  Present
      Mr. Chairman:  Present

      The Clerk notified the Chairman that 5 Commissioners were present, with 4 absent.

   B. DECLARATION OF QUORUM
      The Chairman declared a quorum.

   C. VERIFICATION OF PROPER NOTICE TO SECRETARY OF STATE AND POSTING OF THE AGENDA
      The Clerk verified proper notice and posting of the agenda

III. INVOCATION
    Commissioner Ball led the Invocation.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
    Commissioner Miles led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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V. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME TO VISITORS AND GUESTS
The Chairman welcomed all visitors and guests to the Commission meeting.

VI. OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION
A. DISCUSSION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF THE MARCH 4TH, 2022 OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION MEETING

1. Action
Commissioner Lasser made the motion to approve the March 4th, 2022 minutes.
Commissioner Ball provided the second.

The Clerk called the vote, and the vote is as follows:
Commissioner Ball: Aye
Commissioner Costilow: Absent
Commissioner Jackson: Absent
Commissioner Kokendoffer: Aye
Commissioner Lasser: Aye
Commissioner LeDay: Aye
Commissioner McEver: Absent
Commissioner Miles: Aye
Mr. Chairman: Aye

The vote is 6 Aye 0 Nay 3 Absent
Motion Passes

B. DISCUSSION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF THE APRIL 11TH, 2022 OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION MEETING

1. Action
Commissioner Kokendoffer made the motion to approve the April 11th, 2022 minutes.
Commissioner Ball provided the second.

The Clerk called the vote, and the vote is as follows:
Commissioner Ball: Aye
Commissioner Costilow: Absent
Commissioner Jackson: Absent
Commissioner Kokendoffer: Aye
Commissioner Lasser: Abstain
Commissioner LeDay: Aye
Commissioner McEver: Absent
Commissioner Miles: Aye
Mr. Chairman: Aye

The vote is 5 Aye 0 Nay 3 Absent 1 Abstain
Motion Passes

C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING TRAVEL OF COMMISSIONERS SINCE PRIOR SPECIAL MEETING ON MARCH 4TH, 2022

1. Written Travel Reports Filed by Commissioners
The Chairman requested that all Commissioners submit their written travel reports to the Clerk.

2. Presentation of Summary Travel Reports by Commissioners in Lieu of Written Reports
Commissioner Ball: Submitted travel online
Commissioner Costilow: Absent
Commissioner Jackson: Absent
Commissioner Kokendoffer: Nothing to report
Commissioner Lasser: Attended Clinton’s 50th Anniversary
Commissioner LeDay: Nothing to report
Commissioner McEver: Absent
Commissioner Miles: Nothing to report
Mr. Chairman: Submitted travel online

VII. OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

A. SARAH LANE, ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, REPORT WITH DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. Employee Recognition
   The Acting Executive Director recognized the staff of the Lawton Veterans Center for their longevity with the agency. Staff with longevity of 15 years or more were recognized in front of the Commission.

2. Travel
   a. Sulphur Veterans Center
   b. Lawton Recourse Fair
   c. Claremore Veterans Center
   d. Broken Arrow

   *The Acting Executive Director stated that she also visited the Clinton Veterans Center for the 50th Anniversary of the facility.

3. Cemetery Opening
   The Acting Executive Director stated that the official dedication for the opening of the Cemetery in Ardmore will be held on Saturday, June 4th

4. State Wide COVID Numbers
The Acting Executive Director stated that as of this meeting, there are zero cases of COVID within the agency.

5. Bond Issue
   The Acting Executive Director stated the process is moving along nicely and the Bond should be issued in May.

6. Incentive Program Update
   The Acting Executive Director stated the Student Loan Repayment Program has been extremely well received.

7. Sulphur Administrator Retirement
   The Acting Executive Director stated that Sulphur Administrator Pam Arms will be retiring after 26 years of service with the State of Oklahoma. She stated that the agency is conducting interviews for a new Administrator.

8. Legislative Update
   The Acting Executive Director stated that several bills have made it through committee, past the floor, and are eligible for signature. She stated that this includes:

   - HB 3932 / SB 1333 Union Soldiers Cemetery
   - HB 3919 / SB 1177 Real ID Incl of Veteran & 100% SCD Status
   - HB 401 Full State Income Tax Exemption for Military Retired Pay
   - HB 3934 / SB 1814 Renaming to “State Veterans Homes”
   - HB 3930 / SB 1179 Updates to QWFOH

   A digital copy of this presentation is available as an attachment to these recorded minutes.

B. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TITLE 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1) DISCUSSION REGARDING THE EMPLOYMENT, HIRING APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, DEMOTION, DISCIPLINING, OR RESIGNATION OF ANY INDIVIDUAL SALARIED EMPLOYEE: ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SARAH LANE
   1. Action to Adjourn to Executive Session.

   Commissioner Kokendoffer made the motion to enter into Executive Session
   Commissioner Lasser provided the second.

   The Clerk called the vote, and the vote is as follows:
Commissioner Ball: Aye
Commissioner Costilow: Absent
Commissioner Jackson: Absent
Commissioner Kokendoffer: Aye
Commissioner Lasser: Aye
Commissioner LeDay: Aye
Commissioner McEver: Absent
Commissioner Miles: Aye
Mr. Chairman: Aye

The vote is 6 Aye 0 Nay 3 Absent
Motion Passes

The Commission entered Executive Session at 10:35am

2. Discussion of Compensation of Acting Executive Director, Sarah Lane.
3. Action to Return to Open Meeting from Executive Session.

Commissioner Kokendoffer made the motion to return to open meeting
Commissioner LeDay provided the second.

The Clerk called the vote, and the vote is as follows:
Commissioner Ball: Aye
Commissioner Costilow: Absent
Commissioner Jackson: Absent
Commissioner Kokendoffer: Aye
Commissioner Lasser: Aye
Commissioner LeDay: Aye
Commissioner McEver: Absent
Commissioner Miles: Aye
Mr. Chairman: Aye

The vote is 6 Aye 0 Nay 3 Absent
Motion Passes

The Commission returned to open meeting at 10:55am

C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COMPENSATION OF ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SARAH LANE
   1. Action

Commissioner Lasser made the motion to set the salary for the acting Executive Director to that of the Executive Director in his absence.
Commissioner Miles provided the second.
The Clerk called the vote, and the vote is as follows:
Commissioner Ball: Aye
Commissioner Costilow: Absent
Commissioner Jackson: Absent
Commissioner Kokendoffer: Aye
Commissioner Lasser: Aye
Commissioner LeDay: Aye
Commissioner McEver: Absent
Commissioner Miles: Aye
Mr. Chairman: Aye

The vote is 6 Aye 0 Nay 3 Absent
Motion Passes

D. CHARLES GLADNEY, ADMINISTRATOR, LAWTON VETERANS CENTER, REPORT WITH POSSIBLE DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:
1. Administrator Acknowledgements
2. Overtime
3. Vacancies
4. GALT
5. Workers Compensation Update
6. Census
7. Average Occupancy
8. Total Days of Care

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E. MIKE RUSSELL, ADMINISTRATOR, NORMAN VETERANS CENTER, REPORT WITH POSSIBLE DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:
1. Administrator Acknowledgements
2. Overtime
3. Vacancies
4. GALT
5. Workers Compensation Update
6. Census Average
7. Occupancy Total
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X. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENMTS
The Oklahoma Veterans Commission shall hear public comments limited to only matters that are listed on the current meeting Agenda. Topics that are outside the scope of the present agenda will not be recognized. Individuals requesting to speak are required to sign-in onsite at the meeting prior to the commencement of the advising of their intent to provide public comment to the Commission. Individuals must provide their name, contact information, as well as the topic on the posted Agenda of which they would like to comment. Open public comments are limited to not more than five minutes per person. The Board Chairman may interrupt and/or terminate any presentation during public comment which is disruptive to the meeting or does not conform to the procedures outlined under this section. The Board Chairman reserves and retains the right to interrupt, terminate, or postpone public comments as necessary to effectuate the management of the public meeting.
There were no public comments

XI. NEW BUSINESS
Pursuant to 25 O.S. § 311, “New Business” shall mean any matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting (24 hours prior to the meeting).
There was no new business

XII. CARRYOVER TOPICS DEFERRED TO A FUTURE AGENDA
1. Military Trails Project

XIII. SUBMISSION AND DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS BY THE OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION FOR THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING
There was no discussion

XIV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING DATE TO INCLUDE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS
June 17th, 2022 10:00am
Vezey Veterans Complex
2132 NE 36th Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73111
The discussion was raised about the possibility of going to another center for the June meeting. This will be reviewed closer to the meeting date.

XV. ADJOURNMENT
1. CHAIRMAN
   1. Motion
      Commissioner Kokendoffer made the motion to adjourn
      Commissioner McEver provided the second.

      Meeting adjourned at 11:23am     JGB