

OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 4TH, 2022 10:00AM
Vezey Veterans Complex
2132 NE 36th Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73111

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING:

The Oklahoma Veterans Commission held a special meeting on **Friday, March 4th, 2022**, at 10:00 AM. This meeting was held at the Vezey Veterans Complex 2132 NE 36th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73111. A Notice of this meeting was filed with the Secretary of State's Office on February 25th, 2022.

AGENDA:

Friday, March 4th, 2022 10:00 AM

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:02am

II. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Ball: Present
Commissioner Costilow: Present
Commissioner Jackson: Present
Commissioner Kokendoffer: Absent
Commissioner Lasser: Present
Commissioner LeDay: Late (10:08am)
Commissioner McEver: Present
Commissioner Miles: Present
Mr. Chairman: Present

The Clerk notified the Chairman that 7 Commissioners were present, with 2 absent.

B. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The Chairman declared a quorum.

III. INVOCATION

Commissioner Ball led the Invocation.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Costilow led the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME TO VISITORS AND GUESTS

The Chairman welcomed the visitors and guests in the gallery and presented an opportunity for everyone to introduce themselves.

VI. OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION

A. DISCUSSION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 7th, 2022 OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION MEETING

1. Action

Commissioner Ball made the motion to approve the January 7th, 2022 minutes.

Commissioner Jackson provided the second.

The Clerk called the vote, and the vote is as follows:

Commissioner Ball: Aye

Commissioner Costilow: Aye

Commissioner Jackson: Aye

Commissioner Kokendoffer: Absent

Commissioner Lasser: Abstain

Commissioner LeDay: Absent

Commissioner McEver: Aye

Commissioner Miles: Aye

Mr. Chairman: Aye

The vote is 6 Aye 0 Nay 2 Absent 1 Abstaining

Motion Passes

B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING TRAVEL OF COMMISSIONERS SINCE PRIOR REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 7th, 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

There were no verbal presentations of travel.

VII. OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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

1. Travel

The Director and Deputy Director reported travel to the following locations:

Director Travel:

Ardmore, OK

Oilton, OK

Shawnee, OK

Norman, OK

Claremore Veterans Center
Tulsa, OK
Lawton, OK
Piedmont, OK

Deputy Travel:
Lawton Veterans Center
Claremore Veterans Center
Tulsa, OK x2
Piedmont, OK

2. Nursing Recruiting & Retention Grant and Incentive Programs

The Deputy Executive Director stated that the agency has set up new programs to assist with recruiting and retention. She detailed that the first program is for student loan repayment, as well as a program to give additional compensation for advanced licensure.

3. Legislative Update

The Executive Director gave a brief overview of the following legislative priorities:

- SB 1333 Union Soldiers Cemetery - Engrossed to House
- SJR 33 Modernize 100% SCD Veterans Homestead Exemptions - Not given a committee hearing in second committee
- SB 1177 Real ID Incl of Veteran & 100% SCD Status - Reported out of Senate Appropriations Committee to Senate floor
- SJR 32 Full State Income Tax Exemption for Military Retired Pay - Given no hearing in Senate
- SB 1814 Renaming to “State Veterans Homes” - Reported out of Senate Vet/Mil Committee to Senate floor
- SB 1179 Updates to QWFOH - Engrossed to House
- SB 1183 COVID Leave - Given no hearing in Senate
- SB 1598 Authorize Dedication of Sulphur to Specialty Cognitive Care Facility - Reported out of Senate Appropriations Committee to Senate floor

4. SVH Marketing Update

The Executive Director stated that the marketing team has produced several products since the last meeting. Rob Arrington gave a brief presentation of some of those media projects, as well as the radio promotions that recently began.

5. Ardmore Land Search & OCIA Bond Approval

The Executive Director stated that land has been located and funds have been placed for a purchase option. He stated that the land is on the north side of town. He stated that the agency has moved forward with the bond approval process.

6. Status of the Sale of the ODVA Property in Talihina

The Deputy Executive Director stated that a request for proposals has been published with a window of March 3rd – March 18th, 2022.

7. Open Records Request

The Executive Director informed the Commission of a situation concerning an open records request to OMES that was submitted related to an event that took place on December 8th, 2021. Jennifer Shockley, Human Resources Director for ODVA relayed the events from the 8th to the Commission.

A detailed copy of this report as well as the open records request is attached to these recorded minutes.

B. SHAWN KIRKLAND, ODVA DIRECTOR OF STATE VETERANS HOMES, REPORT WITH POSSIBLE DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. Ardmore Veterans Cemetery Update & Naming

a. Motion

Commissioner Ball made the motion to direct the Executive Director to determine an appropriate name for the new state veterans cemetery under construction in Ardmore, Oklahoma and that said name be reported to the Commission at the time the new cemetery commences operation.

Commissioner Lasser provided the second.

The Clerk called the vote, and the vote is as follows:

Commissioner Ball: Aye

Commissioner Costilow: Aye

Commissioner Jackson: Aye

Commissioner Kokendoffer: Absent

Commissioner Lasser: Aye

Commissioner LeDay: Aye

Commissioner McEver: Aye

Commissioner Miles: Aye

Mr. Chairman: Aye

The vote is 8 Aye 0 Nay 1 Absent 0 Abstaining

Motion Passes

2. Lawton Administrator Update

The Director of Homes informed the Commission that Charles Gladney had been named as the Administrator of the Lawton facility. Mr. Gladney had been serving in the acting Administrator role previously.

**C. NANNEEUSHA YOUNG, CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATOR,
REPORT WITH POSSIBLE DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE
FOLLOWING:**

1. Pursuant to 61 O.S. Section 121 (F) the following Change Orders were executed under the authority delegated by the Commission to the Executive Director since the last Oklahoma Veterans Commission meeting:
 - a. Change Order #004 - \$3,271.66 (+CAP Fee \$32.72) – Imajanus, Inc. – Norman Veteran Center, Norman, OK – OMES CAP #20302 – The fuel sending unit sensor is no longer included with the fuel tank and must be purchased separately.
 - b. Change Order #004 - \$3,271.66 (+CAP Fee \$32.72) – Imajanus, Inc. – Ardmore Veteran Center, Ardmore, OK – OMES CAP #20299 – The fuel sending unit sensor is no longer included with the fuel tank and must be purchased separately.
 - c. Change Order #004 – \$3,271.66 (+CAP Fee \$32.72) – Imajanus, Inc. – Lawton Veteran Center, Lawton, OK – OMES CAP # 20301 - The fuel sending unit sensor is no longer included with the fuel tank and must be purchased separately.
 - d. Change Order #004 – \$6,543.36 (+CAP Fee \$65.43) – Imajanus, Inc. – Sulphur Veteran Center, Sulphur, OK – OMES CAP # 20299 The fuel sending unit sensor is no longer included with the fuel tank and must be purchased separately.
 - e. Change Order #004 – (\$5,265.75) +CAP Fee \$52.66) – Rick Scott Construction – OK State Veterans Cemetery, Ardmore, OK – OMES CAP #20179 – Purchase of the Military Seals for the Committal Shelter wall. The Federal VA does not provide those for the project.
 - f. Change Order #005 – (\$29,152.42) +CAP Fee \$291.52) – Rick Scott Construction – OK State Veterans Cemetery, Ardmore, OK – OMES CAP #20179 – Purchase of the water meters as a result of a last-minute change on behave of the City of Ardmore

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D. AMY SPROUSE, ADMINISTRATOR, ARDMORE 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. PAMELA ARMS, ADMINISTRATOR, SULPHUR 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
8. Days of Care

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X. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

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

None

XIV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING DATE TO INCLUDE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

April 22nd, 2022 10:00am
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XV. ADJOURNMENT

1. CHAIRMAN
 1. Motion

Commissioner Lasser made the motion to adjourn
Commissioner Jackson provided the second.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48am
JGB