

**OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION
MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
AUGUST 2, 2024, 8:30 A.M.
Vezev Veterans Complex
2132 NE 36th Street
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73111**

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING:

The Oklahoma Veterans Commission will hold a Regular Meeting on Friday, August 2, 2024, at 8:30 a.m., at the Vezev Veterans Complex, 2132 NE 36th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73111. An Amended Notice of this meeting was filed with the Secretary of State's Office on July 9, 2024. The agenda of this meeting was also properly posted at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to this meeting pursuant to the provisions of Title 25 O.S. § 311.

The below listed Agenda items may be discussed in any order the Oklahoma Veterans Commission deems appropriate.

AGENDA:

CHAIRMAN BRETT MARTIN:

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**
 - A. ROLL CALL**
 - B. DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
- III. VERIFICATION OF PROPER NOTICE OF MEETING AND POSTING OF THE AGENDA**
- IV. INVOCATION**
- V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- VI. INTRODUCTION OF ODVA STAFF AND WELCOME TO VISITORS AND GUESTS.**
- VII. BUSINESS**
 - A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE 27, 2024, OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING.**

B. REPORTS WITH DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. CHAIRMAN BRETT MARTIN:

- i. Introduction of new Oklahoma Veterans Affairs Commissioner, Edward (Ted) Perry.
- ii. Introduction of Admiral James (Jay) Bynum

2. HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE: COMMISSIONER SIDNEY ELLINGTON AND JENNIFER SHOCKLEY, ODVA DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES:

- i. Number of total pins;
- ii. Number of unfilled pins;
- iii. Number of new hires since last meeting;
- iv. Number of resignations since last meeting;
- v. Number of terminations since last meeting;
- vi. Total number of resignations in 2024; and
- vii. Total number of terminations in 2024;
- viii. Chicago SHRM National Conference report.

3. CHAIRMAN BRETT MARTIN:

- i. Oklahoma Veteran Suicide Task Force; and
- ii. Governors Symposium to Prevent Veteran Suicide.

C. REPORTS WITH DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. OKLAHOMA SECRETARY OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS: JOHNATHAN NASH, REPORT, DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

- i. Report regarding Cabinet Meetings.

2. JAMES (JAY) BYNUM, REAR ADMIRAL, USN (RET.), ODVA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS TO THE COMMISSION AND ODVA STAFF.

3. LISA A. WHITE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, REPORTS, DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

- i. FY25 ODVA Budget.

4. NISHA YOUNG, CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATOR, REPORTS, DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

- i. Ardmore New Veterans Home Project update;
- ii. Homes Building Preventative Maintenance update;

- iii. Union Soldiers Cemetery update;
- iv. Seaman 1st Class Turner Ardmore Cemetery update;
- v. Sallisaw Veterans Home construction update.

5. LISA ACEVEDO, WOMEN VETERANS PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATOR AND LEGISLATIVE LIAISON, REPORTS, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

- i. Update on Legislation signed into law during the 59th Legislative Second Session impacting ODVA, Veterans, and Military.

6. JOHN M. SETTLE, ODVA GENERAL COUNSEL, POTENTIAL AND CURRENT LITIGATION REPORT:

- i. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TITLE 25 O. S. 2021 §307 (B) (4), FOR CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN A PUBLIC BODY AND ITS ATTORNEY(S) CONCERNING PENDING CLAIMS, INVESTIGATIONS, OR LITIGATION:

ADVICE OF ATTORNEY: The ODVA General Counsel advises that disclosure of his confidential report will seriously impair the ability of the Oklahoma Veterans Commission and ODVA to process any claims or conduct the pending investigation(s), litigation, or proceeding(s) in the public interest.

- a. Discussion and Possible Action to enter Executive Session.

- b. Executive Session; and Confidential Report of current and potential ODVA litigation:

CAPE v. ODVA, Oklahoma Co., CJ-2021-4460

MORRISON v. ODVA, Carter Co., CJ-2023-02

HERD v. ODVA, Oklahoma Co., CJ-2021-2113

OMES/ODVA v. ORCUTT WINSLOW, Sequoyah Co., CJ-2023-135

TATE v. ODVA – Rogers Co., CJ-2022-195

ARTIS v. ODVA – Oklahoma Co., CJ-2023-7104;

ARTIS v. ODVA – New GTCA Claim filed 01/23/24 – Oklahoma Co. CJ-2024-3133

CROSTON v. ODVA – GTCA Claim filed 09/15/23

WRIGHT v. ODVA – GTCA Claim filed 09/05/23

CUMMINGS v. ODVA – GTCA Claim filed
12/29/23

EEOC Charge No. 564-2024-00254

EEOC Charge No. 564-2024-00277

EEOC Charge No. 564-2024-00255

EEOC Charge No. 564-2024-00260

Potential Talihina State Veterans Home quiet title
litigation.

Status Report, Military Order of the Purple Heart v.
Allen, et al. – Oklahoma Co., CV-2022-1551

- c. Open Session discussion and possible action to
return to Open Session.

VIII. 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 this Notice
(24 hours prior to the meeting).

IX. OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

September 6, 2024, 10:00AM

Vezev Veterans Complex

2132 NE 36th Street

Oklahoma City, OK 73111

X. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADJOURNMENT.