

**OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 19th, 2021 10:00AM  
Vezev Veterans Complex  
2132 NE 36th Street  
Oklahoma City, OK 73111**

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING:**

The Oklahoma Veterans Commission held a regular meeting on Friday, November 19th, 2021, at 10:00 AM. This meeting was held at the Vezev 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 August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**AGENDA:**

**Friday, November 19th, 2021 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: Late (10:02am)

Commissioner Jackson: Present

Commissioner Kokendoffer: Present

Commissioner Lasser: Present

Commissioner LeDay: Late (10:21am)

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 McEver led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**V. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME TO VISITORS AND GUESTS**

The Chairman acknowledged and welcomed the visitors and guests.

**VI. OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION**

**a. DISCUSSION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 24th, 2021 OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION MEETING**

**i. Action**

Commissioner Ball made the motion to approve the September 24th 2021 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: Aye

Commissioner Lasser: Abstain

Commissioner LeDay: Not Present For The Vote

Commissioner McEver: Aye

Commissioner Miles: Aye

Mr. Chairman: Aye

The vote is 7 Aye 0 Nay 1 Absent 1 Abstain. Motion Passes

**b. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING TRAVEL OF COMMISSIONERS SINCE PRIOR REGULAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 24th, 2021**

**i. Written Travel Reports Filed by Commissioners**

The Chairman requested that all Commissioners submit their written travel reports to the Clerk.

**ii. Presentation of Summary Travel Reports by Commissioners in Lieu of Written Reports**

Commissioner Ball: Norman Veterans Center x2, and Shawnee.

Commissioner Costilow: No report

Commissioner Jackson: Reported his travel online

Commissioner Kokendoffer: No report

Commissioner Lasser: No report

Commissioner LeDay: Not present for the report

Commissioner McEver: Clinton Veterans Center

Commissioner Miles: Reported his travel online

Mr. Chairman: Reported his travel online

## **VII. OKLAHOMA SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND MILITARY**

### **a. BEN ROBINSON, CABINET SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR STITT, REPORT WITH POSSIBLE DISCUSSION ON THE FOLLOWING:**

#### **i. Report from Monthly Cabinet Meeting**

The Secretary was not able to attend due to a prior commitment.

## **VIII. 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:**

#### **i. Travel**

The Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director reported traveling to the following locations:

Ardmore Veterans Center, Claremore Veterans Center, Clinton Veterans Center, Lawton Veterans Center, Norman Veterans Center, Sulphur Veterans Center, and the Sallisaw Veterans Center Construction Site.

They also reported travel to the City of Stillwater, City of Tulsa, City of Hobart, City of Oklahoma City, and the City of Ponca City.

#### **ii. Announcement of New Staff Appointments**

##### **a. State Human Resources Director**

Jennifer Shockley was introduced to the Commission as the new State Human Resources Director

##### **b. Veterans Cemetery Administrator**

Sara Jenkins was introduced to the Commission as the new Veterans Cemetery Administrator

##### **c. Claims & Benefits Division Manager**

Cam Ulloa was introduced to the Commission as the new Division Manager of Claims & Benefits

##### **d. Public Information & Marketing Officer**

Jennifer Bloomfield was introduced to the Commission as the new Public Information & Marketing Officer

#### **iii. Governor's Symposium for Veterans Services & Joint Service Officer Training Symposium**

The Executive Director stated that the Governor's Symposium was held on November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. The Joint Service Officer Training Symposium was held on November 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.

iv. Veteran Service Organizations Meeting

The Deputy Director stated that a meeting was held with the leadership teams of the various Veteran Service Organizations on ++++++. This meeting was attended by The Military Order of the Purple Heart, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Veterans of Foreign Wars, The American Legion, and The Disabled American Veterans organizations.

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

- i. Veterans Centers Update
- ii. State Veterans Cemetery Update

A digital version of this presentation is attached to these recorded Minutes.

c. **CAROLE KIMBROUGH, ADMINISTRATOR, CLAREMORE VETERANS CENTER, REPORT WITH POSSIBLE DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:**

- i. Administrator Acknowledgements
- ii. Overtime
- iii. Vacancies
- iv. GALT
- v. Workers Compensation Update
- vi. Census
- vii. Average Occupancy
- viii. Total Days of Care

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d. **SARAH BRESHEARS, ADMINISTRATOR, TALIHINA VETERANS CENTER, REPORT WITH POSSIBLE DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:**

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**IX. 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.

**X. CARRYOVER TOPICS DEFERRED TO A FUTURE AGENDA**

- i. Military Trails Project

**XI. SUBMISSION AND DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS BY THE OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION FOR THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

Commissioner Ball would like to discuss when the Commission meetings will return to being held at the homes.

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

January 7th, 2022 10:00am

Vezey Veterans Complex

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There was no discussion.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

- i. CHAIRMAN

- a. Motion

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner McEver provided the second.

There were no objections.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50am

JGB