

**OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
February 15, 2023 10:00AM
Oklahoma Department of Transportation
Commission Meeting Room 200 NE 21st Street Oklahoma City, OK 73105**

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING:

The Oklahoma Veterans Commission held a special meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 10:00AM. This meeting was held at the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, 200 NE 21st Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73105. A Notice of this meeting was filed with the Secretary of State's Office on February 10, 2023.

AGENDA:

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 10:00 AM

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

II. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Allen: Present
Commissioner Ellington: Present
Commissioner Martin: Present
Commissioner McEver: Present
Commissioner Offel: Absent
Commissioner Orr: Present
Commissioner Perry: Present
Commissioner Sweeney: Present

The clerk notified the Chairman that 7 commissioners were present and 1 absent.

Not Present:

ODVA Director Joel Kintsel, absent for the 4th time in a row. Any staff from ODVA. The Staff had been directed by Director Kintsel not to attend or interface with the Commission in any fashion.

B. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The Chairman declared a quorum.

C. VERIFICATION OF PROPER NOTICE TO SECRETARY OF STATE AND POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Verified proper notice and posting of the agenda.

III. INVOCATION

Commissioner Ellington let the invocation.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME TO VISITORS AND GUESTS

The Chairman welcomed any guests to the meeting.

Allen: Thank you all for coming today. There is a collection individuals and organizations out there that want to see this commission fail. They are working hard behind the scenes to prevent us from meeting, to prevent us from fulfilling our duties. and to prevent us from revealing what is going on at the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs. We are all veterans and volunteers. Our only desire is to provide oversight and accountability of this agency; to take care of its people, and to ensure that all this State's veterans are properly honored and cared for. We have a very sacred and very specific mission a n d that is to increase and improve the range and delivery of the benefits and services to our Oklahoma military veterans. We may be delayed, but we will not be deterred.

VI. OKLAHOMA SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND MILITARY

A. Discussion and Presentations regarding modernization efforts and best practices at other State Agencies

- 1. Presentation by Department of Public Safety
Not available for presentation**
- 2. Presentation by Department of Transportation
Secretary Tim Gatz gave a presentation Modernization and being a constant change agent.**
- 3. Presentation by Office of Management & Enterprise Services
Mr. Cleveland, Director of OMES gave his presentation.**

B. Presentation and Discussion regarding ODVA Human Capital Management & State Processes including 2019-2021 Statewide SEES Data and breakdown of ODVA Employee Engagement Scores

- 1. Presentation by Office of Management & Enterprise Services**
- 2. Discussion regarding Cyber & Security Management including findings of ODVA non-compliance with Information Technology Coordination and Consolidation Act and potential risks associated.**
- 3. Presentation by Jerry Moore, State Chief Information Officer
- CIO investigated ODVA and found that they had had been compromised, but no information taken. He reported that 18K Veterans PII was at risk because there was a server outside the boundaries of state control and firewalls.**

No member of leadership from ODVA was available to the Commission to answer questions.

4. **Presentation and Discussion regarding CIO Expenditure Approval Process for agency information technology expenses and ODVA compliance regarding payment to My Consulting Group.**

VII. OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

A. Carried over from the previous Special Meeting on February 3, 2023, Report with discussion and possible action on the following:

1. Declaration of Emergency relating to CAP Project No. 19273CM-Sallisaw 175 Bed Replacement
 - a. Briefing, discussion, and possible action to approve a declaration of emergency associated with the unexpected expenses incurred during construction of the Sallisaw Veterans Center—including ODVA Staff and Project team.

DEFERRED to next meeting when hopefully The ODVA Director Joel Kintsel, and his Staff will be available answer questions.

2. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TITLE 25 O.S. §307(B)(4) CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN A PUBLIC BODY AND ITS ATTORNEY CONCERNING A PENDING INVESTIGATION, CLAIM, OR ACTION IF THE PUBLIC BODY, WITH THE ADVICE OF ITS ATTORNEY, DETERMINES THAT DISCLOSURE WILL SERIOUSLY IMPAIR THE ABILITY OF THE PUBLIC BODY TO PROCESS THE CLAIM OR CONDUCT A PENDING INVESTIGATION, LITIGATION, OR PROCEEDING IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.
3. Action

VIII. OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION

- A. Introductory review of current overall ODVA Budget and Finances
- B. Discussion and possible action regarding privacy and information protection by Cyber and Security Management
 1. Action
- C. Discussion and possible actions regarding performance and employment status of the Executive Director and hiring of an Interim Director
 1. 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: THE POSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
 - a. Action
- D. Discussion and possible actions regarding performance and employment status of the Deputy Executive Director and hiring of an Interim Deputy Director
 1. 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: THE POSITION OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

- a. Action
- E. Discussion and Possible Action regarding request of State Auditor to audit ODVA finances.
- F. Discussion and possible action regarding establishment of new committees: Audit, Finance, and Human Resources.

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

- 1. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:
March 10, 2023 10:00AM
Clinton Veterans Home
1701 S. 4th Street
Clinton, OK 73601

XI. ADJOURNMENT

- 1. CHAIRMAN
 - a. Motion

**Commissioner Ellington made the Motion to adjourn.
Commissioner Martin provided the second.**

Meeting adjourned at 12:45pm

Brett Martin

The American Legion, Department of Oklahoma
Commissioner, OK Veterans Commission