

**OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 14, 2023, 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, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 10:00AM. 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 December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**AGENDA:**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and turned the gavel over to Commissioner Rob Allen.

**II. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

**A. ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Allen asked the Clerk to call the roll. The roll was as follows:

Commissioner Allen – Present  
Commissioner Ellington – Present  
Commissioner Martin – Present  
Commissioner Offel – Present  
Commissioner Orr – Present  
Commissioner Perry – Arrived at 10:04 am

**B. DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

Commissioner Allen declared there was a quorum present.

Secretary John Nash was also present.  
Senator Brenda Stanley was in the gallery.

ODVA Staff present at the table:  
ODVA Interim Executive Director, Greg Slavonic  
ODVA Director of Homes, Shawn Kirkland  
ODVA Communications Director, Jennifer Bloomfield  
ODVA Chief Financial Officer, Lisa White  
ODVA Construction Programs Administrator, Nisha Young  
ODVA Payroll Programs Administrator, Leona Watson  
ODVA OKSTEP Programs Administrator, Randall Coon

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

Commissioner Allen asked the Clerk to verify proper notice to the Secretary of State and posting of the agenda. The Clerk verified that the meeting was listed with the Secretary of State on December 11, 2022, and the agenda was posted to the front doors of the Central Office on April 12, 2023, at 7:22 pm. The agenda was posted to the ODVA website on April 12, 2023, at 7:16 pm.

**III. INVOCATION**

Commissioner Ellington led the Invocation.

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Martin let the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Commissioner Allen welcomed all visitors and guests to the Commission meeting and asked if anyone would like to introduce themselves to the Commission. The gallery remained silent.

**VI. BUSINESS**

**A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE ELECTION OF THE CHAIR FOR THE OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION.**

Commissioner Ellington made the motion to nominate Commissioner Rob Allen as Chair.

Commissioner Allen accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Martin provided the second.

Commissioner Allen called for discussion.

There was no discussion.

Commissioner Allen asked the Clerk to call the roll. The roll was as follows:

Commissioner Allen – Aye

Commissioner Ellington – Aye

Commissioner Martin – Aye

Commissioner Offel – Aye

Commissioner Orr – Aye

Commissioner Perry – Was not present for the vote

The Clerk notified the Chair that the vote was 5 Ayes with 1 absent

Chairman Allen declared the motion passed

**B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE ELECTION OF THE SECRETARY FOR THE OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION.**

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Commissioner Ellington made the motion to nominate Commissioner Brett Martin as Secretary.

Commissioner Martin accepted the nomination under the condition of a second.

Commissioner Offel provided the second.

Chairman Allen called for discussion.

There was no discussion.

Chairman Allen asked the Clerk to call the roll. The roll was as follows:

Commissioner Allen – Aye

Commissioner Ellington – Aye

Commissioner Martin – Aye

Commissioner Offel – Aye

Commissioner Orr – Aye

Commissioner Perry – Aye

The Clerk notified the Chair that the vote was 6 Ayes

Chairman Allen declared the motion passed

**C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE:**

**A. NOVEMBER 18, 2022, OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION MEETING.**

**B. JANUARY 13, 2023, OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION MEETING:**

[the January 13th, 2023, meeting was canceled on January 12th, 2023, by former Chairman, Jerry Ball].

**C. JANUARY 27, 2023, OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION MEETING.**

**D. FEBRUARY 3, 2023, OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION MEETING.**

**E. FEBRUARY 10, 2023, OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION MEETING:**

[The February 10th, 2023, meeting was not canceled with the Secretary of State, however, the meeting did not take place. The Oklahoma Veterans Commission was denied entry to the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs by former Executive Director, Joel Kintsel.]

**F. FEBRUARY 15, 2023, OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION MEETING.**

**G. FEBRUARY 24, 2023, OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION MEETING.**

**H. MARCH 10, 2023, OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION MEETING.**

**I. MARCH 22, 2023, OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION MEETING.**

Commissioner Martin made the motion to accept the drafted minutes as written, excluding items B & E, as those meetings did not take place.

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Commissioner Ellington provided the second.

Chairman Allen called for discussion.

There was no discussion.

Chairman Allen asked the Clerk to call the roll. The roll was as follows:

Commissioner Allen – Aye

Commissioner Ellington – Aye

Commissioner Martin – Aye

Commissioner Offel – Aye

Commissioner Orr – Aye

Commissioner Perry – Aye

The Clerk notified the Chair that the vote was 6 Ayes

Chairman Allen declared the motion passed

**D. HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT FROM COMMISSIONER SIDNEY ELLINGTON, WITH DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:**

i. Update on the Employee Survey

Commissioner Ellington informed the Commission that the Employee Survey closes EOD today. He stated that at present, the survey had 19% participation agency wide.

Secretary Nash asked how much the survey had been promoted. HR Director Jennifer Shockley stated that several reminders had been sent.

Interim Executive Director, Greg Slavonic stated that several comments had been left in the free form sections of the survey which have provided good insight. He stated that he would be interested to see results after resubmitting the survey to staff in a 90-day window. The Director stated that he was working on an acceptable delivery to the Commission that would protect staff identity.

ii. Update on Deputy Director Search

Interim Executive Director, Greg Slavonic notified the Commission that he had conducted round one interviews and had narrowed the field to his top three. He stated that the Commission was encouraged to schedule round two interviews Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday next week. He stated that all applicants were internal.

iii. Update on the search for general counsel

The search is ongoing. The position is posted and the agency has seen several applicants both from public and private sector. Interim Executive Director, Greg Slavonic stated that he would like to seek

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guidance from John O'Connor and possible Chairman Allen for an attorney's perspective.

- iv. Update on ODVA Staff
  - Numbers reflect July 2022 – April 14, 2023
  - a. Number of new hires 278
  - b. Number of resignations 152 with 10 of those being from retirement.
  - c. Number of terminations 56

Since the hiring of Interim Executive Director, Greg Slavonic, there have been zero terminations.

Rob Teel from OMES started today as ODVAs CTO

**E. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE MEMBERSHIP AND DECISIONS OF THE COMMISSION SINCE JANUARY 1, 2023.**

Commissioner Ellington made the motion to affirm the membership and the decisions of the Commission since January 1, 2023.

Commissioner Offel provided the second.

Chairman Allen called for discussion

There was no discussion.

Chairman Allen asked the Clerk to call the roll. The roll was as follows:

Commissioner Allen – Aye

Commissioner Ellington – Aye

Commissioner Martin – Aye

Commissioner Offel – Aye

Commissioner Orr – Aye

Commissioner Perry – Aye

The Clerk notified the Chair that the vote was 6 Ayes

Chairman Allen declared the motion passed

**F. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR BEING NAMED EX-OFFICIO VOTING MEMBERS OF EACH COMMISSION STANDING OR SPECIAL COMMITTEE.**

Commissioner Offel made the motion to name both the Chair and Vice Chair as a voting member of each Commission Committee

Commissioner Ellington provided the second.

Chairman Allen called for discussion

There was no discussion.

Chairman Allen asked the Clerk to call the roll. The roll was as follows:

Commissioner Allen – Aye  
Commissioner Ellington – Aye  
Commissioner Martin – Aye  
Commissioner Offel – Aye  
Commissioner Orr – Aye  
Commissioner Perry – Aye

The Clerk notified the Chair that the vote was 6 Ayes  
Chairman Allen declared the motion passed

**G. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING:**

- i. upon the recommendation of outside legal counsel, and our General Counsel John M. O'Connor, initiation of litigation against parties legal counsel identifies regarding the Sallisaw project, and
- ii. engagement of the Law Firm Hays, Magrini & Gatewood of Oklahoma City to prosecute the lawsuit, and
- iii. the setting aside of funds in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the legal fees and expenses incurred in the prosecution of the lawsuit and defense of any counterclaims or crossclaims against the Commission or ODVA.

General Counsel for the Commission, John O'Connor, stated that the fees could get up to \$300,000 - \$350,00. O'Connor suggested a motion to amend to \$250,000.

Discussion was had among the Commission on when the additional funds would be added. ODVA CFO Lisa White, provided the clarity. The Commission discussed amending the motion to include the \$250,000, with the original \$100,000 able to rollover into FY2024.

Commissioner Ellington made the motion to approve the (i) initiation, upon the recommendation of outside legal action and our General Counsel John M. O'Connor, of litigation against OW and Cooper Project Advisors and others legal counsel identify regarding the Sallisaw project, and (ii) engagement of the Law Firm Hays, Magrini & Gatewood of Oklahoma City to prosecute the lawsuit, and (iii) the setting aside of funds in the amount of \$250,000.00 for the legal fees and expenses incurred in the prosecution of the lawsuit and defense of any counterclaims or crossclaims against the Commission or ODVA.

Commissioner Offel provided the second.

Chairman Allen called for further discussion

There was no further discussion.

Chairman Allen asked the Clerk to call the roll. The roll was as follows:

Commissioner Allen – Aye

Commissioner Ellington – Aye  
Commissioner Martin – Aye  
Commissioner Offel – Aye  
Commissioner Orr – Aye  
Commissioner Perry – Aye

The Clerk notified the Chair that the vote was 6 Ayes  
Chairman Allen declared the motion passed

**H. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF INCREASE IN CONTRACT PAYMENT TO COMPLETE THE OKLAHOMA VETERANS HOME AT SALLISAW NOT TO EXCEED \$21,726,939.00 AND AUTHORIZATION OF INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SLAVONIC TO EXECUTE APPROPRIATE CONTRACTS.**

Interim Executive Director, Greg Slavonic stated that after much discussion at the Capital, he wants to make the contingency fund whole.

Oversight at the Sallisaw location has been recommended with an estimated cost of \$500,000 for the next 17 months. This oversight would come from a construction administrator.

Secretary Nash recommended increasing the number and motion to read “Not to exceed \$25 million” to allow movement if needed.

Commissioner Ellington made the motion to approve an increase in contract payment to complete the Veterans Home at Sallisaw not to exceed \$25 million and to allow for fiscal adjustments as needed and to delegate to the Interim Executive Director the ability to discuss with the Legislature and the Executive Committee for future approvals.

Commissioner Orr provided the second.

Chairman Allen called for further discussion

There was no further discussion.

Chairman Allen asked the Clerk to call the roll. The roll was as follows:

Commissioner Allen – Aye  
Commissioner Ellington – Aye  
Commissioner Martin – Aye  
Commissioner Offel – Aye  
Commissioner Orr – Aye  
Commissioner Perry – Aye

The Clerk notified the Chair that the vote was 6 Ayes  
Chairman Allen declared the motion passed

The Chairman called for a break at the request of Commissioner Orr.  
Commissioner Ellington provided the motion.  
Commissioner Martin provided the second.  
The Chairman announced the break at 11:14 am  
The Chairman called the meeting back to order at 11:25 am

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

### **A. JOHNATHAN NASH, CABINET SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR STITT**

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

Secretary Nash recognized Senator Brenda Stanley from the gallery. Nash stated to the room how proud he was of the Commission for their diligence and dedication through the last several months.

Secretary Nash informed the Commission and ODVA Leadership of the following working line items from the Cabinet Level:

- Opportunities for our Veterans, FISTA at Lawton last week.
- Epirus is engaged in two projects with University of Oklahoma and Fort Sill. Developing a product to defeat drones and creating
- 300 – 400 jobs for Veterans at Fort Sill
- Cratos is a DOD Firm which produces drones, it gives off a radar signature of designated aircraft for training purposes.
- Developing a drone wingman to add additional offensive capability.
- Cortado Investment firms that are investing in OK firms that are interested in a residency for Veterans.

Secretary Nash stated for the Commissions situational awareness

- For over 2 years there has been several State optimizations that have been ignored by prior leadership. This is OMES lead, and should be scheduled for the agency. This process helps identify needs and develop new software. Pay raises have been seen at other agencies due to the optimization process.
- His focus is on how he can support ODVA
- He is dedicating the next 180 days to reset the culture and to help ODVA and the Commission become a championship level team.
- Commissioner appointments and confirmations are in discussions.

## **VIII. OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

### **i. GREG SLAVONIC, INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,**

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**REPORT WITH DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:**

Interim Executive Director, Greg Slavonic stated to the Commission that this was the end of his week 4. Slavonic talked about his all hands call on day 1 and the progress seen in the day to follow. The Interim Executive Director stated that he wanted to improve communication agency wide, with staff as well as the community. He stated that he felt it was important to be transparent with the Secretary Nash, and that he and the Secretary have had several conversations over the last four weeks. The Interim Executive Director stated that he has been very impressed with the ODVA staff and is of the opinion that they truly want to support Veterans. Slavonic stated that he wanted to make sure he does everything in his power to support them in their mission. He stated that one of the many action items on his agenda are to address compensation increases. He also invited all of the Commissioners to visit and work in the Central Office building anytime.

ii. Travel

- a. Ardmore Veterans Home
- b. Ardmore New Construction Site
- c. Ardmore Cemetery
- d. Sulphur Veterans Home

The Interim Executive Director informed the Commission that he had traveled to the Ardmore and Sulphur Homes with Shawn Kirkland, Chairman Allen, and Vice Chairman Ellington. He stated that this was the first time he had ever visited one of the Homes. He stated that while visiting the Ardmore Home, he observed a service taking place at the Cemetery, so he was unable to tour the grounds out of respect. He stated that he was able to visit the site for the new Ardmore Home and informed the Commission that there was a Town Hall scheduled to discuss the location on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm. He stated he would provide those details to the Commission.

iii. Discussion and possible action on the delivery of previous agency metrics, and direction on future delivery

The Interim Executive Director provided the Commission with documentation of how the previous leadership presented agency metrics. Secretary Nash stated that he would like to see more detail and have information provided as to how these metrics are tracked. It was suggested that the Audit Committee Chair, Secretary Nash, and the Interim Executive Director meet to discuss how this process should look moving forward.

iv. Employee Survey

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The Interim Executive Director stated that this topic was discussed in a previous section by Commissioner Ellington, and he would provide more information after the survey was completed.

- v. Personnel update related to the position of the:
  - i. General Counsel
  - ii. Deputy Director
  - iii. Claims & Benefits Manager

The Interim Executive Director stated that the search for General Counsel was ongoing as stated above, and he would keep the Commission posted. He stated that the search for a Deputy was also discussed previously in Commissioner Ellington's presentation and announced that Joshua Houston had been selected as the new Central Office Claims & Benefits Manager. The Interim Executive Director stated that he planned to cast a wide net for his own replacement, and the position of the Executive Director would be sought both internally as well as externally.

- vi. Discussion and possible action related to recommendation for audit of the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs

The Interim Executive Director stated that based on information that had been provided to him, he feels that an audit would be the next logical step. He requested permission to request an audit from the State Auditor. Discussion was had re: the length of time this could take, and possible alternatives were suggested. Among those suggested were contracting private sector in various areas.

Commissioner Martin communicated that there was never a formal follow up to the last audit and suggested that the Director start there.

General Counsel for the Commission, John O'Connor suggested that the agency begin discussions with Auditor Bird to inquire as to cost and turnaround for a new audit. He also suggested communication with Auditor Bird on follow up procedures for the 2018 audit.

It was suggested by Mr. O'Connor that the Commission defer one month and revisit at the next scheduled meeting.

Commissioner Martin made the motion to table the decision until the next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Ellington provided the second.

Chairman Allen called for discussion

There was no discussion.

Chairman Allen asked the Clerk to call the roll. The roll was as follows:

Commissioner Allen – Aye  
Commissioner Ellington – Aye  
Commissioner Martin – Aye  
Commissioner Offel – Aye  
Commissioner Orr – Aye  
Commissioner Perry – Aye

The Clerk notified the Chair that the vote was 6 Ayes  
Chairman Allen declared the motion passed

- vii. Update and discussion on alleged ODVA Data Compromise
- i. **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TITLE 25 O.S. §307 (B) (7) DISCUSSION OF ANY MATTER WHERE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WOULD VIOLATE CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENTS OF STATE OR FEDERAL LAW AND 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.**

Commissioner Martin made the motion to enter Executive Session.

Commissioner Ellington provided the second.

Chairman Allen called for discussion

There was no discussion.

Chairman Allen asked the Clerk to call the roll. The roll was as follows:

Commissioner Allen – Aye  
Commissioner Ellington – Aye  
Commissioner Martin – Aye  
Commissioner Offel – Aye  
Commissioner Orr – Aye  
Commissioner Perry – Aye

The Clerk notified the Chair that the vote was 6 Ayes  
Chairman Allen declared the motion passed

The Commission entered Executive Session at 12:39 pm

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Commissioner Ellington made the motion to return to open meeting.  
Commissioner Martin provided the second.  
Chairman Allen called for discussion  
There was no discussion.  
Chairman Allen asked the Clerk to call the roll. The roll was as follows:

Commissioner Allen – Aye  
Commissioner Ellington – Aye  
Commissioner Martin – Aye  
Commissioner Offel – Aye  
Commissioner Orr – Aye  
Commissioner Perry – Aye

The Clerk notified the Chair that the vote was 6 Ayes  
Chairman Allen declared the motion passed

The Commission returned to open meeting at 1:42 pm

**B. NISHA YOUNG, CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATOR,  
DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:**

i. Pursuant to 61 O.S. Section 121 (F) the following Change Orders will require Commission approval:

a. Amendment #001 – \$127,543.00 + CAP Fee \$8,928.01 – Benham – Sallisaw Veteran Center, Sallisaw, OK – OMES CAP # 000358AE –Furnish a comprehensive Furniture Fixtures & Equipment (FF&E) design package that was not provided by the previous A&E prior to termination of their contract.

Commissioner Martin made the motion to approve the change order.

Commissioner Ellington provided the second.

Chairman Allen called for discussion

There was no discussion.

Chairman Allen asked the Clerk to call the roll. The roll was as follows:

Commissioner Allen – Aye  
Commissioner Ellington – Aye  
Commissioner Martin – Aye  
Commissioner Offel – Aye  
Commissioner Orr – Aye  
Commissioner Perry – Aye

The Clerk notified the Chair that the vote was 6 Ayes  
Chairman Allen declared the motion passed

- b. Amendment #002 - \$4,590,575 + CAP Fee \$321,340.25 – Health Facilities Group (HFG), LLC – Ardmore Veteran Center – 231-Bed Replacement, Ardmore, OK - CAP#2122AE – Phase 3 of the architect and engineering services – consisting of construction documents/drawing, construction administration and site engineering.

Commissioner Martin made the motion to approve the change order.

Commissioner Offel provided the second.

Chairman Allen called for discussion

There was no discussion.

Chairman Allen asked the Clerk to call the roll. The roll was as follows:

Commissioner Allen – Aye  
Commissioner Ellington – Aye  
Commissioner Martin – Aye  
Commissioner Offel – Aye  
Commissioner Orr – Aye  
Commissioner Perry – Aye

The Clerk notified the Chair that the vote was 6 Ayes  
Chairman Allen declared the motion passed

**C. LISA A. WHITE, ODVA CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:**

- i. Operating Budget to Actual
- ii. State Homes Operating Budget
- iii. Staffing Agency Expenditures
- iv. Capital Budget to Actual
- v. Revenue Projected to Actual
- vi. Per Diem Projection
- vii. Cash Flow Analysis

Commissioner Offel engaged in detailed discussion with Ms. White. He communicated to the room that this was the first time the Commission had been presented with financials in the year that he had been serving on the Commission.

Commissioner Ellington made the motion to supplement the ODVA budget for FY2024 in the amount of \$10,850,000 and to set that sum aside for the general operating fund.

Commissioner Offel provided the second.

Chairman Allen called for further discussion

There was no further discussion.

Chairman Allen asked the Clerk to call the roll. The roll was as follows:

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Commissioner Allen – Aye  
Commissioner Ellington – Aye  
Commissioner Martin – Aye  
Commissioner Offel – Aye  
Commissioner Orr – Aye  
Commissioner Perry – Aye

The Clerk notified the Chair that the vote was 6 Ayes  
Chairman Allen declared the motion passed

Commissioner Martin made the motion to table presentations D & E to the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting.  
Commissioner Ellington provided the second.  
Chairman Allen called for discussion  
There was no discussion.  
Chairman Allen asked the Clerk to call the roll. The roll was as follows:

Commissioner Allen – Aye  
Commissioner Ellington – Aye  
Commissioner Martin – Aye  
Commissioner Offel – Aye  
Commissioner Orr – Aye  
Commissioner Perry – Aye

The Clerk notified the Chair that the vote was 6 Ayes  
Chairman Allen declared the motion passed

**D. RANDALL COON, OKSTEP & EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATOR, DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:**

i. OKSTEP Launch

The presentation was tabled until the next scheduled Commission meeting.

**E. LEONA WATSON, PAYROLL PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATOR, DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:**

i. Payroll

ii. Overtime

The presentation was tabled until the next scheduled Commission meeting.

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

There was no New Business

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

- Randall Coon, OKSTEP & Employment Programs Administrator, presentation on OKSTEP Launch.
- Leona Watson, Payroll Programs Administrator, presentation on payroll and overtime.
- Discussion and possible action related to recommendation for audit of the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs.

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

Chairman Allen designated May 1, 2023, by 1700 as the deadline to submit possible agenda items for the next scheduled Commission meeting.

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

**A. NEXT MEETING:**

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 10:00AM  
Lawton Veterans Home  
501 SE Flower Mound Road  
Lawton, OK 73501

Commissioner Martin made the motion to move the May and June Commission meetings from the Lawton Veterans Home and the Sulphur Veterans Home to the Central Office location in Oklahoma City.

Commissioner Ellington provided the second.

Chairman Allen called for discussion

There was no discussion.

Chairman Allen asked the Clerk to call the roll. The roll was as follows:

Commissioner Allen – Aye  
Commissioner Ellington – Aye  
Commissioner Martin – Aye  
Commissioner Offel – Aye  
Commissioner Orr – Aye  
Commissioner Perry – Aye

The Clerk notified the Chair that the vote was 6 Ayes

Chairman Allen declared the motion passed

### **XIII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Martin made the motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Perry provided the second.

Chairman Allen called for discussion

There was no discussion.

Chairman Allen asked the Clerk to call the roll. The roll was as follows:

Commissioner Allen – Aye

Commissioner Ellington – Aye

Commissioner Martin – Aye

Commissioner Offel – Aye

Commissioner Orr – Aye

Commissioner Perry – Aye

The Clerk notified the Chair that the vote was 6 Ayes

Chairman Allen declared the motion passed

The meeting adjourned at 3:11 pm