



**MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING OF THE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION
May 12, 2021 at 10:00AM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Hays called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. at 627 Edwin C. Moses Boulevard, 4th Floor, East Medical Plaza, Dayton, Ohio 45417.

II. ROLL CALL

Administrative Officer Bryan Suddith took the roll call.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X	
Federico Rojas, Jr., Vice President	X*	*Arrival at 10:05 a.m.
William Fried, Secretary	X	
Jim Dare, Commissioner	X	

Staff members present: Kim Frisco, Executive Director, Dan Semsel, Deputy Director, Bryan Suddith, Administrative Officer and Steven Strain, Legal Counsel, and the Honorable Judge Dennis Adkins.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Hays led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a moment of silence.

IV. APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

1. April 14 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Fried moved and Commissioner Dare seconded a motion to approve the April 14 minutes as recorded and presented. All commissioners in attendance vote Aye.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X		
Federico Rojas, Jr., Vice President			
William Fried, Secretary	X		
Jim Dare, Commissioner	X		

President Hays declared the motion approved as presented.

2. May 6 Special Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Fried moved and Commissioner Dare seconded a motion to approve the May 6 minutes as recorded and presented. All commissioners in attendance vote Aye.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X		
Federico Rojas, Jr., Vice President			
William Fried, Secretary	X		
Jim Dare, Commissioner	X		

President Hays declared the motion approved as presented.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

VI. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS

None

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Soldiers and Sailors Financial Assistance for the period of April 1 – April 30, 2021

Commissioner Fried moved and Commissioner Rojas seconded a motion to approve the April Financial report as recorded and presented. Commissioner Fried asked about the low expenditure as compared to budget, Deputy Director Semsel replied with details about other competing programs that account for decline in requests during April. All commissioners vote Aye.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X		
Federico Rojas, Jr., Vice President	X		
William Fried, Secretary	X		
Jim Dare, Commissioner	X		

President Hays declared the motion approved as presented.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Director Frisco presented two sponsorship opportunities to the commission for their consideration. Two golf outings with support for area Veterans.

Commissioner Bill Fried moved and Commissioner Rojas seconded a motion to approve the \$1,200 expenditure for the two events. \$500 each for two events and \$200 for hole sponsorships. All commissioners vote Aye.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X		
Federico Rojas, Jr., Vice President	X		
William Fried, Secretary	X		

Jim Dare, Commissioner X

President Hays declared the motion approved as presented.

2. Director Frisco presented three candidates to be interviewed for the position of Mentor Coordinator.
 - i. Jeffrey Adams
 - ii. Charles Strong
 - iii. Shane Bryant Reed

At the conclusion of interviews, the commission discussed each candidate and ranked them in order for offer preference.

Commissioner Fried moved and Commissioner Dare seconded a motion to authorize Director Frisco to negotiate an offer of employment to Mr. Charles Strong to fill the position of Mentor Coordinator. All commissioners vote Aye with Commissioner Rojas abstaining.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X		
Federico Rojas, Jr., Vice President			X
William Fried, Secretary	X		
Jim Dare, Commissioner	X		

President Hays declared the motion approved as presented.

3. Director Frisco presented a draft resolution and budget breakdown for the FY2022 annual budget. The budget proposal includes a request for Capital Funds for the purchase and implantation of a new electric lateral file system. The budget resolution and proposal are in line with all requirements detailed in ORC 5901.

Commission Vice President Rojas moved and Commissioner Fried seconded a motion to approve Resolution 21-051201 requesting \$2,575,255.00 for FY2022. All commissioners vote Aye.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X		
Federico Rojas, Jr., Vice President	X		
William Fried, Secretary	X		
Jim Dare, Commissioner	X		

President Hays declared the motion approved as presented.

IX. MANAGEMENT REPORT

- a) Director Frisco
 1. Detailed the Purple Heart Parking dedication set for May 20 at the MCVSC office parking lot.
 2. Our first outreach event is scheduled in partnership with Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Addiction, Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) at the Levitt Pavillion on Friday night May 21.
 3. We have also committed to the Americana Festival Parade and Holiday at Home Parade on July 5 and Labor Day respectively.
 4. Ms. Frisco also discussed how MCVSC will begin to work with local posts to sponsor and partner with their outreach events as they being to return to in-person activities.

- b) Deputy Director, Dan Semsel presented the recently updated office procedures document and a copy was provided to the Commission.
- c) Legal Counsel, Steven Strain reported 25 new consultations in April with 4 cases opened. He also reported that Year to Date, it is conservatively estimated that services rendered are valued at more than \$9,000, reflecting the amount of money saved by Veterans who have not had to pay for legal services.

X. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

President Hays

- DAV Meeting 5/12/2021 and state convention is planned in June.

Vice President Rojas

- Expressed his gratitude to VSO Anna McMinn for her exceptional work with a Veteran referred by Commissioner Rojas.
- Inquired about the AMVets vacancy and timing to fill the 5th spot on Commission.

Secretary Bill Fried

- VVA completed the install of their new flag pole with funds provided by Montgomery County.
- Reported that he was pleased to have the new 72 Hour Notification Card and suggested we have a second printing.
- Commissioner Fried also complimented the monthly newsletter created by Ms. Frisco.

Commissioner Dare

- Commissioner Dare led the discussion of who would be attending Memorial Day celebrations so the MCVSC had representation at a variety of events on May 31.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

Jerry Hays, President

James Dare, Commissioner

Federico Rojas, Jr., Vice President

William Fried, Secretary