



**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MEETING OF THE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 10, 2021 at 10:00 AM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Jerry Hays called the meeting to order at 10:03 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	
William Fried, Vice President	X	
Jim Dare, Secretary	X	
John Theobald, Commissioner	X	

Staff members present: Kim Frisco, Executive Director, Dan Semsel, Deputy Director, Bryan Suddith, Administrative Officer and Veterans Legal Counsel Steve Strain.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commission President Jerry Hays led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Commission observed a moment of silence.

IV. APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

October 13, 2021 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Fried moved for approval with the addition of updated and approved Commission By-Law changes noted in the minutes. Commissioner Theobald seconded a motion to approve the October 13, 2021 minutes with the addendum requested. All commissioners in attendance vote Aye.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X		
William Fried, Vice President	X		
Jim Dare, Secretary	X		
John Theobald, Commissioner	X		

President Hays declared the motion approved as presented.

November 1, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Fried moved for approval and Commissioner Theobald seconded a motion to approve the November 1, 2021 minutes as recorded. All commissioners in attendance vote Aye.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X		
William Fried, Vice President	X		
Jim Dare, Secretary	X		
John Theobald, Commissioner	X		

President Hays declared the motion approved as presented.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Consider Approval of Soldiers and Sailors Financial Assistance for the period October 1 to October 31, 2021

Commissioner Fried moved for approval as reported and Commissioner Dare seconded the motion. All commissioners voted Aye.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X		
William Fried, Vice President	X		
Jim Dare, Secretary	X		
John Theobald, Commissioner	X		

President Hays declared the motion approved as presented.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A) Personel Matter

A motion to accept the 6 Month Performance Appraisal for the Receptionist Position and approval for a 2.5% pay increase for that position, was made by Commissioner Fried and seconded by Commissioner Dare. All commissioners voted.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X		
William Fried, Vice President	X		
Jim Dare, Secretary	X		
John Theobald, Commissioner	X		

President Hays declared the motion approved as presented.

B) Appeals

No Veterans were in attendance to appeal past staff/board decisions.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X		
William Fried, Vice President	X		
Jim Dare, Secretary	X		
John Theobald, Commissioner	X		

C) Updates to Financial Assistance Policy

Deputy Director Semsel presented to the Commission recent updates to the Suspension of Benefits Policy. This policy creates a framework to give notice to clients suspected of fraud or misuse of financial assistance funds and their ability to appeal any commission decision.

VIII. MANAGEMENT REPORT

Executive Director presented her report and staff reports from Legal Counsel and Admin officer. These reports are attached in their entirety to these minutes.

Director Frisco expressed her thanks to the staff for their participation in Final Salute Society ceremonies at the National Cemetery.

IX. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

President Jerry Hays

- DAV Meeting in person on 11/10.
- President Jerry Hays also asked for prayer for our country and its leaders.

Vice President Bill Fried

- Vice President Bill Fried reported that Fall School for Commissioners was fast approaching.
- Commissioner Fried also reported that Steve Strain would be presenting to the VVA on 11/18 about the Legal Services and Veterans Court program

Secretary Jim Dare

- Commissioner Jim Dare shared plans for the Miamisburg Ohio American Legion Post's plans to celebrate the 103rd Birthday of World War II Veteran Dean Goodwin.
- A motion to authorize staff to assist in this celebration with transportation and support of Mr. Dean Goodwin was made by Commissioner Fried and seconded by Commissioner Dare. All commissioners voted aye.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X		
William Fried, Vice President	X		
Jim Dare, Secretary	X		
John Theobald, Commissioner	X		

President Hays declared the motion approved as presented.

Commissioner John Theobald

- Commissioner Theobald reported that AMVETS District 1 announced that Kim Frisco would be speaking on 11/21 at Post 99 AMVETS

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Jerry Hays, President

William Fried, Vice President

James Dare, Secretary

John Theobald, Commissioner