



**Meeting Minutes of the
Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission
August 9, 2023 at 10:00 AM**

I. Call to Order

President Jerry Hays called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at 627 Edwin C. Moses Boulevard, 4th Floor, East Medical Plaza, Dayton, Ohio 45417.

II. Roll Call

Bryan Suddith called the roll.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X		
William Fried, Vice President	X		
James Dare, Secretary	X		
Michael Howley, Commissioner	X Late arrival at 10:21 a.m.		
John Theobald, Commissioner		X	

Staff members present:

- Kim Frisco, Director
- Steven Strain, Veterans Legal Counsel
- Bryan Suddith, Administrative Officer
- Josh Nordstrom, Assistant County Prosecutor

III. Pledge of Allegiance

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

IV. Approval of Minutes

President Fried moved to accept the July 12, 2023 minutes as presented with no changes, motion seconded by Commissioner Dare.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X		
William Fried, Vice President	X		
James Dare, Secretary	X		
Michael Howley, Commissioner			

John Theobald, Commissioner

Motion passed unanimously 3-0.

V. Public Comments

- a) Teresa Compton – appearing before commission with an appeal of financial assistance denial
 - Detailed housing costs and tax burden on her home.
 - Has been missing work due to injury.
 - Commission recommended to staff to invite her back for an additional application with this additional information.

VI. Old Business

- a) Pending Litigation

Motion by Fried to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussion of pending litigation ORC 121.22 G 3 seconded by Dare.

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

Entered Executive Session at 10:13 a.m.

Commission exited Executive Session at 10:56 a.m.

- b) Consideration of Soldiers and Sailors Financial Assistance for the Period of July 1 – July 31, 2023.

Commissioner Fried moved to accept the report without changes and Commissioner Dare seconded the motion.

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

President Hays declared the motion approved. 4-0

VII. New Business

- a) Transportation brought by Commissioner Howley for discussion following the most recent State Veteran Services Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Howley commented that he learned a bit about Greene County’s staff are trained in a way that includes their transportation driver’s to be part of the referral and treatment team.

b) Personnel Issue

Motion by Fried to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussion of employee compensations ORC 121.22 G 1 (to discuss employment and compensation) seconded by Dare.

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

Entered Executive Session At 11:13 a.m.
Commission Exited Executive Session at 11:38 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Dare moved to increase rate of pay for the Receptionist Position from \$16.64 per hour to \$18.50 per hour. Commissioner Fried seconded the motion.

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

President Hays declared the motion approved. 3-0

Motion by Commissioner Fried moved to increase rate of pay for the Transportation Coordinator Position from \$20.50 per hour to \$22.00 per hour. Commissioner Dare seconded the motion.

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

President Hays declared the motion approved. 3-0

Motion by Commissioner Fried to create a new position with the title of Clerical Support Specialist. Commissioner Dare seconded the motion.

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

President Hays declared the motion approved. 3-0

VIII. Management Report

Executive Director Kimberly Frisco presented:

- Dan Semsel spoke to the budget. Semsel presented to commission a change in budget to support monument care and restoration. A small transfer of funds was initiated to cover these expected expenses.
- Steve Strain presented/submitted his legal report. There are some changes coming regarding schedule and types of cases to help. Strain posed the question that it may be time to create a residency requirement for services.
- Bryan Suddith presented the Transportation Program.
- Dan Semsel announced his resignation with an effective last date of work with MCVSC at 19 September.

IX. Commissioners' Reports

1. Commissioner Hays – DAV has a new commander, Jeff Wittneben. Thanked fellow Commissioners for their acknowledgement of his election to state chair.
2. Commissioner Dare – No report
3. Commissioner Fried – Sunday September 10 is planned for honoring two WWII brothers who are a part of the local Jewish War Veterans society. Fried reported back the success of the annual State Commissioners meeting and congratulated Jerry Hays upon his selection as State President of the Association of Ohio County Veterans Service Commissioners. Commissioner Fried was in attendance in Centerville for the opening of the Moving Wall that was on display.

X. Motion by Fried to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussion of employee compensations ORC 121.22 G 1 (to discuss employment and compensation) seconded by Dare.

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

Entered Executive Session At 12:10 p.m.
Commission Exited Executive Session at 12:26 p.m.

Motion by Hays to amend the Position Description for the Position of Deputy Director to include honorably discharged veterans and if a qualified veteran is not available, the spouse, surviving spouse, child, or parent of a veteran for the purposes of fielding candidates via internal vacancy posting and motion seconded by Fried.

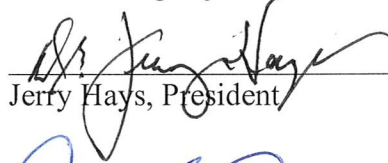
<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X		
William Fried, Vice President	X		
James Dare, Secretary	X		
Michael Howley, Commissioner			
John Theobald, Commissioner			

Motion passed 3-0

Next meeting is September 13, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

XI. Adjournment

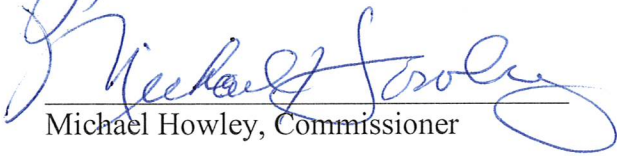
The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.



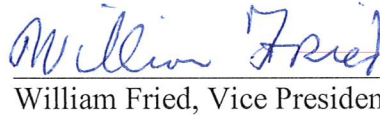
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