



**Meeting Minutes of the
Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission
October 11, 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. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. 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		
John Theobald, Commissioner	X		

Staff members present:

- Kim Frisco, Director
- Steven Strain, Veterans Legal Counsel
- Bryan Suddith, Deputy Director

IV. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Howley had a few notes to amend the past minutes. Discussion included the need to adjust attendance from absent (no show) to excused (prior notice given). Direction around that differentiation about the two attendance classifications. Additional questions surrounded Steve Strain's new process for will creation. He will be conducting will clinics to streamline his process.

Commissioner Fried moved to approve the Aug 9, 2023 minutes. 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	X		
John Theobald, Commissioner			X

Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Commission Member Dare moved to approve the September 13, 2023 minutes. Motion seconded by Commissioner Theobald.

<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	X		

Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Commission Member Fried moved to approve the September 20, 2023 minutes. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dare.

One note of conversation from Mr. Theobald. There is a fine line between too much detail and too little detailed minutes. Mr. Theobald advised that our current minutes are acceptable.

<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	X		

Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

V. Public Comments

- a) Recognition of David Weeks
 - a. Director Frisco presented a certificate in absentia to David Weeks in recognition of his service caring for a local Veteran.
- b) Bill DeFries – American Veterans Heritage Center
 - a. CEO and Owner of Copp Systems here in Dayton. He is representing the AVHC as President and Lincoln Statue Chairman. The campaign is underway to raise the money needed to finish the install of the Lincoln Statue at the Dayton VA. They are 2/3 of the way to goal to finish the project ahead of the National VA Museum and Archive center that has started construction.

VI. Old Business

- a) Consideration of Soldiers and Sailors Financial Assistance for the Period of September 1 – September 30, 2023.

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

Question from Mr. Fried regarding an error on the report synopsis.

<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	X		

President Hays declared the motion approved. 5-0

VII. New Business

- a) Habitat for Humanity Veterans Critical Repair Program

Commissioner Fried moved to fund this program for Five (5) Montgomery County Veteran home critical repair projects with Habitat for Humanity. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Theobald in an amount to not exceed \$25,000.00

Commissioner Fried asked about ensuring that the five Veterans are entered into our party record for auditing purposes and request Habitat to make referrals to our office for additional resources as need.

<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	X		

President Hays declared the motion approved. 5-0

- b) Financial Assistance Application

Motion by Commissioner Dare to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussion of *(ORC 121.22 G 5 and ORC 121.22 matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes (G 5); and employee compensation (G 1)*, motion seconded by Theobald.

<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

X
X

Entered Executive Session at 10:56 a.m.
Commission exited Executive Session at 12:41 p.m.

VIII. Management Report

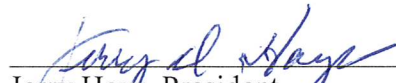
- Executive Director Kimberly Frisco presented reports from Staff
 - Job postings are live for VSO/Mentor and Clerical Support Specialist until 10/19
 - Fall Commissioner Training November 17, 18 & 19
 - Dr. Tom Hardy going away party on 10/31 at 1:00 BLDG 305 at VA
- Steven Strain presented the legal report.
 - Submitted report for legal appointments.
 - 55 New Client Appointments, 32 of which are Estate Planning.
 - Veterans Treatment Court Graduation in December.
- Bryan Suddith presented the Budget, Outreach, and Transportation reports.
 - The annual winter coat giveaway is scheduled for November 17.
 - Budget on track, estimated return to county at this point is \$300,000 which half of that is from Payroll and Benefits lines, 510 & 520.
 - Soldiers and Sailors funds are on target for 95% expended.
 - Transportation report 252 appointments for the month of August. Average cost per ride \$27.60.

IX. Commissioners' Reports

1. Commissioner Hays – DAV chapter 9 meets tonight at 7:30
2. Commissioner Fried – No report
3. Commissioner Dare – Reported membership decline. More than 100 members have died over the last year.
4. Commissioner Theobald – Post moved meeting to the 27th. Seeing an increase in applications for assistance at the post. Reviewing policies and practices about granting assistance.
5. Commissioner Howley – VFW post 9927 has seen a small increase in membership recently.

X. Adjournment


The meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m.



Jerry Hays, President



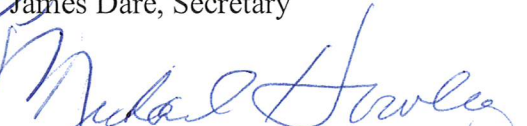
William Fried, Vice President



James Dare, Secretary



John Theobald, Commissioner



Michael Howley, Commissioner