



**Meeting Minutes of the
Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission
June 12, 2024, 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

Bryan Suddith called the roll.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X		
John Theobald, Vice President	X		
William Fried, Secretary	X		
James Dare, Commissioner	X		
Michael Howley, Commissioner	X		

Staff members present:

- Kim Frisco, Director
- Bryan Suddith, Deputy Director
- Steven Strain, Veterans Legal Counsel
- Curtis Stratton, VSC Intern
- Josh Shaw, Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office
- Nathaniel Peterson, Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office
- Ward Barrentine, Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office

Guests:

- Veteran Yolanda Howard

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

- a. Commissioner Fried moved to approve the May 8, 2024, minutes. Motion seconded by Commissioner Theobald.

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

Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

V. Public Comments

None at 10:06 a.m.

Yolanda Howard did enter the public meeting at the end of the executive session at 10:43. She addressed the commissioners asking for a reconsideration of her request for assistance. Commissioners spoke with Ms. Howard and in light of her change of circumstances invited her to meet again with a member of the staff as soon as possible for a new updated application.

VI. Old Business

- a.) Pending Litigation

Commissioner Dare moved to enter executive session for purposes outlined in ORC 121.22 G (3), to discuss pending litigation. Commissioner Theobald seconded the motion.

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

President Hays declared the motion approved 5 - 0

The Commission entered executive session at 10:09 a.m.

The Commission exited the executive session at 10:43 a.m.

- b.) Consideration of Soldiers and Sailors Financial Assistance for period May 1 - 31, 2024. Commissioner Fried moved to approve, and Commissioner Dare seconded the motion.

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

President Hayes declared the motion approved. 5-0

VII. New Business

a.) Consider the Creation of a New Staff Position of Community Health Worker

Executive Director Kim Frisco presented a new job description to the Commission for their consideration. Director Frisco answered questions about how this position differs in scope, skill and work product of a VSO.

Commissioner Theobald moved to approve the creation of the Veterans Community Health Worker in accordance with County policy and procedure, and Commissioner Howley seconded the motion.

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

President Hays declared the motion approved. 5-0

b.) Request for Sanction

Executive Director Kim Frisco presented to the commission the history and suggested sanction for Veteran Dennis Click for his repeated abusive behaviors against staff.

Commissioner Howley moved to issue a lifetime ban in accordance with Veteran Service Commission policy and Commissioner Fried seconded the motion.

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

President Hays declared the motion approved. 5-0

c.) Special Presentation

Executive Director Kim Frisco presented an update about the current condition and needs of restoration of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Dayton Ohio. The Director is working with surrounding counties and the Final Salute Society to formulate a funding plan for this required work this monument needs. She stated that there are no funds in our current budget for the extensive work that is required.

d.) Special Presentation

Commission Bill Fried, representing the Vietnam Veterans Association presented an award to Kim Frisco naming her the VVA Veteran Advocate of the Year in honor of her commitment to the Veterans of Montgomery County.

VIII. Management Report

Executive Director Kimberly Frisco presented the Staff reports as attached.

Deputy Director Bryan Suddith presented the Budget, Outreach, Productivity and Transportation reports.

- Please see the attached reports.

Steven Strain presented the legal report.

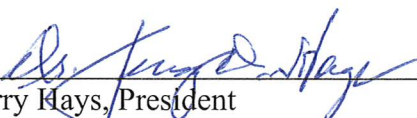
- See attached report.

IX. Commissioner's Reports

- a.) Commissioner Hays (DAV) – No report.
- b.) Commissioner Theobald (AMVETS) – DATV will be hosting a new Veterans focused tv show sponsored by AMVETS Post 24 but will be inviting all local Veteran organizations to participate. Post 24 has a new commander as do 3 of the 4 County AMVETS Post.
- c.) Commissioner Fried (VVA) – Elections for the chapter were conducted last month. The scholarships have been delivered that were reported on last month. Commissioner Fried will be attending the Oval of Honors event on Thursday the 20th.
- d.) Commissioner Dare (American Legion) – This week is Boys State, a large event sponsored by the American Legion and hosts young men from across the state of Ohio. This event is held at Miami University.
- e.) Commissioner Howley (Kettering VFW) – Continue to see diminished attendance at the Post. Mr. Howley asked if the director would be interested in speaking at one of the upcoming meetings.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:14 p.m.



Jerry Hays, President



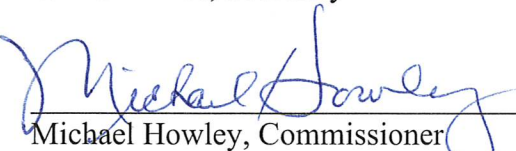
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