

OPEN MINUTES

**1st Quarter Meeting of the
Missouri Veterans Commission
January 23, 2022 — 10:00 AM
Harry S Truman State Office Building
301 W. High Street, Room 492
Jefferson City, MO**

WebEx Conference Call was established for public to join.

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

Commissioners in attendance in room or via WebEx Conference Call:

Chair Kelly McClelland; Vice Chair Meredith Knopp; Commissioner Tim Smith;
Commissioner Steve Roberts; Commissioner Randy Alewel; Commissioner Steve
Maples

Absent: Commissioner Rick Brattin; Commissioner Robert Sauls

3. Chair Opening Comments

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Fourth Quarter Commission Meeting Open Minutes from October 24, 2022

2. Fourth Quarter Commission Meeting Closed Minutes from October 24, 2022

3. Minutes were unanimously approved as written

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND STAFF UPDATES

1. Executive Director

a. Hardship Determination

b. Proposed State Employee Pay Raise

c. MVC Bugle

d. Accomplishments

- NCA Operational Excellence Award – Missouri Veterans Cemetery
Springfield
- Best in Class – Six of Seven homes

2. Deputy Director – COVID update

3. General Counsel

a. Clinics held:

- 10/25/22, Springfield
- 11/7/22, St. Louis
- 11/17/22, Joplin
- 12/2/22, Springfield
- 1/12/23, Cape Girardeau
- 1/13/23, Poplar Bluff

b. Future Clinics Scheduled for 2/15/23 (Springfield) and 2/16/23 (Branson)

c. Negotiating to Schedule Clinics in Kansas City, St. Louis, Waynesville and
Hannibal

d. 367 Clients Served

- e. 1,295 Documents Created
 - 342 Wills
 - 282 Advanced Directives
 - 325 Healthcare POAs
 - 307 Financial POAs
 - 39 Beneficiary Deeds
 - f. Estimated Cost Savings to Veterans: \$647,500.00
4. F
- activities Update Briefed:
- a. In Progress Construction Projects
 - St. Louis Veterans Home Renovation
 - b. COVID19 – VA Construction Grant
 - Mt Vernon visitor room
 - Flooring projects
 - HVAC improvement for Isolation and Quarantine areas
 - Wi-Fi upgrades
 - c. VA Grant Prelim Approved – No Construction, Pending Funding Source
 - d. VA Grant Submitted – No Appropriation , Pending Funding Source
5. Human Resources Briefed
- a. Vacancies (Homes)
 - b. Recruitment Campaign
6. Veteran Cemeteries Program Briefed:
- a. Wreaths Across America 2022
 - b. NCA Site Visit Schedule
 - c. Current and Future Construction Projects
 - d. Upcoming Events
 - e. Interments and capacity of columbarium walls
 - f. Satisfaction Survey Results
7. Veteran Services Program Briefed:
- a. Return on Investment
 - b. Personnel
 - c. VSP Claims Comparison FY2020 – FY2022
 - d. VA Super Clinic in the next 2-3 years in Rolla
8. Veteran Homes Program Briefed:
- a. Satisfaction Survey Results
 - b. Annual VA Survey Certifications
 - c. Counterpart Networking
 - d. Continuing DHSS Partnership with Testing
 - e. Reasons to Celebrate
 - f. Quality Measures
9. Fiscal Update:
- a. Major Funding Sources – Homes Fund
 - Average Daily Census
 - Federal VA and Veteran Room and Care Revenue
 - b. Major Funding Sources – VCCITF
 - Gaming Revenue Actual

- c. Major Funding Sources – Medical Marijuana
 - Med MJ Transfers into Veterans Assistance Fund
 - Med MJ Transfers into Veterans Homes Fund
- d. Veterans Assistance Fund FY23 Actual Spend
- e. CARES One-Time Funding Actual Spend
- f. FY24 House Bill 8 Governor Recommendations – Spending Authority Only
- g. FY24 Governor Recommendations – Additional Cash to support Veterans Homes Fund Solvency

IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: None

V. AGENCY PARTNERS UPDATE

1. Paula Roychaudhuri, Chief Operating Officer, Kansas City VA Medical Center
 - a. PACT Act and COMPACT Act
 - b. Excelsior Springs VA Clinic to open on April 3, 2023
 - c. Emergent suicide care regardless of VA Health Care status
2. MAVO Chairman, Tom Gooden
 - a. Importance of dedicated funding to Missouri Veterans Commission
 - b. Maintain nine person Commission
 - c. More funding for Veterans Service Officers
 - d. MAVO is here to advocate for Missouri's over 450,000 Veterans
3. Emergent suicide briefed on importance of continuing to work closely between MVC and MAVO on behalf of Veterans

VI. CHAIR COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. 2nd Quarter Commission Meeting will be held on April 24, 2023
10:00 AM in the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, MO 65102
2. 3rd Quarter Commission Meeting will be held on July 24, 2023
10:00 AM; Place TBD
3. 4th Quarter Commission Meeting will be held on October 23, 2023
10:00 AM in the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, MO 65102

VII. CLOSED SESSION

Vote to adjourn to closed session to discuss matters relating to personnel matters, legal actions, causes of action or litigation pursuant to Section 610.021 (1); pursuant to Section 610.021 (3); pursuant to Section 610.021 (9); and pursuant to Section 610.021 (14) RSMo.

1. Commissioner Alewel made a motion to go to Closed Session. Commissioner Smith seconded.
2. By a roll call vote of Commissioners able to remain to end of meeting, the motion was passed:

Chair McClelland - Aye

Vice-Chair Knopp – Had to depart the meeting prior to Closed Session

Commissioner Alewel – Aye

Commissioner Maples – Aye

Commissioner Smith – Aye

Commissioner Roberts – Aye

Commissioners Sauls – Absent

Commissioner Brattin – Absent

Commissioner – Vacant

VIII. OPEN SESSION

With no further business before the Commission, meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

IX. ADJOURNMENT



Paul Kirchhoff, Secretary