

**OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION  
MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA  
MAY 9, 2025, 10:00 A.M.  
SALLISAW VETERANS HOME  
2343 S. KERR BOULEVARD  
SALLISAW, OK 74955**

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING:**

The Oklahoma Veterans Commission will hold a Regular Meeting on Friday, May 9, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., at the Sallisaw Veterans Home, 2343 S. Kerr Boulevard, Sallisaw, OK 74955. A Notice of this meeting was filed with the Secretary of State on November 4, 2024. The Agenda of this meeting was also properly posted at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to this meeting pursuant to the provisions of Title 25 O.S. § 311.

The below listed Agenda items may be discussed in any order the Oklahoma Veterans Commission deems appropriate.

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**AGENDA:**

**CHAIRMAN BRETT MARTIN:**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

**A. ROLL CALL**

**B. DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

**III. VERIFICATION OF PROPER NOTICE OF MEETING AND POSTING OF THE AGENDA**

**IV. INVOCATION**

**V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**VI. WELCOME TO VISITORS AND GUESTS.**

**VII. BUSINESS**

**A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 31, 2025, OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING.**

**B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:**

**ELECTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2026 CHAIRMAN.**

- i. **ELECTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2026 CHAIRMAN.**
- ii. **ELECTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2026 VICE CHAIRMAN.**
- iii. **ELECTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2026 SECRETARY OF THE COMMISSION.**

**C. CHAIRMAN BRETT MARTIN, GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:**

- i. The Oklahoma Veterans Foundation.
- ii. Oklahoma Veteran Suicide Task Force.
- iii. Oklahoma Veterans Advisory Forum.
- iv. FY2026 Professional Legal Services Contract with John M. O'Connor, PLLC.
- v. Standing Committee appointments, consideration regarding formation of additional OVC Standing Committees.

**D. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JAY BYNUM, STAFF INTRODUCTIONS.**

**E. REPORTS WITH DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:**

i. **SHAWN KIRKLAND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, REPORTS, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:**

- i. Department of Government Efficiency Response.
- ii. FY25 - FY26 Budget Progress.

ii. **ROB ARRINGTON, DIRECTOR OF HOMES, REPORTS, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:**

- i. Introduce Sallisaw Veterans Home Team.
- ii. Update Regarding Staff Hiring Progress.
- iii. Update regarding Hardware and Software Installation Progress.

iii. **CHRISTOPHER BUSBY, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, REPORTS, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:**

- i. FY25 Department Goals.
- ii. Revenues: FY24 versus FY25 Year to Date.
- iii. Expenses: FY25 Year to Date.
- iv. Net Income: FY25 Year to Date.

v. Occupancy Metrics.

iv. **LISA ACEVEDO, ODVA DIRECTOR OF VETERAN SERVICES & LEGISLATIVE LIAISON, REPORTS, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:**

- i. Claims & Benefits Update.
- ii. Current Legislative Session Progress.
- iii. Planning for 2026 Legislative Efforts.

v. **JAY BYNUM, ODVA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, REPORTS, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:**

- i. Centralization/Process Changes.
- ii. Agency Reductions/Conversions.
- iii. Right Sizing.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

Pursuant to 25 O.S. § 311, “New Business” shall mean any matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting this Notice (24 hours prior to the meeting).

**IX. OKLAHOMA VETERANS COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

August 8, 2025, 10:00AM  
Claremore Veterans Home  
3001 W. Blue Starr Drive  
Claremore, OK 74

**X. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADJOURNMENT.**