

Arizona Military Family Relief Fund Pre 9/11 Advisory Committee Meeting

Arizona Department of Veterans' Service
3839 N. 3rd Street, Ste 209, Phoenix, Arizona 85012
January 23, 2020, 12:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present

Nicholas Bielinski
Fernando Ortega
Jeremy Farr
Cynthia Olortegui Vargas
Timothy Rogers
James Sammons
Patrick Diomede
Jessica Morel
Nicole Baker, AZDVS Designee

Committee Members Absent

Arizona Department of Veterans' Services Staff

Monica DeLaRosa
Paula Forbes

CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Nicholas Bielinski called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. and called for motion to approve the draft minutes of the public meeting held on December 19, 2019. Jessica Morel moved to approve the draft minutes from last month, Jeremy Farr seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Chairman Nicholas Bielinski read the Advisory Committee's Disclosure Policy. Advisory Committee members must disclose their knowledge of an applicant to the Advisory Committee during the consideration process. Knowledge of an applicant that benefits all members of the Advisory Committee during the consideration process does not create a conflict of interest. If an Advisory Committee member has knowledge of an applicant and has a vested interest in the outcome of the Committee's findings or seeks to benefit or gain from a vote on a particular application, he/she is required to recuse his or herself from consideration of that applicant as it creates a conflict of interest.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Nicholas Bielinski moved the meeting to executive session at 12:07 p.m. to discuss Military Family Relief Fund (MFRF) applications in meeting packet that are according to ARS 41-608.04. E., confidential. Executive Session is allowable under ARS 41-608.04.E.

APPLICATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Chairman Nicholas Bielinski returned the meeting to public session at 1:49 p.m. to vote on applications in meeting packet.

- 2020-01 A** Cynthia Olortegui Vargas moved to recommend the application be approved for past due mortgage payment and an additional month of the mortgage payment. The Committee recommended to attend financial counseling and to schedule an appointment with a Veteran Benefit Counselor to discuss IU. Jessica Morel seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
- 2020-01 B** Cynthia Olortegui Vargas moved to recommend the application be approved for six months of rent, electric, phone and vehicle payment. Patrick Diomede seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

- 3. 2020-01 C** Cynthia Olortegui Vargas moved to recommend the application be approved for the past due mortgage payment and one months of the temporary housing. The Committee recommended to approve an additional month of mortgage contingent of submitting updated bill and up to two months of temporary housing contingent of the timeframe estimate of the house repairs. Timothy Jackson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

CALL TO PUBLIC

No members of the public were present.

ADJOURNMENT

Nicholas Bielinski moved to adjourn the Advisory Committee meeting at 1:57 pm. The next Advisory Committee meeting date is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at ADVS.