

Arizona Department of Veterans' Service Advisory Commission

3839 N. 3rd Street, Suite 209, Phoenix, AZ 85012

Teleconference

Thursday – August 18, 2011

MINUTES

Advisory Commissioners

Terrie Gent, Chair

George Cushing, Vice Chair

Jeffrey Olson

Lionel Sanchez

David Toliver, Sr.

Katherine Harding, Exec. Asst. to the Director

Absent

Phillip Hanson

Gary Fredricks

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairperson Terrie Gent.

Auditor General Sunset Audit Report

The sunset audit for the commission was received and examined by a quorum of commission members. The commission discussed the report. Commissioner Gent said that the auditors were given additional information about the commission's June 2011 letter to the governor which will be included in the report. She also informed the commission that the auditor's original draft included a recommendation concerning publication of the location of meeting notices on the commission's webpage. However, the auditors withdrew that recommendation and revised a portion of the report after the AZDVS information technology officer made changes to the webpage to make it compliant with the requirements of state law. As a result, the auditor informed Chairperson Gent that the recommendation has been withdrawn and no response to the auditor's report is required. However, the commission still had the option of commenting on any aspect of the report. Upon a motion by Commissioner Olsen, the commission voted to make no response to the Auditor General's report concerning the commission.

The Commission will await the final report of the entire agency by the Auditor General's presentation to the legislature in September 2011.

Status Report on the Regional Meeting in Kingman

Commissioners David Toliver and Jeff Olson recapped their progress in planning the next town hall meeting. Dress is business casual.

Open Discussion

Commissioner Lionel Sanchez suggested that the Commission ask for a response when it sends letters to elected officials.

Chair Gent adjourned the meeting at 2:24 p.m. The next meeting will be held September 10, 2011 in Kingman.

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