



**Meeting Minutes of the  
Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission  
November 16, 2022 at 10:00 AM**

**I. Call to Order**

President Jerry Hays called the meeting to order at 9:59 a.m. at 627 Edwin C. Moses Boulevard, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, East Medical Plaza, Dayton, Ohio 45417.

**II. Roll Call**

Tracy Frei took the roll call.

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

Staff members present: Kim Frisco, Director, Dan Semsel, Deputy Director, Steven Strain, Veterans Legal Counsel, Nathaniel Peterson, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, and Tracy Frei, Receptionist

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

Commission President Jerry Hays led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Commission observed a moment of silence.

**IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Howley moved to accept the October 19 meeting minutes with changes detailed by Commissioner Fried. Commissioner Fried seconded the motion.

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

President Hays declared the motion approved. Minutes were edited and signed by commissioners.

**V. Public Comments**

None

**VI. Old Business**

a) Nathaniel Peterson stated he had an update concerning pending litigation.

Commissioner Fried moved to enter Executive Session to discuss pending litigation per ORC 121.22 G3. Commissioner Hays seconded the motion.

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

President Hays declared the motion approved and entered Executive Session at 10:04 a.m.

Commission exited Executive Session at 10:19 a.m.

b) Consideration of the Soldiers and Sailors Financial Assistance for the Period of October 1-31, 2022

Commissioner Theobald moved to accept the report without changes and Commissioner Dare seconded the motion. Discussion was made about the upcoming Budgeting and Financial Literacy class conducted by Wright Patt Credit Union.

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

President Hays declared the motion approved.

c) Request for Sanction Follow-Up

Commissioner Fried moved to enter Executive Session to discuss sanctions per ORC 121.22 G8. Commissioner Howley seconded the motion.

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

John Theobald, Commissioner X

President Hays declared the motion approved and entered Executive Session at 10:35 a.m.

Commission exited Executive Session at 10:46 a.m.

Commissioner Fried moved for a lifetime sanction be imposed for a veteran and his spouse for acknowledged fraudulent information submitted or an application for financial aid. Commissioner Howley seconded the motion.

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

President Hays declared the motion approved. The Commission directed staff to make official notification to the veteran and spouse by mail.

## VII. New Business

Nathaniel Peterson stated he had an update concerning pending litigation.

Commissioner Fried moved to enter Executive Session to discuss pending litigation per ORC 121.22 G3. Commissioner Hays seconded the motion.

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

President Hays declared the motion approved and entered Executive Session at 10:53 a.m.

Commission exited Executive Session at 11:20 a.m.

## VIII. Management Report

Director Frisco shared the legal and outreach reports as well as a review of the financial report.

## IX. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Hays

- Reported that House Bill 729 was proposed to make changes to ORC 5901 and 5902. The changes would impact the current makeup of the commission and would mandate the placement of commissioners that joined and served post 9-11

Commissioner Fried

- Next VVA meeting November 17. There will be a Camp Lejeune Presentation by Kim

Frisco and Bill Fitzgerald.

Commissioner Dare

- Thanked the staff for the Veterans Day bags distributed at the Wellington Assisted Living.

Commissioner Theobald

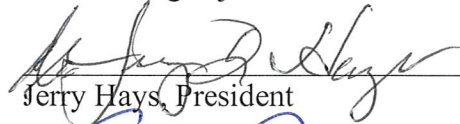
- Post 24 has a new commander.

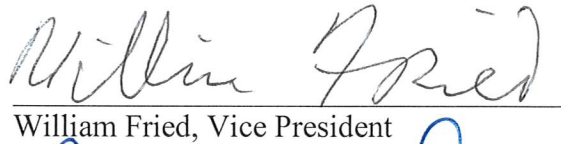
Commissioner Howley

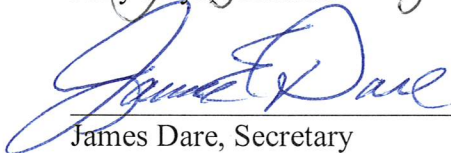
- Shared that the Brookville VFW had an issue with accounting in the Canteen and was seeking guidance. Discussion concluded that this was not a legal issue and referred it to the post commander.

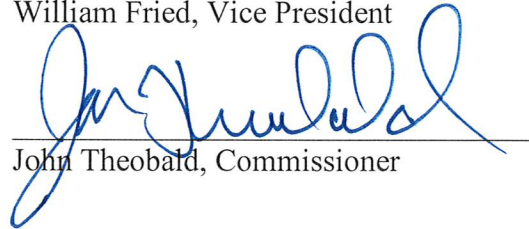
## X. Adjournment

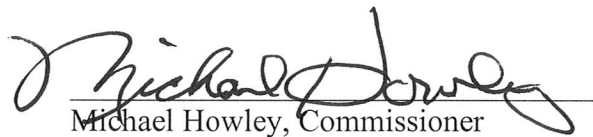
The meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

  
Jerry Hays, President

  
William Fried, Vice President

  
James Dare, Secretary

  
John Theobald, Commissioner

  
Michael Howley, Commissioner