



**Florida Veterans Hall of Fame Council Meeting
Tallahassee, FL 32399
August 08, 2019**

Type of meeting: Regularly scheduled Florida Veterans Hall of Fame meeting.

Date: August 8, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. EST.

Location: The Capitol, House Office Building 28, 402 South Monroe St., Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

Meeting Attendees:

FDVA: Danny Burgess, Al Carter, Chuck Faircloth and Jessica Hunter.

Council Members: Council Chair SGM Ray Quinn, Commissioner Jimmie T. Smith, Lt. Col. Chris Hart, Lt. Col. Marlene Carter, General Ron Harrison, Judge T. Patterson Maney

Council Chair Ray Quinn gives opening remarks and introduces the board.

Executive Director Danny Burgess provides opening statements on behalf of FDVA.

Council Chair Ray Quinn provides the agenda and goes over meeting minutes from the August 1, 2018 meeting.

Patt Maney mentions the concern from previous year's approval and asks for the minutes to be amended to mention the fact that he was in fact, eligible.

Ray Quinn hears no public comment and asks for motion to approve.

Ron Harrison so moved.

Jimmie T. Smith moved to second the motion.

The Chairman's motion is carried and minutes from previous meeting are approved.

The Chairman goes provides an opportunity for general discussion of nominees and opens for any concerns or questions related to the process.

Patt Maney raises the question of the process of confirming whether or not a nominee is of good moral character and not convicted of a felony. He makes the recommendation of partnering with FDLE to perform NCIC/FCIC verification.

Council Chair Ray Quinn makes the recommendation of changing the nomination form for clarity on a nominees' character or any conviction.

Chuck Faircloth mentions there would need to be a statutory change to allow for FDVA to have ability to perform Level 1 Background checks.

The Chairman asks for any other questions and provides opportunity for board to mention any specific issues/concern with nominees.

No concern is brought from the board.

The Chair then moves to allow public comment for nominees.

Major John Haynes speaks on behalf of John Schmidt.

David Wilson speaks on behalf of Dale Leslie and Dr. Albert Zant

Tom Rice speaks on behalf of Albert Zant and Michael Flynt.

Tim Sanders speaks on behalf of Dale Leslie

Edmund Brown speaks on behalf of Dale Leslie.

Richard Wilson speaks on behalf of Dale Leslie

David Wilson speaks on behalf of Dale Leslie

Dennis Baker speaks on behalf of Dr. Albert Zant, Ray Cralle, and General William Webb.

John Schmidt speaks on behalf of General William Webb

Many Joanos speaks on behalf of General William Webb.

Chief Master Schmidt speaks on behalf of General Webb and Dale Leslie (introducing Leslie's surviving family)

The Chairman asks if anyone else wishes to speak on behalf of any nominees present at the meeting. Hearing none, the Chairman moves to the phone lines for comment.

Bruce Host speaks on behalf of Dr. Edward Copeland.

Fran Hahnel speaks on behalf of Frank Hahnel.

Senator Tom Wright speaks on behalf of Ray Cralle.

David Rose speaks on behalf of Michele Pointer.

Rocky Haag speaks on behalf of Kat A. Skipper.

Marie Morgan speaks on behalf of Frank Hahnel.

Chair asks for any more speakers, hearing none. The Chair moves to the next agenda item.

Chair asks for a short recess. Prior to recess, Chris Hart asks about his scoring sheets.

Jessica Hunter advises that she will be providing his information prior to recess.

Short recess was taken.

At 11:05 a.m., the board reconvenes.

Jessica Hunter provides the "Top 20" nominees according to their scores. She names the individual nominees.

Chris Hart recommends the Board nominate the "top 20" as listed.

Chair polls the Board to gather their input on the number of Nominees.

General Harrison recommends the 20 nominees.

Jessica Hunter clarifies by statute there is a maximum of 20 nominees per year.

Patt Maney recommends 20 nominees.

Jimmie Smith suggest 16 nominees.

Marlene Carter suggests 16 nominees

Chair recommends the cutoff at 16 nominees.

Board is split and Chair refers to public comment for input on the number of nominees.

Fran Hahnel speaks on behalf of her husband and the fact of his rank being a matter of scoring.

Steve Murray provides information on Veterans Hall of Fame nominees compared to other hall of fame like Civil rights.

Bruce Host provides input on nominee limit.

John Haynes mentions having a process for veterans who were killed in Action.

Chris Hart provides input on keeping the 20 nominees.

Jimmie Smith mentions that the Veterans Hall of Fame will only continue to grow. As a result, he mentions a concern for setting a precedence of 20 nominees per cycle.

Chair makes the decision to limit to 16.

Chris Hart requests a compromise at 18.

With no seconds, the motion fails.

Chair is presented with Flag and letter from Executive Director on behalf of his service to the Board.

Jessica Kraynak moves to take the 16 names nominated and do an independent check. From there the names will be submitted to September Cabinet.

The Chairman thanks the members of the Council and the ones that proceeded them. He then asks if any other council members has any comments.

Patt Maney advises that he wants it clear the board decided on the limit to 16 and not the single individual of the chair. Patt Maney advises the Chair vote broke the tie to provide 16 nominees.

The Chairman declares the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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