



A G E N D A
VETERANS' ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING
Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs
301 Centennial Mall South 4th Floor
Lincoln, Nebraska
November 6, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Call to Order and Roll Call - *Chairman Iossi*
3. Entry of Public Notice into Record and statement regarding the posting of the Open Meeting Act.
4. Approval of Minutes of May 24, 2024– *Chairman Iossi*.
 - Motion to approve the minutes: Action to be taken.
5. Public Comment Period.
6. Discuss and Review Nebraska Veterans' Aid Program: Action to be taken.
 - a. NDVA recommends considering past due balances for shelter expenses (rent/mortgage, electric, heating fuel) for up to one month past due.
 - b. NDVA recommends striking language "NDVA may validate home value through county assessor."
 - c. NDVA recommends adding repairs/replacement of essential standard furnishings/structural repairs under "Shelter" with a maximum outlay of \$10,000 over a three-year period.
 - d. NDVA recommends adding vehicle replacement guideline to the "Transportation" area of NVA Fund Maximum Allocations document.
 - e. NDVA recommends adding a maximum allowance of \$500 per family member for wearing apparel based on need of a catastrophic event and consideration for homeless veterans and justice involved veterans.
 - f. NDVA recommends adding language under "Catastrophic Emergencies" allowing extensions for immediate lodging with Deputy Director approval.
 - g. NDVA recommends editing language regarding insurance coverage during catastrophic emergencies.

7. Executive Session: The only business to be conducted in Executive Session will be discussion on approval of the hire of the Veterans' Affairs Service Officers by the Commission in accordance with State Statue 80-410.
8. Approval of the hire of the Veterans' Affairs Service Officers: Action to be taken
9. Updates on Department Programs since May 24, 2024 – John Hilgert and Levi Bennett.

Adjourn – *Chairman lossi*

John Hilgert, Director
Prepared by: JH/cls

As of: October 18, 2024