



**NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MILITARY, NATIONAL, AND PUBLIC SERVICE**

**Public Minutes of September 2018 Commission Meeting**

The National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service (the Commission) held a meeting on September 19-21, 2018, in Los Angeles, CA and San Diego, CA. The meeting concerned organizational and other pre-decisional and deliberative matters and was closed to the public pursuant to Public Law 114-328, section 554(b)(3).

**Attendance**

Commissioners present:

- Mr. Edward Allard
- Mr. Steve Barney
- The Honorable Dr. Janine Davidson
- Ms. Avril Haines (except for part of 9/19)
- The Honorable Dr. Joseph Heck
- Ms. Jeanette James
- Mr. Alan Khazei (not present for business meetings on 9/19, 9/21)
- Mr. Thomas Kilgannon (only for business meeting on 9/19)
- Ms. Shawn Skelly
- The Honorable Debra Wada
- Ms. Jeanette James

Commissioners absent:

- The Honorable Mark Gearan

Staff present:

- Kent Abernathy, Executive Director
- Paul Lekas, General Counsel
- Keri Lowry, Director of Government Affairs and Public Engagement
- Jill Rough, Director of Research and Analysis
- Yolanda Hands, Deputy Director of Operations
- Other Commission staff

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**September 19, 2018**

**Business Meeting**

The Commission convened at 0735 PT in Los Angeles to hold a business meeting. Present were Commissioners Allard, Barney, Davidson, Heck, James, Kilgannon, Skelly, and Wada. The Chairman moved to close this and other business meetings to occur on September 19-21 because pre-decisional and organizational matters would be deliberated. All Commissioners present agreed.

Chairman Heck then moved to approve minutes from the August 2018 Commission meeting. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the August 2018 minutes with minor edits.

Chairman Heck also informed the Commission of recent staff changes.

Mary Reding briefed the Commission on the events scheduled for September 19-21. The content is reflected in the agenda and briefing material provided to Commissioners.

**Outreach and Engagement Events**

From approximately 0815-1030 PT, Commissioners Allard, Barney, Davidson, Heck, James, Khazei, Skelly, and Wada visited with staff and program participants of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, CA. An account of this engagement is set forth in a separate memorandum for the record (MFR).

From approximately 1200-1500 PT, Commissioners Allard, Barney, Davidson, Haines, Heck, James, Khazei, Skelly, and Wada visited with students and teachers at East Los Angeles College (ELAC) as well as Marvin Martinez, ELAC President. Commissioners held discussions on issues within the Commission's mandate, and accounts of these discussions are set forth in separate MFRs.

From approximately 1530-1700 PT, Commissioners Allard, Barney, Davidson, Haines, Heck, James, Khazei, Skelly, and Wada met with business and philanthropic leaders at the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. An account of this engagement is set forth in a separate MFR.

**Work Group Deliberation**

At approximately 1800 PT, Commissioners Davidson, Haines, James, Khazei, and Skelly held a meeting of the Ends, Ways, and Means Work Group. An account of this sessions is set forth in an internal MFR.

**September 20, 2018**

**Outreach and Engagement Events**

From approximately 0915-1045 PT, Commissioners Allard, Barney, Davidson, Haines, Heck, James, Khazei, Skelly, and Wada met with program staff and student leaders affiliated with the United Way's Young Civic Leaders Program at the United Way of Greater Los Angeles. An account of this engagement is set forth in a separate MFR.

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**Work Group Deliberations**

From approximately 1230-1400 PT, Commissioners met in Work Groups to deliberate issues concerning the matters within the scope of their respective Work Groups. Accounts of these sessions are set forth in internal MFRs.

**Service Fair & Public Meeting**

The Commission co-hosted a service job fair at California State University – Los Angeles from approximately 1430-1530 PT. Following the service job fair, the Commission held a public meeting, also at California State University – Los Angeles. The theme of the meeting was “The Next Generation of Service in America.” The public meeting concluded at approximately 1700 PT.

**September 21, 2019**

**Outreach and Engagement Events in San Diego, CA**

From approximately 0900-1030 PT, Commissioners Allard, Barney, Davidson, Haines, Heck, James, Khazei, Skelly, and Wada met with MG Matthew Beevers (The Deputy Adjutant General, California Military Department), U.S. Representative Susan Davis, and U.S. Representative Scott Peters in San Diego, CA. An account of this meeting is set forth in a separate MFR.

From approximately 1100-1300 PT, Commissioners Allard, Barney, Davidson, Haines, Heck, James, Khazei, Skelly, and Wada met with staff and residents of Veterans Village of San Diego. An account of this meeting is set forth in a separate MFR.

Thereafter, Commissioners split into two groups. One group, including Commissioners Barney, Haines, James, Skelly, and Wada, met with a group of military servicemembers to discuss diversity in military service aboard the *USS Independence*. Another group, including Commissioners Allard, Davidson, and Heck, met with drill instructors and students from the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. Accounts of these meetings are set forth in separate MFRs.

**Business Meeting**

From approximately 1605-1620 PT, Commissioners Allard, Barney, Davidson, Haines, Heck, James, Skelly, and Wada met to review the events and meetings of September 19-21.

**Executive Session**

Thereafter, Commissioners convened an executive session outside the presence of staff.

Prepared by Paul Lekas, General Counsel

Adopted by the Commission on October 17, 2018