

AGENDA
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

MEMBERS

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March 10, 2009

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<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
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1. Respectfully request approval of the minutes of December 9, 2008.

(ATTACHMENT 1)

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

2. Respectfully request acceptance and approval of 2nd Quarter Report.

(ATTACHMENT 2)

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

3. Respectfully request Approval to adopt proposed amendments to Rule Chapter 55 (Veterans' Affairs) and Chapter 55A (Division of Veterans' Benefits and Assistance).

These rule amendments are made pursuant to a biennial review required by law to identify and correct deficiencies, clarify and simplify rules, delete obsolete or unnecessary rules, and delete rules that are redundant of statute.

The rule amendments have been previously noticed and published in the Florida Administrative Weekly and no comments were received from the public. A rule hearing was not held because none was requested. JAPC has been provided with copies of the proposed rule amendments and all changes recommended by JAPC have been made.

(ATTACHMENT 3)

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

SECTION 55-1 ORGANIZATION

55-1.001	<i>Agency Established</i>
55-1.0015	<i>Agency Description</i>
55-1.005	<i>Organization and Operations</i>

- 55-1.021 *General Information*
- 55-1.023 *Statutory Chapters and Rules*
- 55-1.032 *Agency Clerk*
- 55-1.033 *Public Access*
- 55-1.034 *Drug-Free Workplace*

SECTION 55-2 MEETINGS OF GOVERNOR AND CABINET AS HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

- 55-2.002 *Membership of the Florida Cabinet*
- 55-2.003 *Meetings of the Governor and Cabinet as Head of the
Department of Veterans' Affairs*
- 55-2.004 *Presiding Officer*
- 55-2.005 *Quorum*
- 55-2.006 *Agendas*
- 55-2.007 *Distribution of Agendas*
- 55-2.008 *Recording of Proceedings*
- 55-2.009 *Minutes*
- 55-2.010 *Quarterly Reports*
- 55-2.011 *Agency Action*
- 55-2.012 *Voting*
- 55-2.013 *Amendment to Rules*

SECTION 55-4 FLORIDA COMMISSION ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

- 55-4.001 *The Commission*
- 55-4.002 *Membership: Qualifications; Term of Office of Commission
Members*
- 55-4.003 *Organization and Meetings of the Commission*

SECTION 55-5 MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROCUREMENT

- 55-5.001 *Purpose*
- 55-5.002 *Procurement Goal*
- 55-5.003 *Procedures*

SECTION 55-6 FINAL ORDER INDEXING, MANAGEMENT AND AVAILABILITY

- 55-6.001 *Authority*
- 55-6.002 *Purpose*
- 55-6.003 *Public Inspection and Duplication*
- 55-6.004 *Final Orders Required to Be Indexed*

- 55-6.005 *Listing of Final Orders*
- 55-6.006 *Numbering of Final Orders*
- 55-6.007 *System for Indexing of Final Orders*
- 55-6.008 *Maintenance of Records*
- 55-6.009 *Plan*

SECTION 55-12 VETERANS' NURSING HOME OF FLORIDA

- 55-12.002 *Policies*
- 55-12.003 *Definitions*
- 55-12.004 *Admission Eligibility*
- 55-12.006 *Residents' Contribution to Cost of Care*
- 55-12.007 *Order and Discipline in the Home*
- 55-12.008 *Residents' Deposit of Money or Personal Property*

SECTION 55A-1 IDENTIFICATION CARDS

- 55A-1.003 *Procedure*
- 55A-1.004 *Unlawful Display or Use*

SECTION 55A-3 COUNTY AND CITY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICERS

- 55A-3.005 *County and City Veteran Service Officer Training Courses*

SECTION 55A-5 STANDARDS FOR STATE APPROVAL

- 55A-5.004 *State Approval of Educational Courses*

SECTION 55A-7 VETERANS' PREFERENCE IN APPOINTMENT AND RETENTION IN EMPLOYMENT

- 55A-7.002 *Statement of Legislative Intent*
- 55A-7.003 *Definitions*
- 55A-7.004 *Covered Employers*
- 55A-7.005 *Covered Positions*
- 55A-7.008 *Persons Eligible for Appointment and Retention Preference*
- 55A-7.009 *Announcements, Applications and Due Process*
- 55A-7.010 *Employment Preference When Using a Numerically Based Selection Process*
- 55A-7.011 *Employment Preference When Numerically Based Selection Process is not used*
- 55A-7.0111 *Reinstatement or Reemployment; Promotion Preference*

- 55A-7.012** *Procedures for Commencement and Expiration of Preference*
- 55A-7.013** *Documentation of Preference Claim*
- 55A-7.014** *Notice and Documentation by Employer*
- 55A-7.015** *Preference in Retention*
- 55A-7.016** *Enforcement of Preference*