



NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MILITARY, NATIONAL, AND PUBLIC SERVICE

Public Minutes of September 2019 Commission Meeting

The National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service (the Commission) held a meeting on September 19-20, 2019, at its offices in Crystal City, VA. The entire meeting concerned 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
- The Honorable Avril Haines
- The Honorable Dr. Joseph Heck
- Ms. Jeanette James
- Mr. Alan Khazei
- Mr. Thomas Kilgannon
- Ms. Shawn Skelly
- The Honorable Debra Wada

Commissioners absent:

- The Honorable Mark Gearan

Staff present:

- Paul Lekas, General Counsel
- Peter Morgan, Director of Operations
- Jill Rough, Director of Research and Analysis
- Sandy Scott, Director of Government Affairs and Public Engagement
- Other Commission staff

September 19, 2019

Business Meeting

The Commission convened in Crystal City at 0815 ET. All Commissioners were present, except for Vice Chair Gearan and Ms. Haines, who arrived later that same morning. Chairman Heck moved to close this and other business meetings to occur on September 19-20, 2019, because pre-decisional and organizational matters would be deliberated. A motion was made and seconded, and all Commissioners present agreed.

Chairman Heck reminded the Commission that it would consider and approve minutes from the July 2019 meeting at the October 2019 meeting. Senior staff then briefed the Commission on developments since the Commission's last meeting in July 2019. Following this briefing, the Commission devoted the remainder of the day to deliberations about potential recommendations and consideration of draft report language.

September 20, 2019

Business Meeting

The Commission convened in Crystal City at 0805 ET. All Commissioners were present, except for Vice Chair Gearan.

The Commission held a morning session until 1115 ET. During this session, the Commission continued its deliberations from September 19 and received a briefing on government affairs and public engagement efforts.

Executive Session

From approximately 1200 to 1300 ET, the Commission held an executive session outside the presence of staff.

Business Meeting

The Commission reconvened at 1330 ET to receive a legal and ethics briefing from the General Counsel and Deputy General Counsel. The briefing covered discussion of legislative drafting, ethics rules, Hatch Act compliance, and legal developments relevant to the Commission's mandate. At the close of this briefing, the Commission concluded its September meeting.

Prepared by Paul Lekas, General Counsel

Adopted by the Commission on October 16, 2019