



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

### **Public Minutes of June 2018 Commission Meeting**

The National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service (the Commission) held a meeting on June 14-15, 2018, at the Commission's offices in Arlington, VA. 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 T. Allard III
- Mr. Steve Barney
- The Honorable Janine Davidson
- The Honorable Mark Gearan
- Ms. Avril Haines (absent for portions)
- The Honorable Dr. Joseph Heck
- Ms. Jeanette James
- Mr. Alan Khazei
- Mr. Thomas Kilgannon
- Ms. Shawn Skelly
- The Honorable Debra Wada

Staff present:

- Kent Abernathy, Executive Director
- Paul Lekas, General Counsel
- Keri Lowry, Director of Government Affairs and Public Engagement
- Gregory Brinsfield, Director of Operations
- Jill Rough, Director of Research and Analysis
- Other Commission staff (present for portions)

June 14, 2018

**Business Meeting**

From approximately 0900 to 1100 ET, the Commission held a business meeting. The Chairman moved to close the meeting to the public because pre-decisional and organizational matters would be deliberated. All Commissioners present agreed.

Mr. Abernathy invited the staff's executive team to introduce members of their respective staffs. Each staff member introduced herself or himself to the Commission.

Chairman Heck then moved to approve minutes from the May 2018 Commission meeting. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the May 2018 minutes.

Chairman Heck then briefed the Commission on plans for the remainder of 2018 and for 2019.

Mr. Barney briefed the Commission on the May 17-18, 2018 visit of four Commissioners to Jacksonville, FL. Commissioners attending this trip included Mr. Barney, Ms. Skelly, Mr. Kilgannon, and Vice Chair Wada. Mr. Barney reviewed the various engagements held in Jacksonville, including a meeting with the Jacksonville Business Community; a roundtable with the Citizen Advisory Committee; a discussion with individuals involved in disaster relief; a visit to the Naval Station Mayport; discussions with students and teachers at the Stillwell Middle School; and a meeting with representatives from veterans' service organizations.

Dr. Rough then updated the Commission on research efforts by staff and discussed plans for future research.

Following a lunch break and beginning at 1330, the Commission received an update the status of the deliberations of the Selective Service System (SSS) Work Group, chaired by Vice Chair Wada.

**Briefing by the Department of Labor**

From approximately 1100 to 1300 ET, the Commission received a briefing on the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and the Job Corps programs from representatives of the U.S. Department of Labor. An account of this meeting is set forth in a separate memorandum for the record (MFR).

**Work Group Deliberations**

From approximately 1415 to 1615 ET, 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.

**Business Meeting**

From approximately 1630 to 1720 ET, the Commission held a structured deliberation regarding the definition of service. At the close of this deliberation, Commissioners agreed to revisit the topic and conduct a vote during the June 15, 2018 morning session.

## **Work Group Deliberation**

Beginning at approximately 1730 ET, the Ends, Ways, and Means Work Group convened to deliberate. An account of this session is set forth in an internal MFR.

**June 15, 2018**

## **Work Group Deliberations**

Prior to convening as a full Commission, from approximately 0800 to 0930 ET, 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.

## **Business Meeting:**

The Commission reconvened at 0930 ET and held a business meeting that concluded at approximately 1345 ET.

As a first item of business, the Commission reviewed the definition of “service” generated during deliberations on June 14, 2018:

“A personal commitment of time, energy, and talent to a mission that contributes to the public good by protecting the nation and its citizens, strengthening communities, or promoting the general social welfare.”

Chairman Heck moved to vote on the definition of service. The motion was seconded, and all Commissioners voted in favor of the definition.

Thereafter, Chairman Heck introduced Dr. Rough to lead a Commission deliberation about the interim report the Commission intends to prepare for publication in early 2019.

Following discussion about the interim report, Peter Morgan, Deputy Director of Operations, briefed the Commission on records management. Mr. Morgan discussed requirements applicable to different types of documents, including email correspondence. Rachel Rikleen, Deputy General Counsel, then briefed Commissioners on records management obligations and responsibilities.

Mr. Lekas then provided a legal update to the Commission. He informed the Commission about the status of legislation relevant to the Commission which had been included in the Senate’s version of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY2019. He also discussed the implementation of Commission regulations, efforts regarding Privacy Act compliance, and legal research projects. Ms. Rikleen then trained the Commissioners and senior staff on Hatch Act compliance.

Ms. Lowry and her staff provided Commissioners with an update on engagement efforts with Congress, federal and state government agencies, various service stakeholders, and the American public.

## **Executive Session**

Thereafter, Commissioners convened an executive session outside the presence of staff. Chairman Heck briefed senior staff following the conclusion of the executive session.

Prepared by Paul Lekas, General Counsel

Adopted by the Commission on July 19, 2018