



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

### **Public Minutes of March 2020 Commission Meeting**

The National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service (the Commission) held a meeting on March 23, 2020, at its offices in Arlington, VA, with further sessions on March 24-26, 2020. 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 in person:

- The Honorable Dr. Joseph Heck
- Mr. Thomas Kilgannon
- Ms. Shawn Skelly
- The Honorable Debra Wada

Commissioners present telephonically (as indicated herein):

- Mr. Edward Allard
- Mr. Steve Barney
- The Honorable Mark Gearan
- The Honorable Avril Haines
- Ms. Jeanette James
- Mr. Alan Khazei

Commissioners absent:

- The Honorable Dr. Janine Davidson

Staff present:

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

## March 23, 2020

### Business Meeting

Chairman Heck convened the Commission at 0900 ET. Also present in person were Vice Chair Wada, Mr. Kilgannon, and Ms. Skelly. Present by telephone were Vice Chair Gearan, Mr. Allard, Mr. Barney, Ms. Haines, and Ms. James. Staff members attended the meeting in person and telephonically.

Chairman Heck provided an overview of the week, noting that each meeting would occur telephonically and that an all-Commission debrief would occur telephonically at 1700 ET on Monday through Thursday.

Vice Chair Wada moved to approve the public and internal minutes for the February 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded and the Commission voted unanimously to adopt the minutes subject to technical edits and clarifications.

Thereafter, staff led a discussion of the meetings and events scheduled for the week. Commissioners participated in this discussion. The Commission recessed at 1010 ET.

### Commission Debrief

The Commission reconvened from 1700 to 1735 ET to review the meetings that occurred during the day. Present in person were Chairman Heck, Vice Chair Wada, Mr. Kilgannon, and Ms. Skelly. Present by telephone were Mr. Barney, Ms. Haines, Ms. James, and a representative for Dr. Davidson. Vice Chair Gearan, Mr. Allard, and Mr. Khazei did not attend. Staff members attended the meeting in person and telephonically.

The meeting included debriefs on meetings with representatives from the Department of Defense, the Office of Management and Budget, the White House Domestic Policy Council, the Corporation for National and Community Service, Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-VA 11), and Sen. Ron Johnson (R-WI).

## March 24, 2020

### Commission Debrief

The Commission reconvened from 1700 to 1740 ET to review the meetings that occurred during the day. Present in person were Chairman Heck, Vice Chair Wada, Mr. Kilgannon, and Ms. Skelly. Present by telephone were Mr. Allard, Mr. Barney, Ms. Haines, Ms. James, and a representative for Dr. Davidson. Vice Chair Gearan joined at approximately 1720 ET. Mr. Khazei did not attend. Staff members attended the meeting in person and telephonically.

The meeting included debriefs on meetings with the Peace Corps, the Selective Service System, representatives from federal government agencies, Sen. Chris Coons (D-DE), Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-TX 13), Rep. Jack Berman (R-MI 1), staff for Rep. Lloyd Smucker (R-PA 11), staff for Rep. Michael Kelly (R-PA 16), staff for Rep. Rick Allen (R-GA 12), and staff on the Senate Armed Services Committee.

### March 25, 2020

#### Commission Debrief

The Commission reconvened from 1700 to 1720 ET to review the meetings that occurred during the day. Present in person were Chairman Heck, Vice Chair Wada, Mr. Kilgannon, and Ms. Skelly. Present by telephone were Vice Chair Gearan, Mr. Barney, Ms. James, Mr. Khazei, and a representative for Dr. Davidson. Mr. Allard and Ms. Haines did not attend. Staff members attended the meeting in person and telephonically.

Chairman Heck praised the Vice Chairs for their presentations during the morning press conference. Several other Commissioners provided positive feedback about the press conference and the statements by members of Congress.

The meeting included debriefs on meetings with staff for Rep. Lori Trahan (D-MA 3), staff for Rep. Ralph Abraham (R-LA 5), Rep. Susie Lee (D-NV 3), staff for Rep. Elissa Slotkin (D-MI 8), Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA 3), staff for Sen. Ben Sasse (R-NE), Rep. Susan Davis (D-CA 53), and Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI). She is very interested and supportive of the Commission's recommendations and expressed interest in remaining engaged with the Commission's efforts.

### March 26, 2020

#### Commission Debrief

The Commission reconvened from 1700 to 1730 ET to review the meetings that occurred during the day. Present in person were Chairman Heck, Vice Chair Wada, Mr. Kilgannon, and Ms. Skelly. Present by telephone were Mr. Allard, Mr. Barney, Ms. Haines, Ms. James, Mr. Khazei, and a representative for Dr. Davidson. Vice Chair Gearan did not attend. Staff members attended the meeting in person and telephonically.

The meeting included debriefs on meetings with staff for Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), staff for Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT), Rep. Jamie Raskin (D-MD 8), and four groups of stakeholder representing interests in (a) national service, (b) opportunity youth, (c) civic education and service learning, and (d) Selective Service.

Chairman Heck noted that Commission staff has additional engagement scheduled for March 27 and thereafter and thanked staff for their work during the week and Commissioners for participating in person and over the phone. He noted that the Commission may convene ad hoc meetings by telephone or internet in the next few months, its next physical meeting likely would not occur until around June 25.

Prepared by Paul Lekas, General Counsel

Adopted by the Commission on May 27, 2020.