



COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS
JUNE 24, 2013 / 1:00 – 3:00PM
CITY HALL: BOARD AND COMMISSIONS ROOM 1101
301 W 2nd ST,
AUSTIN, TEXAS

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Cassandra St. John, Chair
Phillip Gutierrez, Vice Chair
John Conley
Chris Garcia

Gary Linder
Bill McLellan
Linda Yoder

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first 3 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Consider approval of the minutes from the Commission on Veterans Affairs May 29, 2013 meeting.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Adopt and/ or amend standard bylaw template. If the commission chooses to amend the bylaws, the amended bylaws must be approved by the Council Audit and Finance Committee before they become official
- b. Schedule dates, time, location and frequencies of meetings for the Fall of 2013

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Update by committee working groups leads on the top three priorities for our Veterans.
 - 1) Homeless Veterans – Chris Garcia
 - 2) Female Veterans – Cassandra St. John
 - 3) Employment/Education – John Conley
- b. Presentation on the role of Veteran Service Organizations in the community titled “Meaningful Veteran Services” by Phillip Gutierrez. A recognition and overview of the benefits and claims process for our Veterans through a VSO.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Commissioners propose agenda items for future meetings

ADJOURNMENT

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Please call Allen Bergeron at the Veterans Program Department, at 512-974-3459 or Allen.Bergeron@austintexas.gov for additional information; TTY users route through Relay Texas at 711.

For more information on the Veterans Commission please contact [Tina Lee](mailto:Tina.Lee@austintexas.gov) at (512-974-3306 or Tina.Lee@austintexas.gov).