



**COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
June 24, 2013**

The Commission on Veteran Affairs convened in a regular meeting on June 24, 2013 at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Cassaundra St. John called the Board Meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

**Cassaundra St. John, Chair
Phillip Gutierrez, Vice Chair
John Conley**

**Chris Garcia
Bill McLellan
Linda Yoder**

Staff in Attendance: Allen Bergeron, Judy Wallace, Tina Lee

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Chair Cassaundra St. John asked Commission members to review minutes from the meeting on May 29, 2013. Motion passed with no objection

2. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Adopt and/ or amend standard bylaw template.
b. Scheduling future times, frequencies and dates of meetings for the Fall of 2013

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Update by committee working groups concentrating on the top three priorities for our Veterans
1) Homeless Veterans-Chris Garcia
2) Female Veterans-Cassaundra St.John
3) Employment and 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.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

N/A (No public hearings during this meeting)

5. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

N/A (No Citizen Communication)

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

N/A (No Staff Briefings)

7. ADJOURN : Chair Cassaundra St. John adjourned the meeting at 2:26p.m. Without objection

