



COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, October 23, 2014

**3:00 pm in Street Jones Building (Conference Room 400A)
1000 E 11th St,
Austin, TX 78702**

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Cassandra St. John, Chair (Spelman)	Del Kolbe (Riley)
Phillip Gutierrez, Vice Chair (Martinez)	Bill McLellan (Leffingwell)
John Conley (Cole)	Linda Yoder (Tovo)
Chris Garcia (Morrison)	

CALL TO ORDER

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Citizens 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

Consider approval of the minutes from the Commission on Veterans Affairs September 24, 2014 regular meeting.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. OLD BUSINESS – For Discussion and Possible Action

- a. Updates and reports by the Committee working groups lead about the top three priorities for our Veterans in the City of Austin.
 - i. Homeless Veterans:
 - ii. Employment and Education:
 - iii. Female Veterans:
- b. Status on Commission's involvement with the 2014 Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony.

5. NEW BUSINESS - For Discussion and Possible Action

- a. Presentation and overview by Legislative Director Jim Brennan for Texas Coalition of Veterans Organizations on Veteran priorities for the upcoming Legislative session impacting Veterans.
- b. Presentation and overview of Goodwill Veteran Services by Eugene Edwards to inform the commission about how Goodwill empowers veterans and their families with the tools they need to succeed in the workplace. Eugene will also provide any updates on Veteran resources and what Goodwill does to assist our Veterans within the City of Austin.

7. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Veterans Day Events

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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 at 512-974-3306 or visit <http://www.austintexas.gov/content/commission-veterans-affairs-1>