



COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

AGENDA

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

**2:00 pm in City Hall Council Chambers Room 1001
301 W 2nd Street
Austin, TX 78701**

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Phillip Gutierrez, Chair
Del Kolbe, Vice Chair
Michael Denton
Bill McLellan

Cassandra Melgar C' D Baca
David Thomas
VACANT

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 Regular Meeting on February 18, 2015

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. OLD BUSINESS – For Discussion and Possible Action

- a. Updates and reports by the 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: Women Veteran's month activities and updates.
- b. Update on tax exemptions on property concerning homeless Veterans and recommendations to council.
- c. Discussion on the development of a Veteran Service resource center for the City of Austin.

5. NEW BUSINESS - For Discussion and Possible Action

- a. Presentation and overview on Texas Center Point from Pia Villalon on how they assist with veteran homelessness, employment, and women veterans.

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioners propose agenda items for future meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

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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>