



COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

AGENDA

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

**6:30 pm in St Jones Building – Room 200A
1000 East 11th Street
Austin, TX 78702**

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Jason Denny – Chair
Pete Salazar – Vice Chair
Douglas O’Connell
Phillip Gutierrez
George Bailey Harrington
Lloyd Phillips

David Thomas
Sandra Serna
Guillermo Villarreal
Nicholas Van Zandt
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 Special Called Meeting on February 17, 2016.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. OLD BUSINESS – For Discussion and Possible Action

- a. Discussion and updates regarding the top three priorities for our Veterans in the City of Austin.
 - i. Homeless Veterans:
 - ii. Employment, Transitioning Vets and Education:
 - iii. Female Veterans:
- b. Update regarding the Veterans park initiative for the City of Austin.
- c. Update and discussion regarding the Veteran Business Enterprise (VBE) initiative and the Special called meeting.

- d. 2015 City of Austin Veterans Commission End of year report.

4. NEW BUSINESS – For Discussion and Possible Action

- a. Update on Fort Hood Soldier Employment Internship Initiative (Allen)
- b. 2016 Veterans Day parade and Confederate flag discussion.

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. City of Austin Women Veterans Luncheon – March 22, 2016
 - i. City of Austin Employees only

7. 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>