

**COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS  
MINUTES****SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
March 1, 2016**

The Commission on Veteran Affairs convened in a special called meeting on March 1, 2016 at the St Jones Building located on 1000 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin Texas 78702

Chair Jason Denny called the Board Meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

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

David Thomas  
Sandra Serna  
Guillermo Villarreal  
Nicholas Van Zandt

Staff in Attendance: Allen Bergeron, Tina Lee

**2. BUSINESS**

The Commissioners called this special meeting to discuss what will be said before the Council meeting on March 3, 2016 regarding the status and consideration of accepting the VBE into City Contracts. The Commission supports the creation of the Veteran Business Enterprise as a whole and Chair Jason Denny made a motion to vote in favor of the study and what will be said before the council. Commissioner Bailey Harrington recommended the wording to be as follows "The Veterans Affairs Commission recommends that that city council approves the findings of the recently released disparity study regarding veteran owned business and service disabled veteran owned business. The commission also respectfully requests to be included in the creation of a Veteran Business Enterprise with the City Manager's office prior to presenting any recommended VBE for city council." Commissioner Doug O’Connell seconded the wording and vote and the motion was approved with no objections.

**• CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

- Jim Brennan is the legislative director for TSVCO (Texas Service Veterans Coalition Organization) and has been involved in the process for the City to create the Veteran Business Enterprise for the past ten years. Jim provided feedback during this meeting and supports the creation of the VBE and for Veteran’s commission input during the development process.

**ADJOURN:** Jason Denny adjourned the meeting at 7:09 PM. Without objection