

COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

AGENDA

Wednesday, May 18, 2016 6:30 pm in ACC Veterans Resource Center (Highland Mall) 6001 Airport Blvd Austin, TX 78752

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Jason Denny – Chair Pete Salazar – Vice Chair Douglas O'Connell Phillip Gutierres George Bailey Harrington VACANT Molly Potter David Thomas Guillermo Villarreal Nicholas Van Zandt Lloyd Phillips

CALL TO ORDER

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Citizens signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a threeminute 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 April 20, 2016.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action 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 and next step in regards to the Veterans park initiative for the City of Austin.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Veteran Business Enterprise presentation and discussion from the Small & Minority Business Resources Office.

- b. Presentation, discussion and possible action from Kyle Mitchell, the Director of Veteran and Military Policy regarding the Senate Bill 55 and the Texas Veterans and Family alliance program, an initiative under the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.
- c. Nominations and vote for the Chair and Vice Chair of the Veterans Commission.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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