

## COMMISSION ON VETERAN AFFAIRS MEETING MINUTES



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**REGULAR MEETING**  
**November 14, 2018**

The Commission on Veteran Affairs convened in a regular meeting on November 14, 2018 at ACC (Austin Community College) Veteran Resource Center located on 6001 Airport Blvd, Austin Texas 78701

Chair Jason Denny called the Board Meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Jason Denny - Chair  
Pete Salazar- Vice Chair  
Daarel Burnette  
Chris Ehlinger  
Zach Goldstein

Phillip Gutierrez  
Josephine Hinds  
Manuel Jimenez  
Adrenne Mendoza  
Molly Potter

Staff in Attendance: Allen Bergeron

#### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Chair Denny asked the Commission members to review the minutes from the regular meeting on September 19, 2018. Correct spelling of one of the names, Commissioner Chris Ehlinger a motion to approve the meeting minutes and Vice Chair Pete Salazar seconded the motion. Motion passed with no objection.

#### 2. BUSINESS

- Update on Veteran's Court, community court would be the best option and will work with one who is established within cities. Will update more about this initiative at the next meeting.
- Commissioner Mendoza recommends to edit and review the annual report and to provide more detail on what the Commission on Veteran Affairs has worked on such as Veteran Courts etc. This will be discussed at the next meeting

#### 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- N/A (No public hearings during this meeting)

#### 4. STAFF UPDATES

- The concept of the Veteran's Resource Center has been discussed for years and the RFQ for a needs assessment is going to the Purchasing Department for review.

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### **5. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

- Cindy Kendrick, Texas Veterans Commission, AD with Honor Flight Austin. All Latino Honor Flight projected for May 2019. 50 Veterans and raising \$50,000 for this special flight
- Glenn Towery, AVAFEST a work in progress and determined to bring awareness to veteran suicide.
- Jenna Heist, HHS, Suicide prevention coordinator for the mayor's challenge for prevention of suicide for veterans.

**ADJOURN:** Jason Denny adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM. Without objection