



**COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS
REGULAR MEETING**

**Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
505 Barton Springs Rd
13th Floor – Directors Conference Room
Austin, TX 78704**

AGENDA

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Jason Denny (Chair) Ann Kitchen: District 5	Manuel Jimenez – Sabino Renteria: District 3
Pete Salazar (Vice Chair) Leslie Pool: District 7	Thomas Just – Paige Ellis: District 8
Chris Ehlinger – Alison Alter: District 10	Adrenne Mendoza – Delia Garza: District 2
Zach Goldstein – Kathie Tovo: District 9	Vacant – Natasha Harper-Madison: District 1
Josephine Hinds – Jimmy Flannigan: District 6	Vacant – Greg Casar
	Vacant – Mayor Steve Adler

CALL TO ORDER

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

The speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address items not posted on the agenda.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the minutes from the Commission on Veterans Affairs Special Called meeting on January 16, 2019

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Update and status of the Community/Municipal Veterans Court by Commissioner Manuel Jimenez
- b) Continued discussion and amendment of the FY 17 Commission on Veteran Affairs annual report.
- c) Discussion on the Commission on Veteran Affairs work groups (Chair Denny)

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Presentation and overview from the Purchasing Department on the current status of the Veteran Business Enterprise (Move to 1st in discussion after start of meeting)

- b) Presentation on the SSVF program from Caritas. (Move to 2nd in discussion after start of meeting – Commissioner Mendoza)
- c) Discussion on a City of Austin ,Texas Workforce Commission, Texas Veterans Commission and County Career Fair (Commissioner Ehlinger)
- d) Discussion Desert Warrior Honor Flight (Gulf War through OEF/OIF combat veterans) – Chairman Denny
- e) Presentation and overview of the 2019-2020 budget process from the City of Austin Budget office.
- f) Presentation from YWCA regarding services for women veterans and their programs (Vice Chair Salazar)
- g) Action item: Resolution / Recommendation for the Council to waive all City fees for AVAFEST (Vice Chair Salazar)

5. STAFF UPDATES

- a) Basic update regarding the Veteran’s Resource Center

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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