



**COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.  
505 Barton Springs Rd  
13<sup>th</sup> Floor – Directors Conference Room  
Austin, TX 78704**

**AGENDA**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

Jason Denny (Chair) Ann Kitchen (5)

Pete Salazar (Vice Chair) Leslie Pool: (7)

Alfred Bingham –Natasha Harper-Madison: (1)

Elisbeth Collura-Rosenberg – Kathie Tovo: (9)

Chris Ehlinger – Alison Alter: (10)

Vacant – Greg Casar

Josephine Hinds – Jimmy Flannigan: (6)

Adrenne Mendoza – Delia Garza: (2)

Manuel Jimenez – Sabino Renteria: (3)

Thomas Just – Paige Ellis: (8)

Doris Williams – 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 regular meeting on May 15, 2019

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

- a) Discussion and possible action on expanding the Community Court jurisdiction to include Military Veterans. Resolution draft on Community/Municipal Veterans Court by Commissioner Manuel Jimenez
- b) Continued discussion and possible amendment of the FY 17 Commission on Veteran Affairs annual report.
- c) Update on the council recommendation to waive all associated fees in regards to AVAFEST (Austin Veterans Art Festival)
- d) Update and discussion on Veterans Park
- e) Discussion and possible action on Suicide Prevention awareness workgroup

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) FY18 Annual Internal Review and Report that is due July 31, 2019 discussion by Chair Jason Denny.
- b) Presentation by Jesus Simental from the Texas Veterans Commission on the overview of the programs available at the VA outpatient clinic.

#### **5. STAFF UPDATES**

- a) Update regarding the Veteran's Resource Center
- b) VA's Citizens Veterans engagement board
- c) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services (SAMHSA) and Veteran Affairs-Mayor's challenge to prevent suicide among service members, veterans and their families.

#### **6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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