



**COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Wednesday, September 18, 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)**

Doris Williams – Mayor Steve Adler

Alfred Bingham –Natasha Harper-Madison: (1)

Adrenne Mendoza – Delia Garza: (2)

Manuel Jimenez – Sabino Renteria: (3)

Vacant – Greg Casar (4)

**Pete Salazar, Vice Chair – Leslie Pool: (7)**

Josephine Hinds – Jimmy Flannigan: (6)

Thomas Just – Paige Ellis: (8)

Elisabeth Collura-Rosenberg – Kathie Tovo: (9)

Chris Ehlinger – Alison Alter: (10)

**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 September 4, 2019

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

- a) Presentation and discussion regarding the Service Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise from the Purchasing Department. (Sponsors: Pete Salazar, Manuel Jimenez)
- b) Presentation and discussion regarding the Veteran's Resource Center Need's Assessment results from Combined Arms (Sponsors: Pete Salazar, Manuel Jimenez)
- c) Discussion and Possible action regarding a recommendation to Council on the Veteran Resource Center Budget and steps moving forward. (Sponsors: Pete Salazar, Liz Colura-Rosenberg)
- d) Discussion and possible action regarding the creation of a City of Austin Office of Military and Veteran Affairs. (Sponsors: Manuel Jimenez, Pete Salazar)

- e) Discussion and possible action regarding expanding the Community Court jurisdiction to include Military Veterans. (Sponsors: Manuel Jimenez, Pete Salazar)

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

- a) Discussion and possible action regarding a Vietnam Veterans Memorial proposed by the Austin Travis County Vietnam Memorial Associations. (Sponsors: Manuel Jimenez, Pete Salazar)
- b) Discussion on adding the date and time of when each commissioner makes an agenda request (Sponsors: Thomas Just, Jason Denny)

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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