



**COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS
REGULAR MEETING**

Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

**City Hall Executive Session Room 1027
301 West Second Street
Austin, TX 78701**

AGENDA

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Jason Denny (Chair) Ann Kitchen (5)

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

Alfred Bingham –Natasha Harper-Madison: (1)

Elisabeth 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 meetings on September 18, 2019 and November 20, 2019.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Update on Veterans Park from the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department (Sponsors: Jason Denny, Pete Salazar)
- b) Finalize and vote on the final language of the recommendation to create a Department of Veterans and Military Affairs (Sponsors: Thomas Just, Jason Denny)
- c) Discussion on providing further guidance on Veteran Courts referral policy (Sponsors: Thomas Just, Jason Denny)

- d) Discussion on proposed TAP (Transition Assistance Program) pilot program (Sponsors: Thomas Just, Jason Denny)
- e) Discussion on providing further guidance on Veteran Court referral policy (Sponsors: Thomas Just, Jason Denny)
- f) Nominations and elections of new officers

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Presentation and discussion by Sam Haytham from Kiro Action on possible solution on homelessness. (Sponsors: Pete Salazar, Manuel Jimenez)
- b) Discussion and proposal to draft letter to AISD school officials regarding Veterans Day Parade. (Sponsors: Jason Denny, Pete Salazar)
- c) Discussion and possible action on any applicable changes to the current bylaws

5. STAFF UPDATES

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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