



**COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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

AGENDA

CANCELLED – RESCHDULED

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Doris Williams (Chair) Mayor Steve Adler

Manuel Jimenez (Vice Chair) Sabino Renteria: (3)

Alfred Bingham – Natasha Harper-Madison: (1)

Jose Carrasco – Greg Casar (4)

Elisabeth Collura-Rosenberg – Kathie Tovo: (9)

Jason Denny – Ann Kitchen (5)

Chris Ehlinger – Alison Alter: (10)

Josephine Hinds – Jimmy Flannigan: (6)

Adrenne Mendoza – Delia Garza: (2)

Thomas Just – Paige Ellis: (8)

Pete Salazar – Leslie Pool (7)

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 January 15, 2020

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 and possible action on resolution for Kiro Action Group (Sponsors: Pete Salazar, Jose Carrasco)
- f) Nominations and elections of new officers

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Discussion of the role of a member of the Commission on Veteran Affairs and the process of having the needs of the Veterans within the community addressed and implemented as the representative of the Mayor and Council Members. (Sponsors: Doris Williams, Manuel Jimenez, Liz Collura-Rosenburg)

5. STAFF UPDATES

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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Please call Tina Lee at the Veterans Program Department at 512-974-3306 or Tina.Lee@austintexas.gov for additional information; TTY users route through Relay Texas at 711.

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