

Versión en español a continuación.

Special Meeting of the Commission on Veteran Affairs September 23, 2020

Commission on Veteran Affairs to be held September 23, 2020 with Social Distancing Modifications

Public comment will be allowed via telephone; no in-person input will be allowed. **All speakers must register in advance (September 22, 2020 by Noon).** All public comment will occur at the beginning of the meeting.

To speak remotely at the **Commission on Veteran Affairs** Meeting, residents must:

- Call or email the board liaison at **512-974-3306 AND tina.lee@austintexas.gov** no later than noon, (the day before the meeting). The information required is the speaker name, item number(s) they wish to speak on, whether they are for/against/neutral, and a telephone number or email address.
- Once a request to speak has been called in or emailed to the board liaison, residents will receive either an email or phone call providing the telephone number to call on the day of the scheduled meeting.
- Speakers must call in at least 15 minutes prior to meeting start in order to speak, late callers will not be accepted and will not be able to speak.
- Speakers will be placed in a queue until their time to speak.
- Handouts or other information may be emailed to tina.lee@austintexas.gov by Noon the day before the scheduled meeting. This information will be provided to Board and Commission members in advance of the meeting.
- If this meeting is broadcast live, residents may watch the meeting here: **<http://www.austintexas.gov/page/watch-atxn-live>**

Reunión del **Commission on Veteran Affairs** FECHA de la reunion (**September 23, 2020**)

La junta se llevará con modificaciones de distanciamiento social

Se permitirán comentarios públicos por teléfono; no se permitirá ninguna entrada en persona. Todos los oradores deben registrarse con anticipación (**September 22, 2020** antes del mediodía). Todos los comentarios públicos se producirán al comienzo de la reunión.

Para hablar de forma remota en la reunión, los residentes deben:

- Llame o envíe un correo electrónico al enlace de la junta en 512-974-3306 AND tina.lee@austintexas.gov a más tardar al mediodía (el día antes de la reunión). La información requerida es el nombre del orador, los números de artículo sobre los que desean hablar, si están a favor / en contra / neutrales, y un número de teléfono o dirección de correo electrónico.
- Una vez que se haya llamado o enviado por correo electrónico una solicitud para hablar al enlace de la junta, los residentes recibirán un correo electrónico o una llamada telefónica con el número de teléfono para llamar el día de la reunión programada.
- Los oradores deben llamar al menos 15 minutos antes del inicio de la reunión para poder hablar, no se aceptarán personas que llamen tarde y no podrán hablar.
- Los oradores se colocarán en una fila hasta que llegue el momento de hablar.
- Los folletos u otra información pueden enviarse por correo electrónico a tina.lee@austintexas.gov antes del mediodía del día anterior a la reunión programada. Esta información se proporcionará a los miembros de la Junta y la Comisión antes de la reunión.
- Si esta reunión se transmite en vivo, los residentes pueden ver la reunión aquí: <http://www.austintexas.gov/page/watch-atxn-live>



**COMMISSION ON VETERAN AFFAIRS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2020, 1:00PM – 2:30PM
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCING**

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Doris Williams (Chair) - Mayor Steve Adler	Josephine Hinds – Jimmy Flannigan (6)
Manuel Jimenez (Vice) Sabino Renteria (3)	Adrenne Mendoza – Delia Garza: (2)
Alfred Bingham – Natasha Harper-Madison: (1)	Thomas Just – Paige Ellis: (8)
Jose Carrasco – Greg Casar (4)	Pete Salazar – Leslie Pool (7)
Elisabeth Collura-Rosenberg – Kathie Tovo: (9)	VACANT – Allison Alter (10)
Jason Denny – Ann Kitchen (5)	

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the minutes from the Commission on Veterans Affairs Regular meetings on July 6, 2020

2. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Update on the current status of Veterans Park from D’Anne Williams from the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department (Sponsors: Jason Denny, Pete Salazar)
- b) Discussion on providing further guidance on Veteran Courts referral policy (Sponsors: Thomas Just, Jason Denny, Manuel Jimenez)
- c) Discussion on proposed TAP (Transition Assistance Program) pilot program (Sponsors: Thomas Just, Jason Denny)
- d) Update on the pilot program of the Veteran Business Enterprise from the City of Austin Purchasing Department. **(Second to Speak on Agenda)**

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Presentation on the 87th Legislative session and what issues to be expected during the next session by the Intergovernmental Relations Officer Brie Franco. **(First to Speak on agenda)** (Sponsors: Doris Williams, Manuel Jimenez)
- b) Presentation by Dylan Lowery on the program from Family Elder Care that assists veterans with housing, financial assistance, and employment (Sponsors: Adrenne Luna, Pete Salazar)

- c) Discussion and possible action regarding the Austin Travis County Vietnam Memorial Association on placing a memorial honoring WWII and Vietnam veterans honoring veterans from East Austin. (Sponsors: Manuel Jimenez, Pete Salazar)
- d) Discussion on goals for the next Commission on Veterans Affairs 2020 Annual Report
- e) Discussion of the 2021 goals and objectives

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

The City of Austin is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. Meeting locations are planned with wheelchair access. If requiring Sign Language Interpreters or alternative formats, please give notice at least 2 days (48 Hours) before the meeting date.

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.

For more information on the Veterans Commission, please contact Tina Lee at 512-974-3306 or visit <http://www.austintexas.gov/content/commission-veterans-affairs-1>