



**COMMISSION ON VETERAN AFFAIRS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM**

**City of Austin Permitting & Development Center
6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr, Room 1401
Austin, TX 78752**

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Manuel Jimenez (Chair) Sabino Renteria (3)	Jason Denny – Ann Kitchen (5)
Adrenne Mendoza (Vice) Vanessa Fuentes (2)	Thomas Just – Paige Ellis (8)
Alfred Bingham – Natasha Harper-Madison (1)	Kevin Lenau – Allison Alter (10)
Jose Carrasco – Greg Casar (4)	Pete Salazar – Leslie Pool (7)
Elisabeth Collura-Rosenberg – Kathie Tovo (9)	(vacant) – Mayor Steve Adler
Charles W. Cupp – Mackenzie Kelly (6)	

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Speakers who register will be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the minutes from the Commission on Veterans Affairs regular meeting on May 19, 2021.

2) OLD BUSINESS

- a) Update from Chair Jimenez as the Liaison for the Commission on the newly developed Winter Review Task Force Group. (Sponsors: Manuel Jimenez, Adrenne Mendoza)
- b) Discussion and possible action on the process for the City of Austin to formally identify veterans in encampments. (Sponsors: Pete Salazar, Manuel Jimenez)
- c) Discussion on the recommendation to create a Department of Veterans and Military Affairs. (Sponsors: Thomas Just, Jason Denny)

3) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Discussion and possible action regarding AVAFest by Glenn Towery. (Sponsors: Pete Salazar, Manuel Jimenez, Elisabeth Collura-Rosenberg)
- b) Discussion and possible action on the goals and objectives for July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (Sponsors: Manuel Jimenez, Adrenne Mendoza)
- c) Discussion and possible action to approve the 2020 meeting schedule. (Sponsors: Manuel Jimenez, Adrenne Mendoza)

4) STAFF UPDATES

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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For more information on the Veterans Commission, please contact Jonathan Babiak at 512-974-3203 or visit <http://www.austintexas.gov/content/commission-veterans-affairs-1>.