



COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
November 17, 2021**

The Commission on Veteran Affairs convened in a Regular Meeting on November 17, 2021 at the City of Austin Planning and Development Center, 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive, Austin, Texas 78752.

Chair Manuel Jimenez called the Board Meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

Board Members in Attendance:

Manuel Jimenez - **Chair**
Alfred Bingham
Maria Brown-Spence

Jose Carrasco
Jason Denny
Pete A. Salazar

Staff in Attendance: Jonathan Babiak, Business Process Consultant, Office of Civil Rights

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Jimenez asked the Commission members to review the minutes from the regular called meeting on September 15, 2021. The draft was amended on unanimous consent. Commissioner Salazar made a motion to approve the amended meeting minutes, and Commissioner Denny seconded the motion. Motion passed with no objection on a vote of 6-0.

2. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Discussion and possible action on the process for the City of Austin to formally identify veterans in encampments. (Sponsors: Pete Salazar, Manuel Jimenez)

Chair Jimenez tabled this item on unanimous consent.

- b) Discussion and possible action regarding AVAFest by Glenn Towery. (Sponsors: Pete Salazar, Manuel Jimenez, Elisabeth Collura-Rosenberg)

The Commission discussed this item. The Commission took no action on this item.

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3. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Discussion and possible action on the recommendation to create an Office of Veterans Affairs. (Manuel Jimenez, Pete Salazar)

The Commission discussed this item. The Commission took no action on this item.

4. STAFF UPDATES

None

ADJOURN: Chair Jimenez adjourned the meeting at 7:46 PM on unanimous consent.