



**COMMISSION ON VETERAN AFFAIRS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, May 15, 2024**

The COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS convened in a REGULAR Meeting on WEDNESDAY, May 15, 2024, at the City of Austin Permitting & Development Center at 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr, Austin, TX 78752.

Chair MICHAEL MCINERNEY called the COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS MEETING to order at 7:10pm CST.

**Commissioners in Attendance:
Michael Mcinerney (Chair)
Curtis Wyman**

**Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:
Patrick Bissett
William Dahlstrom
Amber Schleuning
Christopher Wilson
Armando Gonzales**

**Commissioners Absent:
Kevin Lenau
Maria Brown-Spence
Philip Reichert
Mark Balch**

**Staff in Attendance:
Jesus Simental – Veterans Administrator, Office of Civil Rights**

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – GENERAL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The minutes from the meeting of 4/17/2024 were approved on Chair Michael Mcinerney's motion, second by Patrick Bissett on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners Kevin Lenau, Maria Brown-Spence, Philip Reichert, and Mark Balch were absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Presentation by Kris Vandenberg on veteran needs and how the commission can support veterans in Austin.
3. Commissioner Maria Brown-Spence was absent for the meeting, Chair Michael Mcinerney requested agenda item be removed, motion made by Chair Michael Mcinerney to be removed and second by Christopher Wilson on a 7-0 vote.
4. There was discussion on status of Recommendation 20240320-004 and 20240320-006. Chair Mcinerney and Vice Amber Schleuning both spoken to their respective council members and one stated that the recommendation has not been brought up yet and the other stated that they were unaware of the recommendation. There was discussion on how to best get the recommendations on the on the city council's agenda. Possibility of getting a council member to champion the cause as well as joining the Joint Inclusion Committee would help to get support from other Commissions.

ADJOURNMENT

END: 7:51 PM

5. Chair M. Mcinerney made the motion to adjourn, P. Bissett second the motion. Pass unanimously 7-0. Commissioners Kevin Lenau, Maria Brown-Spence, Philip Reichert, and Mark Balch were absent.

The minutes were approved at the 21 August 2024 meeting on Chair Michael Mcinerney's motion, Armando Gonzales second on a 6-0 vote. Maria Brown-Spence, Kevin Lenau, Amber Schleuning, William Dahlstrom, and Philip Reichert were absent.