



**COMMISSION ON VETERAN AFFAIRS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, Oct 16, 2024**

The COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS convened in a REGULAR Meeting on WEDNESDAY, October 16, 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 7:00pm CST.

Commissioners in Attendance:

**Michael Mcinerney (Chair)
Curtis Wyman
Armando Gonzales**

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

**Patrick Bissett
Christopher Wilson
Amber Schleuning
William Dahlstrom
Philip Reichert
Mark Balch**

Commissioners Absent:

Maria Brown-Spence

Staff in Attendance:

Jesus Simental – Veterans Administrator, Office of Civil Rights

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – GENERAL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The minutes from the meeting of 09/18/2024 were approved on Chair Michael Mcinerney's motion, second by Armando Gonzales on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Maria Brown-Spence was absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. There was discussion on upcoming coming veterans events including the month long AVAFEST festivities that kicked off 14 Oct and will end on 14 November 2024, also discussed the annual City of Austin Veterans Day Parade on 11 Nov that will start on Congress bridge and end at the State Capital, parade is scheduled to start at 0930, lastly, discussed the annual University of Texas Veterans Appreciation Tailgate on 9 Nov starting 0800 behind Jester Hall on the UT Campus with food and numerous festivities for the whole family.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

3. The commission selected Philip Reichert as the primary representative for the Joint Inclusion Committee and Curtis Wyman as the alternate.
4. The commission approved the Commission on Veterans Affairs 2025 meeting schedule which will remain at the Permitting and Development Center at 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr Austin, Texas 78752 on the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm in room 1401/1402.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

5. Establishing a working group to set goals for next year including budget proposals, special topics, and guest speakers.

ADJOURNMENT

END: 7:38 PM

6. Chair M. Mcinerney made the motion to adjourn, A. Gonzales second the motion. Pass unanimously 10-0. Commissioners Maria Brown-Spence was absent.

The minutes were approved at the 20 Nov 2024 meeting on Commissioner's Curtis Wyman's motion, Armando Gonzales second on a 8-0 vote, Maria Brown-Spence, Mark Balch, and Philip Reichert were absent.