



**COMMISSION ON VETERAN AFFAIRS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, Nov 20, 2024**

**The COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS convened in a REGULAR Meeting on WEDNESDAY, November 20, 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  
Gustavo Ramirez**

**Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:**

**Patrick Bissett  
Christopher Wilson  
Amber Schleuning  
William Dahlstrom**

**Commissioners Absent:**

**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 10/16/2024 were approved on Commissioner Curt Wyman's motion, second by Armando Gonzales on a 8-0 vote. Commissioner Maria Brown-Spence, Mark Balch, and Philip Reichert were absent.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

2. Discussed and established working group comprised of Commissioner William Dahlstrom, Commissioner Christopher Wilson, Commissioner Amber Schleuning, Commissioner Armando Gonzales, and Chair Michael Mcinerney to discuss goals for next year including budget proposals, special topics, and guest speakers. Commissioner Curt Wyman discussed the possibility of having the Veterans Commission participate in next years Veterans Day parade. The work group was established on a 10-0 vote, Commissioner Maria Brown-Spence, Mark Balch, and Philip Reichert were absent.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

3. Discussion on establishing a Veterans Commission social media page. Discussion on securing city council support. Discussion on establishing a veterans employee resource group. Discussion on status of program manager position and proposal to stand up a veteran resource center and office.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

END: 7:29 PM

4. Chair M. Mcinerney made the motion to adjourn, A. Gonzales second the motion. Pass unanimously 8-0. Commissioner Maria Brown-Spence, Mark Balch, and Philip Reichert were absent.

The minutes were approved at the 18 Dec 2024 meeting on Commissioner's Patrick Bissett's motion, Christopher Wilson second on a 6-0 vote, Maria Brown-Spence, Mark Balch, and Philip Reichert Michael Mcinerney, and William Dahlstrom were absent.