REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS
On Wednesday October 21, 2026 at 7pm
City of Austin Permitting & Development Center
6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr., Room 1401/1402
Austin, TX 78752

The COMMISSION ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS convened in a REGULAR Meeting on WEDNESDAY, October 21, 2026, 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 and confirmed a quorum.

CURRENT COMMISSIONERS:

Michael Mcinerney – Chair
Jose Reyes – Vice Chair
William Dahlstrom
Armando Gonzales
Bryce Laake-Stanfield
Anita Roberts
Christopher Wilson
Lucas Castillo
Fansu Ku
Amber Cress
Neal Wendt

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Commission on Veterans Affairs Regular Meeting of September 16, 2026.

   The minutes from the meeting on 9/16/2026 were approved on Commissioner Christopher Wilson's motion, seconded by Commissioner Armando Gonzales and passed on a 9-0 vote. Commissioner Anita Roberts and William Dahlstrom were not present.

DISCUSSION ITEM

2. Presentation and discussion by Tim Garcia, Texas State Coordinator, Team Red, White & Blue, on the programs and support they offer.

   Tim Garcia, Texas State Coordinator with Team Red, White & Blue was a no show.

3. Discussion on the Commission's participation in the Annual Veterans Day Parade on November 7, 2026, including commissioner attendance, outreach to City Council members, and coordination of Commission priorities and talking points.

   Chair Michael Mcinerney encouraged Commissioners to attend the parade reception at the Stephen F Austin Hotel at 0800 and bring their council member. He also asked Commissioners to let Staff Liaison Jesus Simental know if they were planning to attend in case there is a possibility that quorum would be reached.

4. Discussion on future presentations focused on veteran employment and support resources.

   Chair Michael Mcinerney asked the Commissioners if anyone knows an agency that assist with Veterans Employment, Commissioner Armando Gonzales mentioned Ivan Roundtree with Texas Workforce Commission and that they also assist with child care. Chair Mcinerney stated that he would like to bring in these type agencies to present.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Mcinerney discussed bringing in the Homeless Strategy Office in again to see if there are any updates. He also mentioned bringing back Tunnel to Towers for updates on their plans for Austin, Commissioner Armando Gonzales discussed bringing in a Financial Readiness Resource, Chair Mcinerney mentioned Central Texas Food Bank.

ITEMS ADJOURNMENT

END: 7:20 PM

Commissioner Christopher Wilson made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Bryce Laake-Stanfield. The motion passed by a 9-0 vote. Commissioner Anita Roberts and William Dahlstrom were not present.

The minutes were approved at the 18 November 2026 meeting by Commissioner Bryce Laake-Stanfield motion, Christopher Wilson second on a 8-0 vote, William Dahlstrom, Amber Cress, and Armando Gonzales were absent.