



**COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AGENDA**

**Monday, January 9, 2017**

**7:00 pm in ACC Veterans Resource Center (Highland Mall)**  
**6001 Airport Blvd**  
**Austin, TX 78752**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

Jason Denny – Chair  
Pete Salazar – Vice Chair  
Douglas O’Connell  
Phillip Gutierrez  
Ramiro Hinojosa  
VACANT

Adrenne Mendoza  
Molly Potter  
David Thomas  
Guillermo Villarreal  
Pete Phillips

**CALL TO ORDER**

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Citizens signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Consider approval of the minutes from the Commission on Veterans Affairs special called meeting on November 22, 2016.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding the top three priorities for our Veterans in the City of Austin.
  - i. Homeless Veterans
  - ii. Employment, Transitioning Vets and Education
  - iii. Female Veterans
- b. Updates and discussion regarding the Veterans Plaza initiative for the City of Austin. Representative from PARD to join at another meeting.
- c. Discussion and updates regarding the City of Austin “One Stop Shop initiative”.
- d. Update and discussion regarding the VBE for the City of Austin (Veteran Business Enterprise).

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Presentation and overview regarding the Austin Furniture Bank by Executive Director Bo Buell on his program to providing furniture to no longer homeless veterans in Austin, Texas.
- b. To discuss and vote to change the three work groups to; Veterans Business Enterprise (VBE), City Budget item to fund/create the Veterans Resource Center, Veterans Plaza
- c. Discussion and approval of the 2017 schedule for the Commission.

#### **5. STAFF UPDATES**

- a. Soldier Internship Update
- b. Economic Development Veteran Small Business loan
- c. Veterans Plaza
- d. Honor Flight update
- e. Homeless Veterans
- f. TVC Summit

#### **6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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Please call Allen Bergeron at the Veterans Program Department at 512-974-3459 or [Allen.Bergeron@austintexas.gov](mailto:Allen.Bergeron@austintexas.gov) for additional information; TTY users route through Relay Texas at 711.

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