

## COMMISSION ON VETERAN AFFAIRS MEETING MINUTES



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**REGULAR MEETING  
March 21, 2018**

The Commission on Veteran Affairs convened in a regular meeting on March 21, 2018 at City Hall located on 301 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin Texas 78701.

Chair Jason Denny called the Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Jason Denny - Chair  
Pete Salazar- Vice Chair  
Chris Ehlinger  
Phillip Gutierrez

Josephine Hinds  
Adrenne Mendoza  
Molly Potter

Staff in Attendance: Karen Haywood, Allen Bergeron, Tina Lee

#### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Chair Denny asked the Commission members to review the minutes from the Special Called meeting on February 21, 2018. Commissioner Potter made a motion to approve the February meeting minutes and Vice Chair Pete Salazar seconded the motion. Motion passed with no objection.

#### 2. BUSINESS

- No Business discussed

#### 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

N/A (No public hearings during this meeting)

#### 4. STAFF UPDATES

- The City Clerk's Office provided a refresher training course to the Commission
- Women Veterans Luncheon for the City of Austin being held on March 28<sup>th</sup>.
- New Fellowship with ABIA available
- SDVBE to be presented at next meeting with the Purchasing Department.
- NY Film Veterans Workshop to be held on April 14 at the Convention Center.

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### **5. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

- Gene Villa, USMC disabled Veteran discussed the situation of the news media stereotyping military veterans in a negative way due to the recent bombings in Austin Texas.
- Jonathan Leistiko from TexVet discussed with the commission on providing a needs assessment for the Veteran Resource Center.

**ADJOURN:** Jason Denny adjourned the meeting at 8:06PM. Without objection