



**COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
May 19, 2021**

The Commission on Veteran Affairs convened in a Regular Meeting on May 19, 2021 via videoconference meeting.

Chair Doris Williams called the Board Meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

Board Members in Attendance:

Doris Williams - Chair	Jason Denny
Manuel Jimenez - Vice Chair	Thomas Just
Alfred Bingham	Kevin Lenau
Jose Carrasco	Adrenne Luna

Staff in Attendance: Tina Lee
Jonathan Babiak

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Williams asked the Commission members to review the minutes from the regular called meeting on March 19, 2021. Vice Chair Jimenez made a motion to approve the meeting minutes and Commissioner Mendoza seconded the motion. Motion passed with no objection on a vote of 8-0.

2. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Update and status of the Service Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise from the Purchasing Office.

Yolanda Miller, Deputy Purchasing Officer, City of Austin Purchasing Office, addressed the Commission and answered questions from members. The Commission discussed this item. The Commission took no action on this item.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Update from Vice Chair Jimenez as the Liaison for the Commission on the newly developed Winter Review Task Force Group. (Sponsors: Manuel Jimenez, Doris Williams).

Vice Chair Jimenez updated the Commission on this item. The Commission discussed this item. The Commission took no action on this item.

- b) Discussion and possible action on the process for the City of Austin to formally identify veterans in encampments. (Sponsors: Pete Salazar, Manuel Jimenez)

The Commission discussed this item. The Commission took no action on this item.

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c) Officer Nominations and Elections.

Vice Chair Jimenez nominated himself for the Office of Chair. Chair Williams closed the nominations. Vice Chair Jimenez was elected Chair on a vote of 8-0.

Commissioner Mendoza was nominated by Vice Chair Jimenez for the Office of Vice Chair. Chair Williams closed the nominations. Commissioner Mendoza was elected Vice Chair on a vote of 8-0.

4. STAFF UPDATES

a) Introduction of Carol Johnson, Civil Rights Officer, City of Austin Office of Civil Rights and discussion and possible action regarding Commission on Veteran Affairs and Office of Civil Rights.

Carol Johnson, Civil Rights Officer, introduced herself and answered questions from members.

ADJOURN: Chair Williams adjourned the meeting at 2:08 PM without objection upon motion by Commissioner Bingham and second by Commissioner Mendoza.