

Ricky Fernandez, Chair
Ryan Antes, Vice Chair
Sylvia Contreras, Commissioner
Juanita Doplemore, Commissioner
Carlos Gonzalez, Commissioner



Gustavo Orozco, Commissioner
Mike Shaknovich, Commissioner
Josh Smith, Commissioner
Kiniko Willingham, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fernandez called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Ryan Antes, Ricky Fernandez, Mike Shaknovich, Kiniko

Present: Willingham, Juanita Doplemore and Gustavo Orozco

Commissioners Sylvia Contreras, Carlos Gonzalez and Josh Smith

Excused:

19-005VA Recommendation to approve the minutes for the Veterans Affairs
Commission meeting held on January 09, 2019

**A motion was made by Chair Orozco, seconded by
Commissioner Antes, to approve recommendation. The
motion carried by the following vote:**

Yes: 6 - Ryan Antes, Ricky Fernandez, Mike Shaknovich, Kiniko
Willingham, Juanita Doplemore and Gustavo Orozco

Excused: 3 - Sylvia Contreras, Carlos Gonzalez and Josh Smith

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public comment.

REGULAR AGENDA

CHAIR REPORT

No Chair report.

STAFF REPORT

Commissioners were reminded to complete their required Ethics training and to submit their certificates of completion as soon as possible.

To date, 16 stakeholder interviews have been completed and two more have been scheduled. Intern Zeena Aljawad has been instrumental to scheduling these interviews. Now is the time to reach out to the additional organizations and individuals identified as "priority" by the Commission, especially those who have connections with individual Commissioners. The deadline for either conducting or scheduling interviews is March 1. Interviews may be conducted by phone. Commissioners may contact staff with any questions.

19-006VA Recommendation to discuss US VETS/Veterans Commission employment and education panel in March

Commissioner Orozco reported that the tentative date (March 29) for the Veterans employment and education panel will need to be pushed back. At this time, US VETS does not have the capacity to play a lead role. Commissioner Orozco has reached out to new partners to assist with the event, which comprises not only a panel discussion but also networking opportunities for Veterans and companies interested in hiring Veterans. New partners will help bring panelists and employers to the table as well as determine the location of the event and how to best promote it.

This VA-Agenda Item was received and filed.

19-007VA Recommendation to discuss Veterans Commission strategic plan

Ginger Lee, Collective Impact and Operations Bureau Manager, proposed an agenda for a Commission strategic planning retreat as well as some possible dates in April for the retreat. In the weeks leading up to retreat, a number of tasks will be underway, including a "last push" for stakeholder interviews, transcribing all of the interviews, coding and analyzing the interview data, and combining the interview data with the literature review of Veterans issues (now in draft form), and data from additional sources such as the VA and the Health

Department's Homeless Services Division into a draft document and presentation.

This VA-Agenda Item was received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff shared the second annual "First Responders and Military Day", sponsored by Councilmember Supernaw (CD 4), which will take place Saturday, February 23, at Circle Audi, and the local American Legion post 496's celebration of the 100th birthday of the American Legion on March 23, at the Centre in Lakewood.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Ryan suggested that the Veterans education and employment panel and the strategic plan be on the March agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fernandez adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.