

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
VETERANS AFFAIRS
COMMISSION MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2020
HEALTH DEPARTMENT MAIN BUILDING
2525 GRAND AVENUE, ROOM 204, 5:00 PM**

Ricky Fernandez, Chair
Ryan Antes, Vice Chair
Jesse Blanco, Commissioner
Sylvia Contreras, Commissioner
Juanita Doplemore, Commissioner



Carlos Gonzalez, Commissioner
Gustavo Orozco, Commissioner
Mike Shaknovich, Commissioner
Josh Smith, Commissioner

FINAL AGENDA & MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fernandez called meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Marlen Gudiel, Dick Fulton and John Oppenheim were also present.

Commissioners Jesse Blanco, Juanita Doplemore, Carlos Gonzalez, Mike
Present: Shaknovich, Josh Smith, Ryan Antes and Ricky Fernandez

Commissioners Sylvia Contreras and Gustavo Orozco

Excused:

20-006VA Recommendation to approve minutes for the Veterans Affairs
Commission meeting held on February 12, 2020.

This VA-Agenda Item was approve recommendation.

Yes: 8 - Jesse Blanco, Sylvia Contreras, Juanita Doplemore, Carlos
Gonzalez, Mike Shaknovich, Josh Smith, Ryan Antes and
Ricky Fernandez

Excused: 1 - Gustavo Orozco

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public present did not have comments.

REGULAR AGENDA

20-007VA Recommendation to discuss city Veteran employees mixer and strategic plan with Adelita Lopez, Office of Civic Innovation in City Manager's Office.

Adelita Lopez with the City Manager's office reported on the first mixer of city Veteran employees in January. She proposed that the Commission partner with her team to host the second such mixer in late spring. Discussion followed. The Commission motioned to approve planning and co-hosting a mixer.

PRESENTATION

Frank McIlquham, executive director of Music is the Remedy, Rock the Vets, presented on his organization and its upcoming events. The group was recently profiled on the nightly news and he shared the video.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Finalizing the strategic plan will continue to be on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fernandez adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.