

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

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2021  
DHHS COMM. DISEASE & EMERG.  
RESPONSE (CDER)  
3861 WORSHAM AVENUE  
LAKEWOOD, CA 90712, 5:00 PM**

Ryan Antes, Chair  
Josh Smith, Vice Chair  
Jesse Blanco, Commissioner  
Sylvia Contreras, Commissioner  
Juanita Doplemore, Commissioner



Ricky Fernandez, Commissioner  
Gustavo Orozco, Commissioner  
Mike Shakhovich, Commissioner

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**FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Antes called meeting to order at 5:12 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Also in attendance: Gina Overholt, Diana Tang, Sarah Green, Laath Martin, Kelly Colopy, Councilmember Supernaw, Britny Coker-Moen, Marlen Gudiel, Aracelis Gonzalez, Joey, Veronica Allen, and Jesse Soria.

**Commissioners** Jesse Blanco, Sylvia Contreras, Juanita Doplemore, Ricky

**Present:** Fernandez, Gustavo Orozco, Mike Shakhovich, Josh Smith and  
Ryan Antes

**3. FLAG SALUTE**

Vice Chair Smitty led the flag salute.

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Ms. Tang expressed her gratitude to the Commission for continuing to meet in the pandemic era and for the holiday card. She shared her family's connection with the military.

**5. CHECK-IN**

All in attendance briefly introduced themselves.

6. 21-013VA Recommendation to approve minutes for Veterans Affairs Commission meeting held on November 9, 2021.

**A motion was made by to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**7. VETS. STRAT. PLAN DESIGN REVIEW & DISCUSSION**

Laath Martin, Communications Specialist with CDER, shared his draft design for a few pages of the plan, explaining the concept, navigation and design elements. The Commission expressed their appreciation for the new design direction.

8. 21-014VA Recommendation to discuss Veterans banners program.

**A motion was made by Chair Antes, seconded by Commissioner Shaknovich, to approve recommendation to make Smitty Chair of the banners subcommittee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Antes adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

**10. HOLIDAY PARTY**

A festive celebration including a slide show, refreshments, a white elephant gift exchange and an ugly sweater contest followed.