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**Alameda County Veteran Affairs Commission  
Commission Meeting  
May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 9:30am  
Maxwell Park Room, Eastmont Mall, Oakland CA  
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES**

**ACVAC Commissioner Present:**

- O. Farmer (Chair)
- D. Williamson (Vice-Chair)
- M. Gilmore
- D. Williamson
- F. Jaffin
- R. Forbes
- J. LoParo
- J. Phair
- R. Parshall
- K. Warner

**County Staff Present:**

- Mariana Austin
- Charles Jones
- Jonathan Montaño-Flores
- Clinton Taxdahl (VSO)
- Marlisa Davis

**ACVAC Commissioners Absent:**

- G. Owens (excused)
- B. Rizvi

Item	Discussion/ Recommendations
A. CALL TO ORDER Welcome & Introductions Adopt agenda	Meeting Chaired by O. Farmer called to order at 9:35am Roll Call of Commissioners Quorum achieved.  Commission approve agenda 05/15/2023: Meeting agenda adopted by Commission as read.
B. MEETING MINUTES	Commission approve Commission meeting minutes – 04/17/2023: Meeting minutes adopted by Commission as red.
C. POTENTIAL REMOVAL OF COMMISSIONERS DIAZ AND PARSHALL	1. Commissioner Parshall has attended the meeting and intends to stay in the Commission. 2. Commissioner Diaz has sent in a letter of resignation and will no longer be in the Commission.
D. COMISSION REPORTS	1. Executive: No Report

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	<p>2. Membership:</p> <p>a. Scheibels, Wilson and McVane have applied but are awaiting appointment</p> <p><b>ACTION ITEM:</b> Get clarification on reappointment process.</p> <p>3. Budget: No Report.</p> <p>4. Outreach:</p> <p>a. The Commissioners will take turns to attend the Veterans Town Hall in Oakland</p>
E. OTHER ITEMS	<p>No announcements</p> <p><b>Next Meetings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Executive Committee: June 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am.</li> </ul>
F. ADJOURNMENT	<p>Meeting adjourned at 10:07am.</p>

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**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**ACVAC Commissioner Present:**

- O. Farmer (Chair)
- D. Williamson (Vice-Chair)
- M. Gilmore
- D. Williamson
- F. Jaffin
- R. Forbes
- J. LoParo
- J. Phair
- R. Parshall
- K. Warner
- N. Harrison

**County Staff Present:**

- Mariana Austin
- Charles Jones
- Jonathan Montaña-Flores
- Clinton Taxdahl (VSO)
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**ACVAC Commissioners Absent:**

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- B. Rizvi

Item	Discussion/ Recommendations
1. CALL TO ORDER Welcome & Introductions Adopt agenda	Meeting Chaired by O. Farmer called to order at 10:08am Roll Call of Commissioners Quorum achieved.  Commission approve agenda 05/15/2023: Meeting agenda adopted by Commission as read.
2. MEETING MINUTES	Commission approve Commission meeting minutes – 04/17/2023: Meeting minutes adopted by Commission as read.
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS	None
4. VETERANS DAY LUNCHEON	1. Commission agrees with Veterans Day Luncheon in honor of Supervisor Valle to be held on 11/10.
5. COMMITTEE REPORTS	1. Executive: a. Possible removal of Commissioners: i. Commissioner Parshall attended the meeting and intends to stay in the Commission. ii. Commissioner Dias has submitted a Letter of Resignation

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	<p>iii. Commissioner Remoaldo – tabled until June meeting</p> <p>2. Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 19 voting positions,</li> <li>b. Current Vacancies with the Commission: American Legion (1); Veterans of Foreign Wars (1); American Vets (1); Women Vets (1); Marine Corps League (1); Disabled American Veterans (1), Widows of Veterans (1)</li> </ul> <p>3. Budget: None</p> <p>4. Outreach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Commissioner Williamson would like to extend a standing invitation to the Commission to come to their Veteran Town Hall to talk about the Commission and do some outreach work. The meetings are bi-monthly, and the next one is on July 7<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul> <p>5. Bylaws - None</p> <p>6. NBVC-COL C. Young Campaign Initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Commissioner Farmer is working on the formal application and will reach out to the Port Commission.</li> </ul> <p>7. VSO Concerns Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Refer to the end of the document the Committee has put together.</li> </ul> <p>8. Veteran's Day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Commissioner Parshall is joining the Committee</li> <li>b. The Commission will look into possibly having an event in Oakland.</li> </ul>
<p>6. TENTATIVE LOCATIONS FOR 2023 UPCOMING MEETINGS.</p>	<p>1. Motion for June meeting to be held on 06/20 at Swords to Plowshare (M) LoParo (S) M. Gilmore Approved.</p> <p>2. Motion for July meeting to be held on 07/17 at Oakland City Hall (M) M. Gilmore (S) Williamson Approved.</p> <p>3. Motion for August meeting (M) Jaffin (S) LoParo Approved.</p>

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	<p>4. Motion for September meeting to be held on 09/18 at Las Positas College in Livermore. (M) M. Gilmore (S) LoParo Approved.</p> <p>5. Motion for October meeting be held at Cal Berkley ROTC. (M) LoParo (S) Jaffin Approved.</p>
7. ANOUNCEMENTS	<p>1. The Alameda County Veteran Services Officer has resigned and his last day is 05/19<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>2. The letters of support for AB 46 were delivered to the State of California Appropriations Committee. They will either send the Bill for a vote or hold it.</p> <p><b>Next Meetings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General Meeting: June 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am.</li> </ul>
3. ADJOURNMENT	Meeting adjourned at 12:05pm.