



Alameda County Veterans Affairs Commission

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: June 20th, 2022

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual (Zoom Meeting)

Meeting Called to order at 10:012am by Chair Steven Johnson.

Salute Colors-in-Place

Minute of Silence for MIA POW

Commissioner's Role Call: B. Rizvi(EA); R. Parshall; S. Johnson; D. Williamson; F. Jaffin; L. Diaz(A); K. Warner(A); R. Forbes; J. "Skip" Phair; N. "Nate" Harrison; G. Owens(A); M. Gilmore; B. Remoaldo (EA); O. Farmer; J. LoParo; E Gilmore (A).

Staff Present: Mariana Austin, Rebecca Ramos, Kareem Hazard, Clinton Taxdahl, Mariana Austin

Motion to approval of Minutes for the 05/22/2022:

- (M) Harrison
 - (S) Williamson
- Approved.

Public Comments: None

Staff Comments: None

Correspondence: None

Guest Speaker: None

Subcommittee Reports

1. Executive:

- a. **Chair Johson:** reminder that all appointed commissioners must take the AB 1234 Ethics Training within a calendar year from appointment.
- b. Please track your ACVAC Terms of Office expiration date. Re-appointments follow the same procedure as initial appointment Terms of Office IAW.
- c. Chair Johnson will be leaving the Commission. The August meeting will be his last meeting as a member of the commission.

ACTION ITEM: ACVSO to check on the status of the appointment letters of Commissioner Williamson and Commissioner M. Gilmore.

ACTION ITEM: ACVSO to confirm who is the new unit clerk.

2. **Membership:** Steven Johnson, Ronald Parshall & Luis Diaz
 - a. The commission currently has:
 - Sixteen (16) commissioners
 - Fifteen (15) voting commissioners
 - One (1) non-voting commissioner
 - Four (4) openings
 - b. Two Commissioners will not be reapplying.
3. **Budget Sub-committee:** Commissioner Phair (**2 vacancies**)
 - a. Health Services has \$25,000 (twenty-five thousand dollars) to support County Commissions. ACVAC would like to start working on requesting funds to assist the Commission specially with Veterans Day.
4. **Outreach Sub-committee:** Commissioner Williamson (**1 vacancy**)
 - a. Commissioner Williamson is working on a way to use the Veterans Media Network as a tool to recruit new Commissioners.
 - b. The Committee participated on a Fundraiser for Good --- to help generate more funds for their program.
 - c. The Commission will reach out to Veteran Organizations in the city of Oakland, in an attempt to join efforts to be visibility to Oakland veterans.
5. **Staff:** Clinton Taxdahl, Veteran Services Officer
 - a. 5 new Veterans Service Representative have been onboarded.
6. **Event(s) Report Summary**
 - a. Commissioner Phair attended the Cedar Lawn Memorial Day Ceremony in Fremont.
 - b. Commissioner Jaffin attended the USS Hornet Memorial Day Ceremony.
 - c. Commissioner LoParo and Commissioner Owens attended the City of Alameda Memorial Day Ceremony.
7. **Memorial Day Committee**
 - a. Motion to discharge the Memorial Day Committee
(M) Jaffin
(S) Harrison
Approved.
8. **Young Campaign Initiative Committee**
 - a. None.

Announcements

1. Mentors needed for Veterans Treatment Court – contact Chair Johnson for further information.
2. Purchase individual and/or Veteran's Organization engraved bricks and pavers. Pavers surrounding the large six-sided granite memorial monument in the center at Veterans Memorial Park, Union City, CA.
3. Town Hall on July 1st at 10am-1pm. 2323 Broadway, across from the YMCA in Oakland.

4. California State Guard Military Museum Command. We protect, preserve, and intrepid the military history of the state of California. If you have any military artifacts for donation, please feel free to contact Mike Gilmore at mikegilmore.579@gmail.com.
5. Two pieces of legislation that affects veterans are being voted:
 - a. SB 837 remove the fee to have the Veteran designation on the Driver's license.
 - b. SB 37 affects disabled veterans by reducing their property tax.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15pm.

Next Meeting August 18th at 10:00am via Zoom.