



ALAMEDA COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Executive Meeting Agenda

Monday, March 18, 2024

9:30 AM to 10:00 AM

In-Person Attendance:

Laney College - B.E.S.T. Center

900 Fallon St

Oakland, CA, 94607

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Free parking is available in the East 8th St Student/Faculty Lot A. [Click here for a map](#)

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I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum
- B. Review and Approval of 2.19.2024 Executive Meeting Minutes
- C. Review and Approval of Executive Meeting Agenda

II. RON PARSHALL RESIGNATION

III. BAQAR PROCLAMATION UPDATE

IV. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Membership
- B. Budget
- C. PAL Legislation Recommendations
- D. Outreach & Veteran Observance Days
- E. VSO
- F. Street Plaques
- G. Stand Up/Down

**ALAMEDA COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION****General Meeting Agenda**

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10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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Public participation at Commission meetings is encouraged during the public comment period. We request that individuals limit their comments on any single item on the agenda to two minutes.

10:00 – 10:02

CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum
2. Review and Approval of 2.19.2024 General Meeting Minutes
3. Review and Approval of General Meeting Agenda

10:02 – 10:03

SALUTE COLORS-IN-PLACE

10:03 – 10:04

RECITE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

10:04 – 10:05

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR POW/MIA VETERANS

10:05 – 10:20

PUBLIC COMMENT

10:20 – 11:20

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Executive
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3. Budget
4. PAL Legislation Recommendations
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7. Street Plaques
8. Stand Up/ Down

Andrea Ford, Agency Director

Faith M. Battles, Assistant Agency Director

11:20-11:50	GUEST SPEAKER: Jean Carey – Laney College Veteran Resource Center
11:50-11:55	STAFF UPDATE
11:55-12 PM	ORAL COMMUNICATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS
12:00 PM	ADJOURNMENT

THE COMMISSIONS' PURPOSE

[Article 3 §§ 1 and 2][CA admin code § 2.92.040 - Duties]

The commission **SHALL ADVISE & ASSIST the BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** on matters relating to veterans & their families as may pertain to meeting their basic needs for **veterans' benefits, housing, food, shelter, & employment**:

1. Assist in all **VETERANS' OBSERVANCE DAYS** during the year;
[***SUGGESTED - ¹ Armed Forces Day (3rd Saturday May), ² Memorial Day (Last Monday May), ³ Patriot Day (Annually September 11), ⁴ Veterans Day (11th November Annually).***]
2. Promote, develop, & identify the needs of the veterans and their families.
3. Submit recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding programs, plans, goals, policy, & procedures dealing with veteran services.
4. Review annually the status of veterans' benefits.
5. Study, investigate & research veterans' matters in Alameda County so that services to veterans can be coordinated and maximized.

The Commission's purpose & objectives to ADVISE & ASSIST the Board of Supervisors are accomplished through:

- Attending and speaking at civic/community activities.
- Membership in Veterans' Organizations.
- Individual contacts within the Community.
- Membership in Civic Organizations.
- Membership in Honor and Color Guard Units.
- Personal Commitment.
- Participation in Eastbay Stand-Downs.
- Lobbying (Any attempt by individuals or private interest groups to influence the decisions of a politician or public official on an issue), etc.

[Reference: Outlined in the 5/24/2021, 7/22/2019, 11/26/2018, and 9/26/2016 Annual Veterans Affairs Commission Report to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors]