



Alameda County Veterans Affairs Commission

Special Meeting Minutes

Date: January 24th, 2022

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Location: Virtual (Zoom Meeting)

Meeting Called to order at 10:03am by Chair Steven Johnson.

Salute Colors-in-Place

Minute of Silence for MIA POW

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

Staff Present: Clinton Taxdahl, Tamyra Simpson, Mariana Austin, Yolanda Newton

Motion to approval of Minutes for the 11/18/2021:

- (M) Owens
 - (S) LoParo
- Approved.

Public Comments: None

Staff Comments: None

Correspondence: None

Guest Speaker: None

Subcommittee Reports

1. Executive:

- a. All appointed commissioners have to take the Ethics training within a calendar year from appointment.
- b. Newly appointed/re-appointed Commissioners are not considered a voting member of ACVAC until your Oath of Office is executed before a Notary Public (notarized) or administered by a Clerk/Deputy Clerk and filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

2. Membership: Steven Johnson, Ronald Parshall & Luis Diaz

- a. Chair Johnson reviewed the roster to ensure information was accurate. The commission currently has:

- Seventeen (17) commissioners
 - Sixteen (16) voting commissioners
 - Three (3) openings
 - One (1) commissioner in the process of resigning.
 - One (1) commissioner in the process of being removed due to absences.
3. Finance Sub-committee – Commissioner Guillory **(2 vacancies)**
Motion to resubmit \$500 to the USS Hornet Foundation.
 - (M) Jaffin
 - (S) Williamson

Approved.
 4. Bylaws Sub-committee **(2 vacancies)**
 - a. None – Bylaws still pending revision by County Counsel.
 5. Outreach Sub-committee – Commissioner Williamson **(1 vacancy)**
 - a. Commissioner Forbes: The Commissioner was able to do some outreach and assist a homeless veteran to enroll in a voucher program. The commissioner has also been in touch with the Capo Creek Ranch to possibly have veterans working on the farm.
 6. Staff – Clinton Taxdahl, Veteran Services Officer
 - a. 3 vacancies for VSR
 - b. Interviews for VSR happening in February.
 7. Event(s) Report Summary
 - a. None
 8. Nomination Subcommittee for the 2022 Term – Commissioners Rizvi, Warner, and Harrison
 - a. Chair Johnson and Vice-Chair Williamson took the Oath of Office.
 - b. Motion to discharge de Ad-Hoc Nomination Committee until September 2022
 - (M) Jaffin
 - (S) Williamson

Approved.

Agenda Items:

1. Letter Supporting NBVC-COL Charles Young Promotion Campaign: still pending as the Commission is waiting for an answer from the BOS legal counsel.
2. VFW National Webs

Announcements

1. Mentors needed for Veterans Treatment Court – contact Chair Johnson for further information.
2. Sign up for the Weekly Newsletter for the Veterans of Foreign Wars. | [The Veterans of Foreign Wars \(VFW\)](#)

Meeting adjourned at 10:51am.

Next Meeting February 28th at 10:00am via Zoom