



Alameda County Veterans Affairs Commission

Special Meeting Minutes

Date: February 28th, 2022

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual (Zoom Meeting)

Meeting Called to order at 10:00am by Chair Steven Johnson.

Salute Colors-in-Place

Minute of Silence for MIA POW

Commissioner's Role Call: B. Rizvi; R. Parshall; S. Johnson; D. Williamson; F. Jaffin; L. Diaz; 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 01/24/2021:

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

Public Comments: None

Staff Comments: None

Correspondence: Memorandum from County Counsel.

Guest Speaker: None

Subcommittee Reports

1. Executive:

- a. Chair Johson: remind that all appointed commissioners have to take the Ethics training within a calendar year from appointment.
- b. Commissioners Phair, Owens and Farmer appointed to Executive Subcommittee.
- c. Resignation: The Commission has received a Letter of Resignation from Felix Guillory.
- d. Commissioners that need to reapply: Chair Johnson, Commissioner Gilmore and Commissioner Parshall.

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
 - Four (4) openings
 - One (1) commissioner in the process of resigning.
3. **Finance Sub-committee: Commissioner Phair (2 vacancies)**
 - a. Commissioner Phair appointed by Chair Johnson to the Finance Sub Committee.
 - b.
4. **Bylaws Sub-committee (2 vacancies)**
 - a. Commission to review and ratify the revised version in March Meeting.
5. **Outreach Sub-committee: Commissioner Williamson (1 vacancy)**
 - a. Commissioner Forbes: Fire Station 8 in College Avenue will be converted into a Food Hub connected with the Alameda County Food Bank in an effort to solve food insecurity.
6. **Staff: Clinton Taxdahl, Veteran Services Officer**
 - a. 3 vacancies for VSR
 - b. Interviews for VSR happening in March.
7. **Event(s) Report Summary**
 - a. None

Agenda Items:

1. **Letter Supporting NBVC-COL Charles Young Promotion Campaign:** County Counsel advised the Commission know that they need the approval of the Board of Supervisors in order to send out a Letter of Support.
2. Motion to invite the Project Manager of the Alameda Point Project to come talk to the Commission.
 - (M) Diaz
 - (S) OwnesApproved.

Commissioner LoParo will contact the Project Manager and make the appropriate arrangements.

Announcements

1. Mentors needed for Veterans Treatment Court – contact Chair Johnson for further information.

2. On March 4th, The Veterans Community Media Network will host a townhall event to be held at 330 Franklyn, Oakland CA, from 10am – 1pm. There will be available resources available on site during the event, such as groceries, toiletries and haircuts.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25am.

Next Meeting March 21th at 10:00am via Zoom.