



REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, June 13, 2023 – 6:00 pm
Room 416, San Francisco City Hall

IKRAM MANSORI, PRESIDENT
JASON CHITTAVONG, VICE-PRESIDENT
JOSEPH BABA, WILLIAM BARNICKEL, DOUGLAS BULLARD,
HANLEY CHAN, DEBORAH DACUMOS, COURTNEY ELLINGTON,
CHRISTOPHER MCDONALD, STEPHEN MARTIN-PINTO, COURTNEY MILLER,
NICHOLAS RUSANOFF, JORDAN SUN

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA REVIEW

SET AGENDA [Action]

PRESENTATION

- Rod Kearney, Administrator of the Metropolitan Fresh Start House in San Francisco.
[Presentation – 10 minutes / Discussion – 10 minutes]



COMMUNICATIONS

Officers' Reports

President
Vice President
Staff Secretary

CVSO Report

Elena Kim, CVSO

Supervisor Liaison Reports

District 1: Sup. Chan – Commissioner Bullard
District 2: Sup. Stefani – Commissioner Chan
District 3: Sup. Peskin – Commissioner McDonald
District 4: Sup. Engardio – Commissioner Barnickel
District 5: Sup. Preston – Commissioner Chittavong
District 6: Sup. Dorsey – Commissioner Rusanoff
District 7: Sup. Melgar – Commissioner Chan
District 8: Sup. Mandelman – Commissioner Dacumos
District 9: Sup. Ronen – Commissioner Miller
District 10: Sup. Walton – Commissioner Ellington
District 11: Sup. Safai – Commissioner Bullard

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- April 11, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes [Action]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Revisions to VAC Bylaws [Discussion / Possible Action]



NEW BUSINESS

- AB 684: Proposed legislation to provide a stipend for county veterans service officers in counties with active military bases. A resolution drafted by Commissioner Chan will be reviewed for commission's approval. [Discussion / Action]
- AB 718: Proposed legislation to conduct a study of mental health among female veterans in California. A resolution drafted by Commissioner Chan will be reviewed for commission's approval. [Discussion / Action]
- The Second Chance Program: Commissioner Courtney Ellington will share details about a bill currently being drafted to provide temporary relief and housing assistance to veterans with Other Than Honorable and Dishonorable discharge. The program will provide up to two years assistance as veterans work on a discharge upgrade. [Discussion]
- Veterans Justice Court Update: Brief update about work being accomplished at the Veterans Justice Court, a stand-alone collaborative court of the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco. The court's objective is to provide substance abuse and mental health treatment, as well as academic and vocational skills improvement to help lead to job placement and retention. [Discussion]

GOOD WELFARE

This is the opportunity for members of the Veterans Affairs Commission to share special thanks and congratulatory remarks for the good welfare taking place in the veteran community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An opportunity for commission members to share information on veterans affairs activities or briefly comment on San Francisco veterans related news.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

An opportunity for members of the public to directly address the Commission on items of interest to the public that are within the subject of veteran affairs. Members of the public should address the commission as a whole and not direct comments to a specific commissioner. Speakers are allowed up to two minutes for comments. Each member of the public will be allotted the same number of minutes to speak. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

Members of the public who want a document placed on the overhead, please notify the commission secretary in advance for assistance.



HONORS REPORT AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

In memory of American service members in all wars and conflicts who made the ultimate sacrifice. We also remember the passing of homeless veterans, veterans who died while awaiting approval of benefits, and suicides within the veteran and armed service communities.

ADJOURNMENT

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Veterans Affairs Commission Meetings:

General meetings of the SFVAC are scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month, with the exception for the month of July, when there is no scheduled SF VAC meeting, and are held in Room 416 in City Hall.

Meeting confirmation, and specific announcement of general meetings are made via public posting of the Meeting Agenda as required by law, at least 72 hours prior to scheduled meetings. Agendas for SFVAC meetings (and archived meeting minutes) are available on the SFVAC Pages of the City of San Francisco website.

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