



REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 – 6:00 pm
Room 416, San Francisco City Hall

IKRAM MANSORI, PRESIDENT
JASON CHITTA VONG, VICE-PRESIDENT
JOSEPH BABA, WILLIAM BARNICKEL, DOUGLAS BULLARD,
HANLEY CHAN, DEBORAH DACUMOS, COURTNEY ELLINGTON,
STEPHEN MARTIN-PINTO, COURTNEY MILLER,
NICHOLAS RUSANOFF

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Public Comment will be called prior to commission vote for all actionable agenda items. Speakers are allowed up to two minutes to speak and comments must relate to specific agenda topic. The Chair may limit total testimony to 30 minutes. There is also an agenda item for general public comment.

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SUBSTITUTE FOR PRESIDENT/VP: During September 12 meeting, VP Chittavong requested a volunteer to lead meeting if both President and VP are absent. Commissioners Chan and Martin-Pinto volunteered to chair meeting if needed. [Action/Vote]

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SET AGENDA [Action]

PRESENTATION

- Update from San Francisco VA Medical Center
Presentation organized by Commissioner Bill Barnickel
Presenter: Kathleen Mink, Health Systems Specialist, SF VA Medical Center
[Presentation: 10 minutes / Discussion with Commission: 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 – VACANT
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

- September 12, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes [Action]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Implementation of Veterans Priority in BMR Housing Lottery [Discussion]
- Public Defender at Veterans Justice Court (VJC). Follow up to VJC presentation at September 12 commission meeting. Commissioner Chan to provide a brief update. [Discussion / Possible Action]

NEW BUSINESS

- Amendment to VAC Bylaws. Recommendation by Commissioner Chan to change majority vote requirement to “majority of members present at a meeting.” Current bylaws require a majority of full commission for an action to pass. [Discussion]
- CA Assembly Bill 46 - Personal income taxes: exclusion: Military Services Retirement and Surviving Spouse Benefit Payment Act. Commissioner Chan will lead discussion, including review of a draft letter of support. [Discussion / Possible Action]
- Veterans Day Parade, November 5 at Fisherman’s Wharf. [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. 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, except for 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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