

VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 – 6:00 pm Room 416, San Francisco City Hall

JASON CHITTAVONG, PRESIDENT
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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SET AGENDA [Action]

PRESENTATIONS

o AmericaWorks: Veteran Employment Services: Presentation to discuss overcoming barriers to employment. PPT slides posted to VAC website.

Presenter: Aaron Ramos, HVRP Case Manager Topic added to agenda by Commissioner Rusanoff [Presentation – 10 minutes / Q&A with Commissioners – 10 minutes]



COMMUNICATIONS

Officers' Reports

President Staff Secretary

CVSO Report

CVSO representative to review January report.

[Discussion – 10 minutes / Q&A with Commissioners – 10 minutes]

Supervisor Liaison Reports

Members to decide on reporting procedure for communication with supervisors. (NOTE: Previously, each supervisor district was assigned a commissioner liaison who shared reports during monthly meetings. The Commission will decide either to continue this procedure or try something new. This is a continuing conversation from last month's meeting.)
[Discussion / Possible Action]

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes Draft [Action]

NEW BUSINESS

 Support request to BOS for ACR 126 SGT Nicole Gee; United States Marine Corps Memorial Highway. Item added to agenda by Commissioner Chan. Link to legislation was emailed to commissioners prior to meeting and included below.
 [Discussion / Possible Action]

Bill Text: CA ACR126 | 2023-2024 | Regular Session | Introduced | LegiScan.

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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