

VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, December 10, 2024 – 6:00 pm Room 416, San Francisco City Hall

JASON CHITTAVONG, PRESIDENT
NICHOLAS RUSANOFF, VICE-PRESIDENT
JOSEPH BABA, WILLIAM BARNICKEL, JAMES BOATMAN,
HANLEY CHAN, DEBORAH DACUMOS, COURTNEY ELLINGTON,
PRINCE JORDAN KELLY, DARYA KUTOVAYA,
JENNY PEREZ, JOHN REISSENWEBER

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL / CONFIRM QUORUM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SET AGENDA [Action]

PRESENTATION

Mayoral Certificate to honor 90 years of service of the San Francisco VA Health Care System. Commissioner Bill Barnickel to present.

COMMUNICATION

CVSO Report

SF CVSO Maurice Delmer [Discussion / Q&A with Commissioners – 10 minutes]



Executive Team Updates

Secretary
Vice President
President

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes Draft [ACTION / VOTE]

NEW BUSINESS

Business license one year exemption program extended to disabled veterans. Commissioner Chan met with Supervisor Melgar and will share an update with the commission. [DISCUSSION]

Veterans Justice Court Update 2024. Presented by Commissioner Rusanoff. Commissioner Rusanoff may be joined by a VJC staff member. [DISCUSSION]

EXECUTIVE TEAM ELECTIONS FOR 2025 TERM

Commission President and Vice-President Election [Vote]

Nominated during November meeting: President: William Barnickel, Vice-President: Nicholas Rusanoff. President will open floor for any additional nominations. (Note: A commissioner must be present to accept nomination.)

Election of 2025 Executive Team by roll call vote of commission.

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 about San Francisco veterans events 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, except for 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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