

Agenda

CITY COUNCIL-APPOINTED BOARDS & COMMISSIONS



Date: Wednesday, February 19, 2025
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall, Bldg. C, Conference Room B-111
276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, CA

Veterans Advisory Commission Regular Meeting

Public Comments: Public comments may be submitted to the Veterans Advisory Commission in the following ways:

- **In-Person comments during the meeting.** Join us for the Veterans Advisory Commission meeting at the time and location specified on this agenda to make your comments. Each person will be allotted three (3) minutes to address the Commission.
- **Submit an eComment.** Visit www.chulavistaca.gov/boardmeetings, locate this meeting and click on the comment bubble icon. Click on the item you wish to comment on, and then click on "Leave Comment."
- **Email comments.** Submit comments via email to VAC@chulavistaca.gov

The commenting period will close at noon on the day of the meeting. All comments will be made available to the Commission and the public.

Accessibility: *Individuals with disabilities are invited to request modifications or accommodations in order to access and/or participate in a Veterans Advisory Commission meeting by commission staff at VAC@chulavistaca.gov (California Relay Service is available for the hearing impaired by dialing 711) at least forty-eight hours in advance of the meeting.*

1. CALL TO ORDER**2. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Akana, Castro, Jimenez, Nava, Pine, Stewart, and Williams

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Persons may address the Commission on any subject matter within the Commission's jurisdiction that is not listed as an item on the agenda. State law generally prohibits the Commission from discussing or taking action on any issue not included on the agenda, but, if appropriate, the Commission may schedule the topic for future discussion or refer the matter to staff. If you wish to speak on any item, please fill out a "Request to Speak" form and submit it to the Secretary prior to the meeting or submit an electronic comment per the instructions on page one of this agenda.

4. PRESENTATIONS

The following item(s) will be presentations given to the Commission. Action on these item(s) is typically limited to the Commission receiving the presentation and providing direction or feedback to staff, as appropriate. If you wish to speak on any item, please fill out a "Request to Speak" form and submit it to the Secretary prior to the meeting or submit an electronic comment per the instructions on page one of this agenda.

5. ACTION ITEMS

The Item(s) listed in this section of the agenda will be considered individually by the Commission and are expected to elicit discussion and deliberation. If you wish to speak on any item, please fill out a "Request to Speak" form and submit it to the Secretary prior to the meeting or submit an electronic comment per the instructions on page one of this agenda.

5.1 APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 16, 2024 4

Recommended Action:

Commission to approve the meeting minutes.

5.2 APPROVAL OF EXCUSED ABSENCE OF COMMISSIONER STEWART FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 19, 2025 8

Recommended Action:

Commission to approve the excused absence form.

5.3 UPDATE ON OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE

Members of the subcommittee to present an update.

5.4 UPDATE ON VETERAN OF THE YEAR SUBCOMMITTEE

Members of the subcommittee to present an update.

5.5 UPDATE ON MILITARY REINTEGRATION PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE

Members of the subcommittee to present an update.

5.6 DEDICATED VETERAN SECTION IN MILLENIA LIBRARY

Recommended Action:

Commission to support and appeal for the library to include a section for the Veterans.

5.7 PREPARATION FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Commission to discuss preparation for Memorial Day.

OTHER BUSINESS

6. STAFF COMMENTS

7. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

8. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

9. ADJOURNMENT

to the regular meeting on March 19, 2025

Materials provided to the Veterans Advisory Commission related to any open-session item on this agenda are available for public review, please contact the Fire Department at VAC@chulavistaca.gov.

Sign up at www.chulavistaca.gov/residents/enotification to receive email notifications when agendas are published online.



REGULAR MEETING OF THE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
 City Hall, Bldg. C, Conference Room B-111
 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, CA

Present: Nimpa Akana, Elmer Jimenez, Francia Castro, Ricardo Nava,
 Lynne Pine, Anthony Stewart

Absent: Tanya Williams

Also Present: Karina Aguilar, Eric Martinez

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Veterans Advisory Commission of the City of Chula Vista was called to order at 6 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Secretary Aguilar called the roll.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. PRESENTATIONS

**4.1 EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT - VETERANS
 WORKFORCE PROGRAM**

5. ACTION ITEMS

**5.1 APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18,
 2024**

- eScribe needs to be altered to reflect commissioner Stewart as chair and commissioner Akana as vice chair.

Moved by Francia Castro

Seconded by Lynne Pine

Commission to approve meeting minutes.

Result: Carried Unanimously

5.2 APPROVAL OF EXCUSED ABSENCE OF COMMISSIONER AKANA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

Moved by Lynne Pine

Seconded by Ricardo Nava

Commission to approve excused absence from commissioner Akana.

Result: Carried Unanimously

5.3 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MILITARY REINTEGRATION SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2024 - 2025

Moved by Lynne Pine

Seconded by Francia Castro

Commission to approve the establishment of the subcommittee consisting of commissioners Nava and Stewart.

Result: Carried Unanimously

5.4 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2024 - 2025

Moved by Francia Castro

Seconded by Lynne Pine

Commission to approve the establishment of the subcommittee consisting of commissioners Pine and Castro.

Result: Carried Unanimously

5.5 UPDATE ON VETERAN OF THE YEAR AWARD AND SUBCOMMITTEE

- Subcommittee composed of commissioners Williams, Stewart and Jimenez.
- City Council to announce VOTY recipient on November 12th.
- Color guard to be present at the City Council meeting and requested by commissioner Jimenez.
- Commissioner Stewart proposed to have a VOTY float during the Starlight Parade.

OTHER BUSINESS

6. STAFF COMMENTS

- Secretary announced that she has sent VOTY and Military Reintegration Program presentation to City Council to include on the November 12th meeting.
- Secretary announced rescheduling of November meeting, having a special meeting on November 21st.
- Commissioners to receive email later in the month to get quorum.

7. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

- Commissioner Stewart highlighted the importance of the subcommittees to work on what each of them was created for.
- He went over the presentation he will be presenting to City Council on November 12th.

8. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- Commissioner Nava asked about the importance of attending City Council meetings.
- Commissioner Jimenez pointed out the Navy and Marine Corps anniversary coming up next year.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Karina Aguilar, Secretary

Karina Aguilar, Secretary

DRAFT

REQUEST FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE
City of Chula Vista Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Name: Anthony Stewart Date of Absence: February 19, 2025
Board/Commission/Committee: Veterans Advisory Commission

Chula Vista Municipal Code section 2.25.110 (C) allows board/commission/committee members, by a majority vote, to excuse a fellow board, commission, or committee member's absence from a meeting for any of the reasons listed below. **A member who is absent from three consecutive, regular meetings will be deemed to have vacated his or her membership, unless the member's absence is excused by a majority vote of the other members.** An absence is only recorded as "excused" upon receipt of a member's request and majority vote of the board/commission/committee to excuse the absence. Accordingly, if you have been absent from a regular meeting, please complete and submit this form to the chair or secretary.

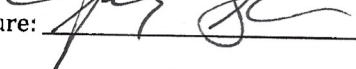
Please indicate the reason for the absence:

- 1. Illness of the member, family member of the member, or personal friend of the member;
- 2. Business commitment of the member that interferes with the attendance of the member at a meeting;
- 3. Previously scheduled vacation of the member, notice of which was provided to the respective board, commission, or committee in advance of the meeting;
- 4. Attendance of the member at a funeral, religious service or ceremony, wedding, or other similarly significant event;
- 5. Unexpected, emergency situation that prohibits the member's attendance; or
- 6. Other reason for which the member has given notice to the chair or secretary of his or her unavailability 15 days in advance, as long as the unavailability is not expected to last for longer than 30 days.

OR

The absence was not for any of the above-listed reasons. I understand that the absence will be recorded as unexcused.

I certify the reason for the absence indicated above is true and correct.

Member's Signature:  Date: 2/3/2025

If completed by secretary or staff to board/commission/committee:

Completed on member's behalf by: _____, per member's Verbal Written request
on: _____ (date) (secretary/liaison's name)