

**City of Chula Vista**  
**Regular Veterans Advisory Commission Meeting**  
**MINUTES**

June 18, 2025, 6:00 p.m.  
City Hall, Bldg. C, Conference Room B-111  
276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, CA

Present: Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Nava, Lynne Pine, Tanya Williams, Vice Chair Akana, Chair Stewart

Absent: Commissioner Jimenez

Also Present: Fire Captain Martinez, Commission Secretary Aguilar

*Minutes are prepared and ordered to correspond to the agenda.*

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

*A regular meeting of the Veterans Advisory Commission of the City of Chula Vista was called to order at 6:04 p.m.*

Francia Castro joined the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Ricardo Nava joined the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Lynne Pine joined the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Tanya Williams joined the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Vice Chair Akana joined the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Chair Stewart joined the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Fire Captain Martinez joined the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Commission Secretary Aguilar joined the meeting at 6:00 pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

*Secretary Aguilar called the roll.*

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Robert
- Wants to see more collaborations with other commissions, for example Human Relations.

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

- No presentations.

**5. ACTION ITEMS**

**5.1 APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2025**

**Moved by** Commissioner Castro

**Seconded by** Tanya Williams

- Commission to approve the meeting minutes.

**Result: Carried Unanimously**

**5.2 APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2025**

- Commissioner Pine suggests changing the time of when commissioner Nava joined.

**Moved by** Lynne Pine

**Seconded by** Tanya Williams

- Commission to approve the meeting minutes.

**Result: Carried**

**5.3 APPROVAL OF EXCUSED ABSENCE OF COMMISSIONER CASTRO AND WILLIAMS FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 19, 2025**

**Moved by** Lynne Pine

**Seconded by** Commissioner Nava

- Commission to approve the excused absence form for Commissioner Castro.

**Result: Carried Unanimously**

**Moved by** Lynne Pine

**Seconded by** Commissioner Nava

- Commission to approve the excused absence form from Commissioner Williams.

**Result: Carried Unanimously**

#### **5.4 UPDATE ON MILITARY REINTEGRATION PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE**

- Comm. Nava reached out to Maurice from San Diego Veterans Coalition to make presentations at the city's libraries.

- He also notified the commissioners that they have everything to move forward with adopting the program, especially with American Legion's support.

- The goal is to have a physical space for the program at the American Legion.

#### **5.5 UPDATE ON OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE**

- Comm. Pine stated that they want to get involved with the Veteran's Home and have presence with them. Both her and commissioner Castro will work on getting the Home's schedule of events to have a footprint form the commission.

- Comm. Stewart stated that he can help the commission get a table for the Veteran's Home Christmas event.

- Comm. Pine stated that American Legion will have a closed session for October 20th and she will be including a spot for the commission to talk about what we do.

#### **5.6 UPDATE ON VETERAN OF THE YEAR SUBCOMMITTEE**

- Comm. Akana has sent out VOTY applications to several organizations.

- Comm. Pine suggested to reach out to Military Dispatch to promote the application.

- Liaison Martinez requested Outreach Subcommittee to make a title/reel format to submit to the Communications team to consider publishing on City's socials.

- Comm. Akana plans to go to City Council meeting to ask council members to promote the VOTY award application.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

#### 6. STAFF COMMENTS

- Secretary announced that the Pledge of Allegiance will be included in every meeting from now on.

#### 7. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

- Comm. Stewart stated that he sees the subcommittees working quite well for the commission.

#### 8. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- Comm. Akana stated that the next project to have is the library Veteran Wing, where our goal is to have rotating art.
- Comm. Pine stated that there is a turnover for public libraries, and each branch has its own individual head staff.
- Liaison Martinez will provide a list of managers of each library branch.

#### 9. ADJOURNMENT

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

*Minutes prepared by: Karina Aguilar, Secretary*

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Karina Aguilar, Commission Secretary