

Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee Meeting

January 21, 2022, 10:00AM MT

Teleconference phone number 1-915-213-4096

Toll free number: 1-833-664-9267

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AGENDA

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1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Roll Call.**
3. **Discussion and Action: Annual Election of Officers**
4. **Discussion and Action to Approve Minutes of: November 19, 2021.**
5. **Vote to approve or disapprove absent or no-show members**
 - a. Bruce Biegel
 - b. Hope Jackson
6. **Citizen Comment Period:** Individuals limited to 3 minutes; no specific action may be taken.
7. **El Paso VA Health Care Clinic Update:** Mike Amaral, Director.
8. **El Paso County Veterans Assistance Program Manager Update:** Carl Dwyer.
9. **Community Update:**
 - El Paso County Veterans Advisory Board Chair Update – Alexis McCray
 - El Paso Behavioral Center – Ron Jackson
 - Institute for Veterans & Military Families Entrepreneurship Programs – Kayla Eberhardt
10. **El Paso Coalition for the Homeless Update:** Camille Castillo.
11. **Discussion and Action:** Subcommittee Chairs update on assigned focus areas.
 - Bruce Biegel – Employment
 - Hope Jackson – Homelessness
 - Tephane Hopper – Marketing and Outreach
12. **Discussion and Action:** Request for Meeting with City Manager with Chair and Sub Chairs on VAAC Strategic Plan.
13. **Division of Veteran and Military Affairs Update.**
14. **Announcements:** Limited to Veteran and Military Events pertinent to the El Paso Region.
15. **Next VAAC Meeting:** February 18, 2022, at 10:00 AM MST Virtual Meeting online.
16. **Adjourn.**

VAAC Subcommittees

Employment – Bruce Biegel (Chair), Laura Butler

Homelessness – Hope Jackson (Chair), Justin Rotti, Jonathon Bohannon, Melissa Harcrow

Marketing / Outreach – Tephane Hopper (Chair), Laura Butler, Jonathon Bohannon



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Notice is hereby given that a VIRTUAL meeting of the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee of the City of El Paso will be conducted on January 21, 2022, at 10:00 AM MST.

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In compliance with the requirement that the City provide two-way communication for members of the public, members of the public may communicate with the committee during public comment, and regarding agenda items by calling the following number:

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At the prompt, please enter the following Conference ID: 621229395#

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Members of the public may view the meeting via the following means:

Via the City's website. <http://www.elpasotexas.gov/videos>

Via television on City15

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YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofelpasotx/videos>

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Claudia L. Rodriguez

The public is strongly encouraged to sign up to speak on items on this agenda before the start of this meeting by emailing the following:

AlbrightPD@elpasotexas.gov

District 7

Henry Rivera

The following members of the VAAC will be present via video conference:

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Cissy Lizarraga

Chairman Lance Lehr, Vice-Chairman Bruce Biegel, Secretary Laura Butler, and Committee Members: Tephane Hopper, Hope Jackson, Jonathan Bohannon, Justin Rotti, and Melissa Harcrow.

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A quorum of the VAAC must participate in the meeting.

Paul Albright – Chief Military Officer

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:

The Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee of the City of El Paso may retire into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, to discuss any of the following: (The items listed below are matters of the sort routinely discussed in Executive Session, but the Veterans Affairs Advisory Community of the City of El Paso may move to Executive Session any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meeting Act.) The Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee will return to open session to take any final action and may also, at any time during the meeting, bring forward items for public discussion, as appropriate.

Section 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY

Section 551.072 DELIBERATIONS REGARDING REAL PROPERTY

Section 551.073 DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFTS

Section 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS

Section 551.076 DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY DEVICES

Section 551.087 DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

NEGOTIATIONS

Sign Language interpreters will be provided for this meeting upon request. Requests must be made to the Community Development department at phone number 915-212-1654 a minimum of 48 hours prior to the date and time of the meeting. Copies of these Minutes will be provided in Braille, large print or audiotape upon request. Requests must be made a minimum of 48 hours prior to the date and time of the meeting.

POSTED THIS 18 DAY OF Jan 2022 AT 8:30AM BY [Signature]

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