



# Special Meeting of the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee Meeting May 21, 2021 10:00AM

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## TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF OPEN MEETINGS LAWS DUE TO EMERGENCY

The Texas Governor temporarily suspended specified provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act to allow telephonic or videoconference meetings and to avoid congregate settings in physical locations.

Notice is hereby given that the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee of the City of El Paso will be conducted on May 21, 2021 at 10:00 AM.

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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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](mailto:AlbrightPD@elpasotexas.gov)

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

**Chairman Lance Lehr, Vice-Chairman Bruce Biegel, Secretary Laura Butler, and Committee Members, Tephania Hopper, Hope Jackson, Don Parrott, Reginald Daniel and Justin Rotti.**

**A quorum of the VAAC must participate in the meeting.**

**Paul Albright – Chief Military Officer**

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1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Roll Call.**
3. **Discussion and Action to Approve Minutes of:** April 16, 2021.
4. **Citizen Comment Period:** Individuals limited to 3 minutes; no specific action may be taken.
5. **El Paso VA Health Care Clinic Update:** Mike Amaral, Director.
6. **El Paso County Veterans Assistance Program Manager –** Carl Dwyer.
7. **Receive an Update on the Veterans Permanent Supportive Housing Program.** Ben Miranda
8. **Community Update:** Presentation: Combined Arms and the Texas Military Veterans Network – Ben Miranda.
  - a. Presentation: American GI Forum – Jose Orozco
9. **Discussion and Action:** Semi Annual Brief to Council scheduled June 8, 2021.
10. **Discussion and Action:** Subcommittee Chairs update on assigned focus areas.  
Bruce Biegel – Employment  
Hope Jackson – Homelessness  
Lance Lehr – Marketing and Outreach
11. **Discussion and Action:** Vote to approve the VAAC Bylaws.
12. **Division of Veteran and Military Affairs Update.**
13. **Announcements:** Limited to Veteran and Military Events pertinent to the El Paso Region.
14. **Next VAAC Meeting:** June 18, 2021 at 10:00 AM MDT Virtual Meeting online.
15. **Adjourn.**

## VAAC Subcommittees

**Employment –** Bruce Biegel (Chair), Don Parrott, Hope Jackson, Lance Lehr, Laura Butler

**Homelessness –** Hope Jackson (Chair), Don Parrott, Justin Rotti

**Marketing / Outreach –** Lance Lehr (Chair), Bruce Biegel, Laura Butler, Stephanie Hopper

## 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*



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*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 17 DAY OF May AT 1140 BY PAUL ALBRIGHT

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