

# Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee Meeting

## October 22, 2021 10:00AM



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Toll free number: 1-833-664-9267

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### MAYOR

Oscar Leeses

Notice is hereby given that a VIRTUAL meeting of the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee of the City of El Paso will be conducted on October 22, 2021, at 10:00 AM MDT.

### CITY COUNCIL

#### District 1

Peter Svarzbein

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:

#### District 2

Alexsandra Annello

1-915-213-4096 or Toll-free number: 1-833-664-9267

#### District 3

Cassandra Hernandez

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#### District 4

Joe Molinar

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

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

#### District 5

Isabel Salcido

Via television on City15

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

#### District 6

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](mailto:AlbrightPD@elpasotexas.gov)

#### District 7

Henry Rivera

#### District 8

Cissy Lizarraga

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

### CITY MANAGER

Tommy Gonzalez

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

A quorum of the VAAC must participate in the meeting.

Paul Albright – Chief Military Officer

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### AGENDA

1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Roll Call.**
3. **Discussion and Action to Approve Minutes of:** September 24, 2021.
4. **Vote to approve or disapprove absent or no show members**
  - a. Justin Rotti
5. **Citizen Comment Period:** Individuals limited to 3 minutes; no specific action may be taken.
6. **El Paso VA Health Care Clinic Update:** Mike Amaral, Director.
7. **El Paso County Veterans Assistance Program Manager** – Carl Dwyer.
8. **Community Update:** El Paso County Veterans Advisory Board Chair update  
- Alexis McCray.
9. **EL Paso Coalition for the Homeless update-** Camille Castillo
10. **El Paso Tenet Based Rental Assistance Program Quarterly update** –  
Nicole Ferrini
11. **Disability Rights Texas** - Angel Crawford
12. **IVMF Entrepreneurship Programs** – Jarod Perkioniemi
13. **Discussion and Action:** Final appointment of committee members.
14. **Discussion and Action:** Subcommittee Chairs update on assigned focus areas for City Council Briefing on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October City Council Work Session.  
Bruce Biegel – Employment  
Hope Jackson – Homelessness  
Tephanie Hopper – Marketing and Outreach
15. **Division of Veteran and Military Affairs Update.**
16. **Announcements:** Limited to Veteran and Military Events pertinent to the El Paso Region.
17. **Next VAAC Meeting:** November 19, 2021, at 10:00 AM MDT Virtual Meeting online.
18. **Adjourn.**

### VAAC Subcommittees

**Employment** – Bruce Biegel (Chair), Don Parrott, Laura Butler

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

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

### 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*



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*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<sup>th</sup> DAY OF October AT 4:45 PM BY JO

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