



Minutes Tempe Veterans Commission January 4, 2022

Minutes of the TEMPE VETERANS COMMISSION held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, 6:00 p.m., via In-person and Microsoft Teams.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Jeremy Farr, Chair
Abe McCann, Vice-Chair
Phillip Kraft
Chantele Carr
Celia Sadhu
Timothy Rogers
William "Bill" Blair

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Alfred Trevino

Staff Present:

Octavia Harris, Deputy Human Services Director

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chair Jeremy Farr called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Attendance

Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances-

The Tempe Veterans Commission welcomes public comment. According to the Arizona Open Meeting Law, the Commission may only discuss matters listed on its meeting agendas. Matters brought-up by the public under public appearances that are not listed on the meeting agenda cannot be discussed by the Commission. A three (3)-minute time limit per person will be in effect.

**Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of October 5, 2021 and December 7, 2021 minutes
Commission – review**

MOTION: Motion to APPROVE October 5, 2021, minutes by Phillip Kraft

SECOND: Motion seconded by Commission Member Chantele Carr

AYES: Chair Jeremy Farr, Commission Members Randy and Timothy Rogers

ABSENT: Commission Member Alfred Trevino

MOTION: Motion to APPROVE December 7, 2021 minutes by Commission Member Phillip Kraft

SECOND: Motion seconded by Commission Member Chantele Carr

AYES: Chair Jeremy Farr, Commission Members Bill Blair, Randy and Timothy Rogers

ABSENT: Commission Member Alfred Trevino

Agenda Item 5 – Chair’s Remarks

Chair Jeremy Farr thanked everyone for making it to the meeting tonight and kick this year off. Have a new member starting and will have another member for next meeting as well. Unfortunately, the guest speaker tonight has been postponed because of illness.

Agenda Item 6 – Introduction of newest Commission Member: Randy Elston (Arizona Coalition of Military Families)

Introduction of new Commissioner Randy Elston who thanked everyone for having him.

Agenda Item 7 –Arizona National Guard Outreach to Veterans

Guest speaker delayed until next month.

Agenda Item 8 – Enhancing Support for Veterans Update

Octavia provided update regarding dedicated position. An exciting time to show support that Tempe has for Veterans. Once position is posted will make sure that Commission is aware of that. This position will provide staff support for the Commission and the meetings. Octavia thanked the Commission for their support.

Agenda Item 9 – Commission Member Updates/Announcements

Bill – nothing, Tim- nothing new, Chantele- updates regarding schools, Randy-any ideas regarding coalition-locations, networking, outreach. Announcement made by staff regarding Tempe Chamber of Commerce- military service coins.

Agenda Item 10 – Future Agenda Items- February 1, 2022

Presenter for the National Guard will be on the next agenda.

Octavia – Arizona Department of Veteran Services- need to discuss how to change designated seat.

Agenda Item 11 – Adjournment

MOTION: Motion to adjourn by Commission Member William “Bill” Blair

SECOND: Motion seconded by Commission Member Celia Sadhu

AYES: Chair Jeremy Farr, Commission Members Phillip Kraft, Chantele Carr, Celia Sadhu, Bill Blair, Timothy Rogers

ABSENT: Commission Members Alfred Trevino

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Next meeting will be on February 1, 2022

Minutes Prepared by: Rosemary Arriaga
Reviewed by Octavia Harris

Jeremy Farr, Chair
Tempe Veterans Commission