



Veterans Advisory Board Meeting AGENDA



April 10, 2025, 5:30 pm

City Hall, Town Hall Meeting Room

2nd Floor, 118 E. Tyler Avenue

Harlingen, Texas 78550

www.myharlingen.us/page/boards.veteransadvisory

Notice is given that the Veterans Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Thurs April 10, 2025 at 5:30 pm Harlingen City Hall.

1) Call April VAB Meeting to Order – Chairperson, Adrian Galvan

Roll Call and announce quorum – Secretary, Maricela Alvarado

Pledge of Allegiance – ALL

2) Conflict of Interest:

“Under State law, a conflict of interest exists if a council member, board member, or certain members of that person’s family, has a qualifying financial interest in an agenda item. Members with a conflict of interest cannot participate in the discussion nor vote on the agenda item.” Are there any known conflicts of interest to disclose at this time? YES/NO _____ - Secretary

3) Approval of January 2025 VAB meeting minutes.

Read and review last month’s meeting minutes for any questions or corrections.

Motion to pass/accept January 2024 minutes: _____(First)
_____(Second)

No Meeting held in February 2025

Approval of March 2025 VAB meeting minutes.

Read and review last month’s meeting minutes for any questions or corrections.

Motion to pass/accept March 2024 minutes: _____(First)
_____(Second)

4) March Meeting Attendees:

Present: Chair Adrian Galvan, Vice Chair Javier Segura, Secretary Maricela Alvarado, Moises Mendoza, Steven Ritter, Alvin McClean, Mark Carrizales, Danny Trigg

City Representative: Oscar Garcia, Assistance City Manager

Absent: Danny Cantu (Spring Break), Teresita Garcia (Taking care of her mom); Trey Villela (Wife Had Surgery)

Citizens Present: Commissioner Frank Morales and Dawn Rae Leonard.

5) Citizens Communication: Special guests or other organizations present. Cori Tristan, Veteran: Assisting Homeless Veterans

6) OLD BUSINESS:

March Meeting:

- a). Chair Adrian Galvan welcomed new board member Steven Ritter. Steven Ritter is Marine Pilot veteran.
- b). VAMAC VAB representation and feedback: Javier Garcia attended the meeting and Moises Mendoza will begin attending the meetings on behalf of the VAB
- c). Presentation of activities executed by other VAB in the area. Alonzo Cavazos who was going to present information on what other VABs are doing did not present due to his decision to leave the VAB.
- d). Discussion on Information Book for VAB members to use during Market Days and any other event. Adrian Galvan stated that he was prepared to present a short briefing on the material available for market days. No specific date and time was decided because it was important to ensure maximum participation from VAB members. Training date TBD.
- e). Discuss possible future events the VAB members might want to participate in Maricela wanted to ensure we stay on the lookout for future city events which would be of interest to the board and local veterans.
- f). Identify volunteers for April Market Days. Moises Mendoza, Mark Carrizales, and Adrian Galvan volunteered to man the VAB Table.

- g). Board Member Pins: Vice Chair Javier Segura informed the board that he was purchasing lapel pins and would be presenting them to the VAB members. It is a gift from him to the VAB members.
- h). Protocol when addressing the Commission. Vice Chair Javier Segura made a statement that VAB members should inform the VAB when and if they are to address the Commissioners. Board members should be informed of any discussion of VAB business and or about a board member prior to speaking to the commissioners.
- i). Treatment of fellow veterans in public. Javier Segura further informed the VAB Members that any discussion of a board member should be professional at all times. That it was not acceptable to negatively speak of a fellow veteran at the City Commission Meeting.

7) NEW BUSINESS:

- a). Training for Market days to be held after the monthly VAB meeting.
- b). Update on Bi-law by City Representatives:
- c). Upcoming Events the VAB might want to participate in: Memorial Day
- d). VAMAC VAB representation and feedback.
- e). Identify volunteers for April Market Days.
- f). Board Member Pins
- g). Keep Harlingen Beautiful plans on painting a veteran's mural at Pendleton Park
- h). Facebook Page and New VAB Webpage
- i). Attendance tracking and decide on when to make recommendations of replacements to commissioners.

Announced next meeting – Thurs. May 8, 2025 at 5:30 pm City Hall 118 E. Tyler Avenue.

Motion to Adjourn meeting: _____ (First)

Motion to Adjourn meeting: _____ (Second)

Meeting was adjourned at _____ pm:

Posted this 4th Day of April 2025 at _____ a.m./p.m. and remain so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of the said meeting

Dated this 4th Day of April 2025

Maricela Alvarado
Veterans Advisory Board Secretary