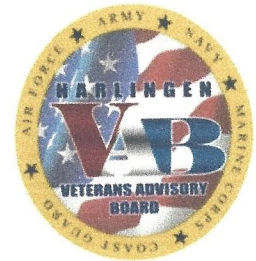




Veterans Advisory Board Meeting AGENDA



May 8, 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 May 8, 2025 at 5:30 pm Harlingen City Hall.

1) Call May 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 April 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)

4) April Meeting Attendees:

Present: Chair Adrian Galvan, Vice Chair Javier Segura, Secretary Maricela Alvarado, Danny Cantu, Teresita Garcia, Mark Carrizalez, Steven Ritter, Narciso “Trey” Villela III, City Representative: Oscar Garcia, Assistance City Manager

Absent: Alvin McClean, Danny Trigg, Moses Mendoza

Citizens Present: Commissioner Frank Morales and Cori Tristan (Veteran:assisting Homeless Veterans)

5) Citizens Communication:

6) OLD BUSINESS:

March Meeting:

- a). Training for Market days to be held after the monthly VAB meeting: Adrian Provided details on Paperwork and handouts used during market Days. Adrian stated that the handouts were really helpful to Veterans.
- b). Update on Bi-law by City Representatives: Oscar Garcia, Assistant City Manager stated that The Bi-laws are being reviewed and there should be an update and possibly approved by the May VAB Meeting.
- c). Upcoming Events the VAB might want to participate in: Memorial Day. The Pendleton Park Memorial Service was discussed and several members stated they would attend the event.
- d). VAMAC VAB representation and feedback. Attendees to the VAMAC must fill out an application form.
- e). Identify volunteers for May Market Days. Adrian, Javier (If he is not out of town) Steven and possibly Teresita
- f). Board Member Pins. Javier stated that the pins were ready but he had not had a chance to pick them up.
- g). Keep Harlingen Beautiful plans on painting a veteran's mural at Pendleton Park. Maricela informed the group that the City of Harlingen would be hiring an artist to paint a military mural on the Park's Bathrooms. A comment by several members was made in reference to the rocks and possibly getting them painted as well. Maricela will present the issue to the Keep Harlingen Beautiful Committee.
- h). Facebook Page and New VAB Webpage. The current VAB Facebook page was not working and Oscar stated that he would discuss the issue with the Harlingen City MIS team to see if it can be accessed or create a new one.
- i). Attendance tracking and decide on when to make recommendations of replacements to commissioners. A list will be started and commissioners will be notified when members miss too many meetings. Ultimately, it will be the commissioners decision to keep or replace members.

7) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Volunteers for June Market Days
- b) Update on Pins/Presentation of Pins (Javier Segura)
- c) VAMAC update / feedback
- d) Memorial Day events and any other VA events taking place within our community
- e) Bylaws update, City Representative

Announced next meeting – Thurs. June 12, 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 2nd Day of May 2025 at 2:25 a.m. (p.m.) and remain so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of the said meeting

Dated this 2nd Day of May 2025

Maricela Alvarado

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Veterans Advisory Board Secretary