



Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Agenda

July 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 July 10, 2025, at 5:30 pm Harlingen City Hall.

1) Call July 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 June 2025 VAB meeting minutes.

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

Motion to pass/accept June 2025 minutes: Steven Ritter(First), Moses Mendoza(Second)

4) June Meeting Attendees:

Present: Chair Adrian Galvan, Vice Chair Javier Segura, Secretary Maricela Alvarado, Mark Carrizalez, Moses Mendoza, Steven Ritter, Danny Tigg

Absent: Danny Cantu, Teresita Garcia, Narciso “Trey” Villela

Citizens Present: **Nicole Rios**, Harlingen Community Development: informed the board on the new Veterans Grant the city of Harlingen recently obtained and begins on 1 July. The VAB will be informing veterans during market days. **David Cardenas**, Texas Veterans Commission (Rural Veterans career advisor): informed the board on services provided to veterans on career counseling and employment services. He works closely with the workforce to identify veterans who qualify for career grants.

5) Citizens Communication: Jerry Pena, Causas por la Gente

6) OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Volunteers for July Market Days: Maricela, Moses, and Javier supported the event
- b) Update on Pins: Javier issued the pins to Chair, Galvan and he presented them to the team.
- c) VAMAC update / feedback
- d) It was decided to be more involved in the community. More discussion during July Meeting
- e) Bylaws: Approved Bylaws were approved to Board Members. New members were informed that if they identified issues with the bylaws, to present them during the July Meeting.
- f) Facebook issue: VAB Facebook is locked; might need new page. Discuss during the July Meeting.

7) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Volunteers for August Market Days
- b) VAMAC update / feedback
- c) Upward Bound Lunch Session Feedback (Adrian Galvan)
- d) VAB Facebook Page update.
- e) VAB Participation in upcoming community events discussion
 - Veterans Career Expo Oct and November Veterans event at the convention Center: Javier
 - Back to School events; Veteran's Day Event (luncheon, info event)
 - Thanksgiving Dinner Event; HEB Feast of Giving
 - Christmas Parade; Christmas Tree Decoration; Lighting of the Tree
 - Toys for Tots (Or some kind of Toy Drive)
- f) Bylaws discussion if needed.
- g) Discuss process for informing Commissioners of Members missing multiple meetings.

Announced next meeting – Thurs. Aug 14, 2025, at 5:30 pm City Hall 118 E. Tyler Avenue.

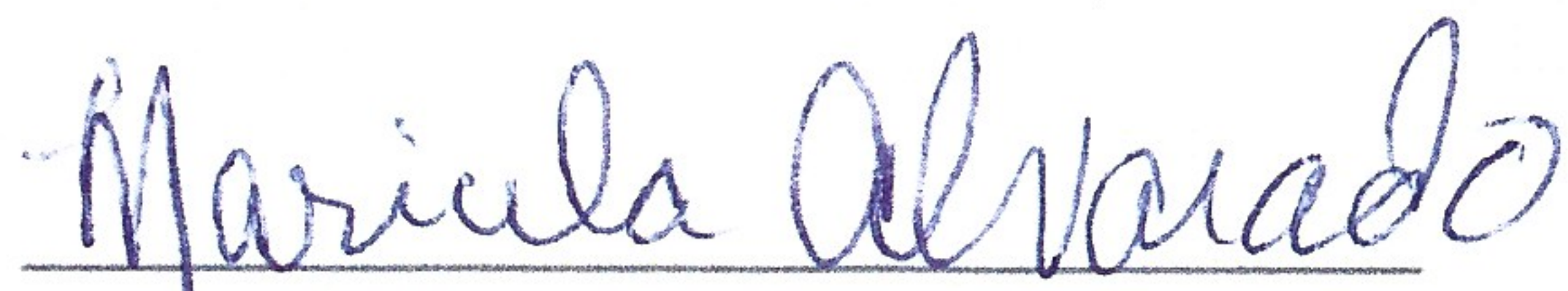
Motion to Adjourn meeting: _____ (First)

Motion to Adjourn meeting: _____ (Second)

Meeting was adjourned at _____ pm:

Posted this 3th Day of July 2025 at 3:35 a.m./p.m. and remain so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of the said meeting.

Dated this 3th Day of July 2025



Maricela Alvarado

Veterans Advisory Board Secretary