



VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, February 10, 2026 – 6:00 pm
Room 416, San Francisco City Hall

WILLIAM BARNICKEL, PRESIDENT
HANLEY CHAN, VICE-PRESIDENT
JOSEPH BABA, JAMES BOATMAN, DEBORAH DACUMOS,
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RAMAYTUSH OHLONE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission acknowledges that we are on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula. As the indigenous stewards of this land and in accordance with their traditions, the Ramaytush Ohlone have never ceded, lost, nor forgotten their responsibilities as the caretakers of this place, as well as for all peoples who reside in their traditional territory. As guests, we recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland. We wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the Ancestors, Elders, and Relatives of the Ramaytush Ohlone community and by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL / CONFIRM QUORUM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SET AGENDA [Action]



COMMUNICATION

CVSO Report

[Present Report / Q&A with Commissioners – 15 minutes]

Executive Team Updates

Secretary

Vice-President

President

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes Draft

[ACTION / VOTE]

NEW BUSINESS

- Coordinate follow-up on responses to the Commission’s January outreach letters to the Board of Supervisors. Replies from Districts 2 and 8 include invitations for one or two commissioners to meet with supervisors’ staff to discuss veteran issues specific to their districts. Commissioners interested in participating should coordinate with the Commission Secretary after this meeting. [DISCUSSION/ POSSIBLE ACTION]
- Review and vote on a draft letter to the Board of Supervisors expressing the Commission’s concern regarding the Streamlining Task Force’s recommendation to remove “Commission” from the Veterans Affairs Commission name. The letter outlines the Commission’s position on this recommendation and urges the Board of Supervisors to reject it. The draft was shared with commissioners prior to this meeting and posted on the VAC website. [ACTION]
- Recognize passage of CA SB 694 and discuss need for additional measures to protect veterans from online fraud. SB 694 addresses predatory practices targeting veterans’ benefits. The Commission will discuss need for broader protections against online scams and work to identify a potential expert speaker to present on this issue at a future meeting. [DISCUSSION / POSSIBLE ACTION]



OLD BUSINESS

- Review and vote to approve a draft letter from the Commission to Supervisor Alan Wong's office regarding VA home loans. Commissioner Rusanoff will lead discussion. This action follows last month's meeting, where the topic was initially discussed. The draft letter was shared with commissioners prior to the meeting and posted to VAC website. [ACTION/VOTE]

GOOD WELFARE

This is the opportunity for members of the Veterans Affairs Commission to share special thanks and congratulatory remarks for the good welfare taking place in the veteran community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An opportunity for commission members to share information about San Francisco veteran events or briefly comment on San Francisco veterans related news.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

An opportunity for members of the public to directly address the Commission on items of interest to the public that are within the subject of veteran affairs. Members of the public should address the commission as a whole and not direct comments to a specific commissioner. Speakers are allowed up to two minutes for comments. Each member of the public will be allotted the same number of minutes to speak. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

Members of the public who want a document placed on the overhead, please notify the commission secretary in advance for assistance.

HONORS REPORT AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

In memory of American service members in all wars and conflicts who made the ultimate sacrifice. We also remember the passing of homeless veterans, veterans who died while awaiting approval of benefits, and suicides within the veteran and armed service communities.

ADJOURNMENT

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Veterans Affairs Commission Meetings:

General meetings of the SFVAC are scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month, except for July, when there is no scheduled SF VAC meeting, and are held in Room 416 in City Hall.

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