



## **VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

### **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

Tuesday, June 9, 2026 – 6:00 pm  
Room 416, San Francisco City Hall

WILLIAM BARNICKEL, PRESIDENT

HANLEY CHAN, VICE-PRESIDENT

JOSEPH BABA, JAMES BOATMAN, CHANNIE BARKER, DEBORAH DACUMOS,

PRINCE KELLY JORDAN, ADITYA LAKSHMINARAYAN, JENNY PEREZ,

JOHN REISSENWEBER, NICHOLAS RUSANOFF

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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.

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**CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONER**

**ROLL CALL / CONFIRM QUORUM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**SET AGENDA [Action]**



## **PRESENTATION**

### Introduction to VetsBoats Foundation

VetsBoats Foundation was founded by veterans, for veterans. Its focus is to deliver therapeutic sailing programs to veterans suffering from the invisible wounds of war, enabling veterans to transition from isolation to participation and purpose.

Presented by Matt Goettelman, VetsBoats Director of Development and Board Member  
[Presentation – 10 minutes / Q&A with Commissioners – 10 minutes]

## **COMMUNICATION**

### **SFCVSO Report – CVSO Acting Director**

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

### **Executive Team Updates**

Secretary

Vice-President

President – general remarks, including update on Mayor Certificates of Honor for two CVSO employees.

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

May 12, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes Draft

[ACTION / VOTE]

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Review and Approval of Draft Letter Regarding JROTC Resolution (BOS File No. 260223)**

The Commission will review and consider approval of a draft letter that conveys its support for the JROTC program and addresses recent actions related to the resolution, which concerns preserving JROTC in SFUSD. This item follows comments made by Vice President Chan at last month's meeting regarding the Youth Commission's feedback on Resolution 260223. [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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