



County of El Dorado

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

Minutes - Draft Veteran Affairs Commission

Todd Smith, District I - Alternate Robert Fischer
Roger Reynolds, District II - Alternate Donna Mullens-Becker
Christopher Vinton, District III - Alternate Seth Culver
Ken Welch, District IV - Alternate Tim Thompson
Gary Norton, District V - Alternate Thomas Millham
Jon Brown, VSO, Secretary Ex-Officio
Courtney Frame, Recording Clerk of Veteran Affairs
Commission

Thursday, July 10, 2025

12:00 PM

<https://edcgov-us.zoom.us/j/91249101434>

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INSTRUCTIONS: The Commission meeting room will be open to the public. The meeting will continue to be live-streamed via Zoom. By participating in this meeting, you acknowledge that you are being recorded.

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PROTOCOLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment will be received at designated periods as called by the Commission Chair.

Individuals will have three minutes to address the Commission. Except with the consent of the Commission, individuals shall be allowed to speak to an item only once.

Individual Commission members may ask clarifying questions but will not engage in substantive dialogue with persons providing input to the Commission.

If a person providing input to the Commission creates a disruption by refusing to follow Commission guidelines, the Commission Chair may take the following actions:

Step 1. Request the person adhere to Commission guidelines. If the person refuses, the Commission Chair may turn off the speaker's microphone.

Step 2. If the disruption continues, the Commission Chair may order a recess of the Commission meeting.

Step 3. If the disruption continues, the Commission Chair may order the removal of the person from the Commission meeting.

CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - 12:00 PM**ROLL CALL**

Present: 6 - Commissioner Norton, Alternate Thompson, Commissioner Welch, Alternate Fischer, Chair Reynolds and Commissioner Vinton

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Millham, Alternate Mullens, Alternate Culver and Vice Chair Smith

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS AND WELCOME**ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

All items on the Consent Calendar are to be approved by one motion unless a Commission member requests separate action on a specific item including moving items to or from the Consent Calendar and adopt the Agenda and the Consent Calendar for discussion. At the appropriate time as called by the Chair, members of the public may make a comment on matters on the Consent Calendar prior to Commission action.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **25-1212** Commission to review and approve mileage reimbursement for Veteran Affairs Commissioners for the month of June 2025.

Attachments: [June 2025 MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT](#)

2. **25-1213** Commission to review and approve Veteran Affairs Commission June 12, 2025 meeting minutes.

Attachments: [Draft Minutes Veteran Affairs Commission 6-12-25](#)

A motion to adopt the agenda and approve the consent calendar was made by Commissioner Welch; seconded by Commissioner Fischer.

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Norton, Commissioner Welch, Alternate Fischer, Chair Reynolds and Commissioner Vinton

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**EX-OFFICIO REPORT - RECEIVE AND FILE (Brown)**

- 25-1285** Veterans Service Officer (VSO) Brown reported that the Veterans Service Representatives (VSRs) participated in a virtual training session sanctioned by the California Association of County Veterans Service Officers (CACVSO) in June to maintain their accreditation status. Next, Brown shared that the CalVet six-month audit is due by July 31. He reported that Senior Office Assistant Bonnie Steward has helped streamline the audit process, and thanks to her efforts, the Veterans Service Office is expected to report increased retroactive and monthly dollar amounts for the past six months. Next, Brown also reported on Senate Bill 694, which aims to protect veterans and consumers by safeguarding sensitive personal information and preventing unauthorized individuals from accessing or profiting from veterans' benefit claims. The bill is currently under review. Next, Brown reported that for the month of June, the Veterans Service Office recorded 114 walk-in visitors, 70 scheduled appointments, and 265 incoming phone calls. Lastly, Brown reported that there was no update regarding South Lake Tahoe.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - RECEIVE AND FILE

- TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax) (Reynolds) - Commissioner Reynolds reported that there was no meeting held in July. He reported that the TOT distributed \$90,000 to the El Dorado Community Foundation, as approved at the June Veterans Affairs Commission (VAC) meeting.
- RULES (Welch) - Commissioner Welch stated there was nothing to report.
- HOUSING (Welch) - Commissioner Welch stated there was nothing to report.
- LEGISLATIVE (Smith) - Commissioner Smith was not available to provide a report.
- TRANSPORTATION (Thompson) - No report was provided for Transportation.
- BUDGET (Reynolds/Mullens-Becker) - Commissioner Reynolds stated that there was nothing to report.
- EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT (Mullens-Becker) - Commissioner Mullens-Becker was not available to provide a report.
- OUTREACH (Reynolds) - Commissioner Reynolds reported that he continues to post updates on the Veterans Affairs Commission Facebook page. He is in the process of learning how to use Instagram and may need assistance with navigating the platform. Reynolds expressed gratitude to Commissioner Welch for providing a program that helps convert documents into JPG format, which has made uploading files easier.

- 25-1321** Public Comment VAC Rcvd 7-10-25

Attachments: [Public Comment VAC Rcvd 7-10-2025](#)

Public Comment: J. Shuman

COMMUNICATIONS' REPORTS - RECEIVE AND FILE

- **VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING – VETERANS HOUSE COUNCIL (Reynolds)** - Commissioner Reynolds reported that the Veterans Memorial Building (VMB) House Council meeting scheduled for the previous week was canceled. He shared that the rescheduled meeting would take place tonight, July 10, at 6:00 PM.
- **AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER (Zelinsky)** - Zelinsky reported that he has been working with Commissioner Vinton to assist incarcerated veterans in South Lake Tahoe by connecting them to the Public Defender's Office. Next, Zelinsky reported that he is working with a veteran and his child who were recently evicted and referred to him by the Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless. Zelinsky, in collaboration with Only Kindness, Volunteers of America, and Housing and Urban Development and Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH), was able to arrange overnight accommodations for the family and will continue assisting them over the next few days to help them get settled. Next, Zelinsky reported that he meets biweekly with a collaborative group focused on supporting homeless veterans. This group shares information about various organizations and resources available to help those in need. Next, Zelinsky reported that he is working with HUD employee Rebecca Yarros, who has been instrumental in providing support for homeless veterans in the Georgetown area. Next, Zelinsky reported that he is currently assisting a Marine veteran in securing housing at Victory Village. However, the placement was delayed due to issues involving the veteran's dog, which was not neutered, resulting in the veteran being turned away. Next, Zelinsky reported that he is working with Jean Shuman of Jake's Journey Home in El Dorado Hills to provide case management services to homeless veterans. The Commissioners expressed their appreciation to Zelinsky for his continued dedication and hard work on behalf of the veteran community. Lastly, Zelinsky reported speaking with a veteran about obtaining a Service Connection for their time in service and advised them to visit the Veteran Services Office on a walk-in day to consult with a VSR.
- **EDC VETERANS ALLIANCE** - Commissioner Reynolds reported that the Veterans Alliance met on July 14 at the Veterans Memorial Building (VMB). The group conducted a recap of the Memorial Day event and began planning for the upcoming Veterans Day event. Reynolds shared that he was asked to follow up with a few organizations for the Veterans Alliance's Veterans Day event. Lastly, Reynolds reported that the Board of Supervisors is scheduled to review the El Dorado County Veterans Memorial Criteria on Tuesday, July 15, at 9:00 AM.
- **VA VET CENTER/MILITARY FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP/EL DORADO VETERAN RESOURCES (Whalen)** - Whalen was not available to provide a report.
- **REGIONAL VETERAN EVENTS** - Commissioner Reynolds stated there was nothing to report.

GOOD OF THE ORDER (COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS)**OPEN FORUM**

Open Forum is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Veteran Affairs Commission on subject matter that is not on their meeting agenda and within their jurisdiction. Public comments during Open Forum are limited to three minutes per person. The Commission Chair may limit public comment during Open Forum.

Public Comment: D. Zelinsky

NEXT MEETING LOCATION, DATE & TIME

August 14, 2025 at 12:00 PM

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ADJOURNMENT - 12:31 PM