



MINUTES

ORANGE COUNTY VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

December 4, 2024

2:00 PM

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Location:

Tierney Center – Great Room
1231 Warner Ave.
Tustin, CA 92780

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair, Alexis Federico
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. COUNCIL ROLL CALL: OC Community Services Representative
PRESENT: Erik Duane, Alexis Federico, Robert McDonald, Kathryn Morrison, Michael Radigan, Steven Vargas, Stephanie Wade
ABSENT: John Burick
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:
At this time, members of the public may address the Council regarding any items within the subject jurisdiction, provided that no action is taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law. (Comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes unless the Chair pre-identifies a different time at the start of meeting for all public speakers).
No Public Comment
5. PRESENTATIONS:

OC Veterans and Military Families Collaborative Overview

Jeff Pagano – Convener & Program Manager

Pete Seitz – OCVMFC Chair

6. ACTION ITEMS:

- i. OCVAC Meeting Schedule – Chair, Alexis Federico
Recommendation: Review and approve Option A or Option B for the Orange County Veterans Advisory Council 2025 meeting schedule per 2023 Ad Hoc Committee recommending six or seven meetings per year.
Option A: 7 Meetings – Motion by Erik Duane, Stephanie Wade seconds.
Unanimous Approval
- ii. Election of Officers – Conducted by County Staff
Recommendation: Accept nominations from the floor and conduct election for the following OCVAC positions: Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for a term of (1) year.
Chair Federico motions to nominate Steven Vargas for Chairperson, Erik Duane seconds.
Chair Federico motions to nominate Erik Duane for Vice Chairperson, Steven Vargas seconds.

7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Chair, Alexis Federico

- i. Annual Report for Council Activities: Chair to create Ad Hoc to develop an annual report of Council activities for OCVAC approval at January 2025 meeting and submission to the County by February 1st.
- ii. Chair to Appoint 2025 Standing Committee Chairs & Members (*per bylaws each council member should serve on at least one standing committee*)
Communications Standing Committee: Council member Robert McDonald is appointed as Committee Chair. Council member's Alexis Federico and John Burick are appointed to the Committee.
Events/Outreach Standing Committee: Council member Michael Radigan to remain Committee Chair. Council member Kathryn Morrison is appointed to the Committee.
Veterans Pets Ad Hoc Committee: Council member Stephanie Wade to remain as Chair of the Committee.

8. OCVSO UPDATE: Eric Ensley, Veterans Service Officer9. CALVET LINC UPDATE: Ben Gales, Local Interagency Network Coordinator10. OC4VETS UPDATE: Elana E. Randal, Orange County Health Care Agency, Service Chief11. COMMITTEES:

- i. Communications Standing Committee Report: Council Member, John Burick
- ii. Events/Outreach Standing Committee Report: Council Member, Michael Radigan
- iii. VSO Metrics Ad Hoc Committee Report: Work Completed as of 10/29/2024
- iv. Veterans' Pets Ad Hoc Committee Report: Council Member, Stephanie Wade

12. COUNCIL COMMENTS

At this time, members of this Advisory Council may comment on agenda or non-agenda matters within the subject jurisdiction, provided that NO action be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law.

13. ADJOURNMENT:**Next Meeting:**

January 8, 2025

2:00 PM Location – TBD

“Have We Helped A Veteran Today?”

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