



## Minutes Tempe Veterans Commission March 01, 2022

Minutes of the TEMPE VETERANS COMMISSION held on Tuesday, March 01, 2022, 6:06 p.m., via In-person and Microsoft Teams.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Jeremy Farr, Chair  
Abe McCann, Vice-Chair  
Chantele Carr  
William "Bill" Blair  
Phillip Kraft  
Celia Sadhu  
Randy Elston

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

**Staff Present:**

Octavia Harris, Deputy Human Services Director  
Tim Gomez, Council Aid

**Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order**

Chair Jeremy Farr called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

**Agenda Item 2 – Attendance**

**Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances-**

The Tempe Veterans Commission welcomes public comment. According to the Arizona Open Meeting Law, the Commission may only discuss matters listed on its meeting agendas. Matters brought-up by the public under public appearances that are not listed on the meeting agenda cannot be discussed by the Commission. A three (3)-minute time limit per person will be in effect.

**Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of February 15, 2022**

**MOTION:** Motion to APPROVE February 15, 2022, minutes by Abe McCann, Vice Chair

**SECOND:** Motion seconded by Commission Member Randy Elston

**AYES: Commission Members Chantele Carr, William “Bill” Blair, Celia Sadhu, Phil Kraft, Jeremy Farr, Chair**

**Agenda Item 5 – Chair’s Remarks**

**Agenda Item 6 – Arizona National Guard Outreach to Veterans- Geoffrey Partridge, Marketing Program Manager**

Mr. Partridge presenting Work for Warriors Arizona to emphasize on employment outreach for Veterans. Develop skill sets, get promoted and have a lifetime in and feel accomplished. Keeping service members well employed. Help the candidate and push through the application process. Discuss the stats of the job board. Assistance with resumes. For service members and dependents. Looking at job skills and if you have served. May contact Geoffrey Partridge to set up the service. Jeremy- Please review resources on our website to make sure it’s all up to date.

**Agenda Item 7 – Ordinance Change Update**

Update from Octavia- ordinance review committee that the ordinance must go through. Expected to go Council on April 28 agenda.

**Agenda Item 8 – Commission Member Updates/Announcements**

Bill- chorale show on March 13, Sunday afternoon- email flyer available if anyone is interested. Bill would like Randy to stop by and speak. Chantele- does not have any updates currently. Phil- does not have any updates currently. Randy- happy to speak at any event. The ACMF National Statewide Symposium will be April 20-21. If you’re interested, Randy can share more information. Celia- interested in symposium event and info on the acapella event. Abe- does not have any updates currently. Jeremy- resources to help veterans- Instruments for Success and Veteran Affinity. Look into these when you get a chance.

**Agenda Item 9 – Future Agenda Items – April 5, 2022**

Agenda items for April - guest speaker from Patriot Guard Writers, Care 7, Randy offered ACMF, go back and revisit the mentoring program. Any suggestions, concerns or comments to get into the agenda, please reach out to Octavia. Parting comments for Tim. Tim enjoyed time with the City of Tempe.

**Agenda Item 10 – Adjournment**

**MOTION: Motion to adjourn by Commission Member Phillip Kraft**

**SECOND: Motion seconded by Commission Member Chantele Carr**

**AYES: Chair Jeremy Farr, Vice Chair Abe McCann, Commission Members William “Bill” Blair, Celia Sadhu, Chantele Carr, Phillip Kraft, Randy Elston**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.**

Next meeting will be on April 5, 2022

Minutes Prepared by: Rosemary Arriaga

Reviewed by Octavia Harris

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Jeremy Farr, Chair  
Tempe Veterans Commission