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VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

12:00p.m. Thursday, November 5, 2026
Dallas City Hall, L1FN Room C
Video Conference:
https://dallascityhall.webex.com/dallascityhall/j.php?MTID=mba793ad9886998f2078b1f223660e8ee
Telephone: +1-469-210-7159 Access Code: 2486 643 0673

Public Notice

The City of Dallas provides reasonable accommodations so all residents can fully access City programs, services, meetings, and activities. Anyone who needs language interpretation, an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate should contact the board or commission's Coordinator as soon as possible, but **no later than 48 hours before the scheduled meeting**. Individuals and interested parties wishing to speak must also register with at least **one (1) business day prior to the meeting date & time**.

To request a reasonable accommodation and/or register to speak, please contact Shpendim Nadzaku at **972-504-7622 (Texas Relay: 1-800-735-2988 or 7-1-1)** or by email at **shpendim.nadzaku@dallas.gov.** A video stream of the meeting will be available two business days after adjournment by visiting https://dallascityhall.com/government/Pages/Live.aspx.

The **Veteran Affairs Commission** meeting will be held in-person at **Dallas City Hall Room L1FN Room C** and online via Webex. Members of the public are encouraged to attend the Commission meeting.

Aviso Público

La Ciudad de Dallas ofrece adaptaciones razonables para que todos los residentes puedan participar plenamente en los programas, servicios, reuniones y actividades de la Ciudad. Si necesita interpretación en otro idioma, ayuda o servicios auxiliares para comunicarse de manera efectiva, o algún cambio en las políticas o procedimientos para poder participar, comuníquese con el Coordinador de la junta o comisión lo antes posible. La solicitud debe hacerse a más tardar **48 horas hábiles antes** de la reunión programada. Las personas que deseen hablar durante la reunión también deben registrarse por lo menos **1 día hábiles antes** de la fecha y hora de la reunión.

Para solicitar una adaptación razonable o registrarse para hablar, comuníquese con el Coordinador al **972-504-7622**. También puede comunicarse por medio de **Texas Relay al 1-800-735-2988 o 7-1-1**, o por correo electrónico a **shpendim.nadzaku@dallas.gov**.

La grabación en video de la reunión estará disponible dos días hábiles después de que termine la reunión en: https://dallascityhall.com/government/Pages/Live.aspx

La reunión de **Veteran Affairs Commission** se llevará a cabo en persona en **Dallas City Hall L1FN Room C** y en línea por Webex. Se invita al público a asistir a la reunión de la Comisión.

To join online:
Click: https://dallascityhall.webex.com/dallascityhall/j.php?MTID=mba793ad9886998f2078b1f223660e8ee
Webinar Password: Password: R6PibxCBG53

To join by phone:
Dial:(469) 210-7159 Access Code: 2486 643 0673

Agenda

I. Welcome, Roll Call, & Call to Order
a. Charles Ayers, Chair of Veteran Affairs Commission (VAC)

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Public Comments on Items 4 – 8
a. Public speakers are invited to comment on agenda items for up to **3 minutes** each.
b. **Registration**: To participate, contact Shpendim Nadzaku by calling 972-504-7622 or shpendim.nadzaku@dallas.gov at least one **(1)** business day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Voting Item IV

IV. Approval of October's Meeting Minutes.
a. The Commission will vote to approve October 8, 2026 minutes.

Briefing Items V-VII

V. Dallas Public Library's Veterans Oral History Project Presentation
a. Library staff will brief the commission on the library's ongoing Veteran's Oral History Project.

VI. Veteran Affairs Commission Working Group Reports
a. The VAC working group leads shall provide updates and engage in discussion on one or more of the following topics: mental health and wellness, transition assistance, community engagement, employment services, housing, family support, benefits and claims, education and training, healthcare, legal services or the Hub for veteran resources.

VII. Discussion Item: The Annual Report Update
a. The Commission will provide an updated draft report and receive feedback. The next update will be provided during the December 10, 2026 meeting. Final feedback is requested for the report by Friday, December 18, 2026 by 4pm CST, which must be approved during the January 14, 2027, meeting. The final approved annual report needs to be submitted by February 1, 2027.

VIII. Announcements
a. Proclamation for Veterans and Military Service Members month.
b. Announcement on the VA Stand Down
c. Acknowledgment of District 2 Commissioner, Juan Preciado, on their appointment to the position of Program Manager, Veterans and Military Families.

IX. Adjournment

Public Notice of Title VI Program Rights

The City of Dallas gives public notice of its policy to uphold and assure full compliance with the non-discrimination requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related nondiscrimination authorities. Title VI and related Nondiscrimination authorities stipulate that no person in the United States of America shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

Any person who desires more information regarding the City of Dallas's Title VI Program can contact its Title VI Program Coordinator – Chris Graves – at the information noted below.

Any person who believes they have, individually or as a member of any specific class of persons, been subjected to discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability has the right to file a formal complaint. Any such complaint must be in writing and submitted within 180 days following the date of the alleged occurrence to:

Chris Graves
City of Dallas
1500 Marilla Street
Dallas, TX 75201
311 (or 214-671-8878)
TitleVI@dallas.gov

Aviso Público sobre los Derechos del Programa del Título VI

La Ciudad de Dallas da aviso público de su política de mantener y asegurar el pleno cumplimiento de los requisitos de no discriminación del Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964 y de las autoridades relacionadas sobre no discriminación. El Título VI y las autoridades relacionadas sobre no discriminación establecen que ninguna persona en los Estados Unidos de América será excluida de participar en, se le negarán los beneficios de, o será sometida de otra manera a discriminación bajo cualquier programa o actividad que reciba asistencia financiera federal, por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, edad o discapacidad.

Toda persona que desee obtener más información sobre el Programa del Título VI de la Ciudad de Dallas puede comunicarse con el Coordinador del Programa del Título VI, Chris Graves, utilizando la información de contacto indicada a continuación.

Cualquier persona que considere que ha sido objeto de discriminación, ya sea individualmente o como miembro de una clase específica de personas, por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, edad o discapacidad, tiene derecho a presentar una queja formal. Cualquier queja de este tipo debe presentarse por escrito y enviarse dentro de los 180 días posteriores a la fecha del presunto incidente a:

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comunicándose con Chris Graves, cuya información de contacto se proporciona arriba, o comunicándose con Texas Relay al 7-1-1.

Handgun Prohibition Notice for Meetings of Governmental Entities	**Aviso de Prohibición de Armas de Fuego para Reuniones de Entidades Gubernamentales**
"Pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with a concealed handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun."	"De acuerdo con la sección 30.06 del código penal (ingreso sin autorización de un titular de una licencia con una pistol oculta), una persona con licencia según el subcapítulo h, capítulo 411, código del gobierno (ley sobre licencias para portar pistolas), no puede ingresar a esta propiedad con una pistola oculta."
"Pursuant to Section 30.07, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with an openly carried handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a handgun that is carried openly."	"De acuerdo con la sección 30.07 del código penal (ingreso sin autorización de un titular de una licencia con una pistola a la vista), una persona con licencia según el subcapítulo h, capítulo 411, código del gobierno (ley sobre licencias para portar pistolas), no puede ingresar a esta propiedad con una pistola a la vista."
"Pursuant to Section 46.03, Penal Code (places weapons prohibited), a person may not carry a firearm or other weapon into any open meeting on this property."	"De conformidad con la Sección 46.03, Código Penal (coloca armas prohibidas), una persona no puede llevar un arma de fuego u otra arma a ninguna reunión abierta en esta propiedad."
EXECUTIVE SESSION NOTICE	**AVISO DE SESIÓN EJECUTIVA**
A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:	Podrá celebrarse una sesión ejecutiva a puerta cerrada si el debate de cualquiera de los puntos del orden del día mencionados se refiere a uno de los siguientes temas:
1. Seeking the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, or any matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.071]	1. Buscar el consejo de su abogado sobre litigios pendientes o contemplados, ofertas de conciliación o cualquier asunto en el que el deber del abogado ante el Concejo Municipal bajo las Reglas Disciplinarias de Conducta Profesional del Colegio de Abogados del Estado de Texas claramente entra en conflicto con la Ley de Reuniones Abiertas de Texas. [Código de Gobierno de Texas §551.071]
2. Deliberating the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the	2. Deliberar sobre la compra, el intercambio, el arrendamiento o el valor de un bien inmueble si la deliberación en una reunión abierta tendría un efecto perjudicial en la posición de la ciudad en

position of the city in negotiations with a third person. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.072]

3. Deliberating a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation to the city if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the city in negotiations with a third person. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.073]

4. Deliberating the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee unless the officer or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.074]

5. Deliberating the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.076]

6. Discussing or deliberating commercial or financial information that the city has received from a business prospect that the city seeks to have locate, stay or expand in or near the city and with which the city is conducting economic development negotiations; or deliberating the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect. [Tex Govt . Code §551.087]

7. Deliberating security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology, network security information, or the deployment or specific occasions for implementations of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices. [Tex Govt. Code §551.089]

8. Deliberating matters regarding cybersecurity measures, policies, or contracts aimed at protecting critical infrastructure facilities [Tex. Govt. Code §551.0761]

las negociaciones con una tercera persona. [Código de Gobierno de Texas §551.072]

3. Deliberar sobre un contrato negociado para un posible regalo o donación a la Ciudad si la deliberación en una reunión abierta tendría un efecto perjudicial en la posición de la Ciudad en las negociaciones con una tercera persona. [Código de Gobierno de Texas §551.073]

4. Deliberar sobre el nombramiento, empleo, evaluación, reasignación, deberes, disciplina o destitución de un funcionario o empleado público; o para escuchar una queja o acusación contra un funcionario o empleado, a menos que el funcionario o empleado que es objeto de la deliberación o audiencia solicite una audiencia pública. [Código de Gobierno de Texas §551.074]

5. Deliberar sobre el despliegue, o las ocasiones específicas para su implementación, de personal o dispositivos de seguridad. [Código de Gobierno de Texas §551.076]

6. Discutir o deliberar información comercial o financiera que la Ciudad ha recibido de un prospecto de negocios que la Ciudad busca que se ubique, permanezca o se expanda en o cerca de la Ciudad y con el cual la Ciudad está llevando a cabo negociaciones de desarrollo económico; o deliberar sobre la oferta de un incentivo financiero o de otro tipo a un prospecto comercial. [Gobierno de Tex . Código §551.087]

7. Deliberar sobre las evaluaciones de seguridad o las implementaciones relacionadas con la tecnología de los recursos de información, la información de seguridad de la red o la implementación o ocasiones específicas para implementaciones de personal de seguridad, infraestructura crítica o dispositivos de seguridad. [Código del Gobierno de Texas §551.089]

8. Deliberar sobre asuntos relacionados con medidas, políticas o contratos de ciberseguridad destinados a proteger instalaciones de infraestructura crítica [Código de Gobierno de Texas §551.0761]

VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION

REGULAR CALLED MEETING MINUTES

October 8, 2026"

Agenda ID # 260880

City of Dallas 1500 South Marilla Street 6 ES Dallas Texas
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PRESENT: [9] **Charles Ayers Presiding Chair**

District 1- Charles Ayers
District 3- Lakeydra Houston *
District 4- Kardal Coleman *
District 7- Sergio V. Ortega
District 9- Glenn R. Hunter
District 10- Mike Westrom *
District 11- Joe B. Dorfmeister
District 12- Steven Cole
District 13- Ray A. Smith *

ABSENT: [3]

District 2- Juan M. Preciado
District 5- Gayland Sherman
District 14- Matthew Bell

**Note: Members of the Board/Commission participated in this meeting by video conference. **Note: Indicates arrival time after meeting called to order/reconvened*

AGENDA

I and II. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call

With quorum being met, Chair Charles Ayers called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m., followed by the roll call, and Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Public Comments on Items IV – X

There were no public comments.

Voting Items IV-VI

IV. Vote to Approve September 10, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Chair Ayers made a motion to accept the September 10, 2026, Meeting Minutes.

- First: Commissioner Joe Dorfmeister
- Second**:** Vice Chair Steven Cole
- Vote**:** Unanimous

V. Vote to Approved Edit to 2027 Meeting Dates

Chair Ayers made a motion to not have a meeting on Thursday, July 8, 2027, during Council Recess.

- First: Vice Chair Cole
- Second**:** Commissioner Sergio Ortega
- Vote**:** Unanimous

VI. Vote to hold Special Called Meeting

Chair Ayers made a motion to have a special called meeting on Thursday, November 5, 2026.

- First: Vice Chair Cole
- Second**:** Commissioner Sergio Ortega
- Vote**:** Unanimous

Briefing Items VII-IX:

VII. Americans for Ibogaine Presentation

Chase Rowan, Ambassador, Americans for Ibogaine briefed the commission on the organization and it's work.

VIII. Title VI Presentation: Non-Discrimination in City Services

Chris Graves, Human Rights Officer, Office of Housing and Community Empowerment, briefed the commission on the City of Dallas' Title VI Program Compliance Plan, which is a plan to ensure full compliance with the non-discrimination requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

IX. Veteran Affairs Commission Subcommittee Presentation

The Veteran Affairs Commission subcommittees provided updates to the commission.

X. The Veteran Affairs Commission 2026 Annual Report

The Commission received a draft of the report. Feedback was requested to be provided in time for the November 5, meeting. The Commission was reminded that the report must be approved during the January 14, 2027, meeting. The final, approved report is due on February 1, 2027.

IX. Announcements

Shpendim Nadzaku reminded the commission of the Annual VA Stand Down that is scheduled for Thursday, October 29, 2026, at 9:00am to 2:00pm at 4900 S. Lancaster Road, Dallas, TX 75216. He mentioned that he would be present to bring awareness to the commission.

X. Adjournment

- Chair Ayers made a motion to adjourn.
- First: Vice Chair Cole
- Second**:** Commissioner Sergio Ortega
- Vote**:** Unanimous

Chair Ayers adjourned the meeting at 1:04 p.m**.**

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Approved by: Chair Charles Ayers, Vice Chair Steven Cole — Date

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Drafted by: Shpendim Nadzaku, Coordinator — Date