

**Veterans Commission
Meeting Minutes**

Monday, July 11, 2022

Present: Alfred Banfield, Hank Scherf, Lean Grant, Donna Vaillancourt, Ron Mussman, Fred Baer, Kyle Corcoran, Brandon Jones, John Nibbelin,

Staff: Selina Toy-Lee, Ed Kiryczun, Marci Dragun, Samay Chhun,

Public Comments By: None

Topic	Discussion	Actions/Next Steps
Meeting called to order & Pledge of Allegiance Recited	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm- Pledge of allegiance and roll call taken- 9 present	No Additional actions or steps
Approval of minutes & adoption of agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Minutes from May 9, 2022 Commission meetings were adopted- July 15, 2022 veterans Commission meeting agenda adopted- Approval of AB 361 agenda- Minutes Approved 9 Y/ 0 N- Agenda Approved 9 Y/ 0 N	No Additional actions or steps
Public Comments	None	No Additional actions or steps

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Ed Kiryczun, VSO Operation Update

No Additional actions
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2021 TO 2022 COMPARISON

Measure	July 1, 2021	July 1, 2022	Difference
Veteran Interactions	4,768	1,285*	NA
Total Retroactive received	\$1,281,822.13	\$1,203,417.39	-78,404.61 (-465,293.14)
Total Monthly Assistance	\$132,318.02	\$149,921.73	+17,602.98 (-21,632.52)
Claims Submitted	216	415	+199 (+123)
College Fee Waivers Granted	50	63	+13 (+3)
College Fee's Waived	\$317,898.00	\$391,926.00	+74,028 (+7,098)

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<p>Veterans Commission Business (Continued)</p>	<p>Ed Kiryczun, VSO Operation Update</p> <p>New VA Benefits Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Losing one staff for community outreach. - February 15, 2022, VA announced some proposed changes to the way it rates some disability. - Sleep Apnea will net at 50% rating - Tinnitus can be rated for alone (10%)—no longer rating tinnitus as its own condition <p>Pending Litigation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Veteran works with 4 effective dates for claims; - 1) within 1 year of end of service 2) Date of Intent is filed up to one year 3) When a claim or appeal is file 4) year from date of Veteran’s death for spousal benefit claim 	
<p>Veterans Commission Business (Continued)</p>	<p>Leah Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Up to 4 commissioner applicants - Voting approval for Kyle Corcoran - Looking to fill 1 full and 2 alternates <p>Donna Vaillancourt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update annual workplan approved to pursue a process date facilitate - SMC County new facilitator Debbie S. to assist the board and commission - Possible 3-hour meeting on-site late August—work towards making a progress to annual workplan and revisit strategic workplan 	<p>Donna Vaillancourt-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reach out to Debbie S. to have her reach out to Al Banfield, Hank Scherf and Ed Kiryczun - Date of Meeting TBA

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Veterans Commission Business (Continued)	Hank Sherf <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Veteran of the Year even will be held on November 10, 2022. Will be held at The Westin in Millbrae - Speaker will be Tom Cropper—current President of Maritime Academy - Looking for sponsors – table of 8. Each table sponsor is \$1000. - Sponsors can sit their own veterans or donate the table for us to fill 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marcy- to send letter with donation form - Ed- Ask for Marine Cover Guard - See if its possible to pull analytics for website clicks
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting adjourn at 7:26 pm 	No Additional actions or steps