



# MINUTES

## ORANGE COUNTY VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL

**November 8, 2023**

**3:00 P.M.**

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### **Location:**

1300 S Grand Ave, Building B  
Santa Ana, CA. 92705

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Stephanie Wade
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. COUNCIL ROLL CALL: OC Community Services Representative  
*PRESENT: John Burick, Erik Duane, Alexis Federico, Robert McDonald, Michael Radigan, Steve Vargas, Stephanie Wade*  
*ABSENT: Alex Maslin*
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. ACTION ITEMS:
  - i. OCVAC Meeting Schedule – Chair Stephanie Wade  
*Recommendation: Review and approve 2024 meeting schedule for Orange County Veterans Advisory Council*  
*Motion by Robert McDonald, Seconded by Erik Duane*  
*Unanimous Vote to Approve Recommendation*
  - ii. Election of Officers – Conducted by County Staff  
*Recommendation: Accept nominations from the floor and conduct election for the following OCVAC positions for a term of (1) year.*
    - a) *Chairperson*  
*Motion by Stephanie Wade to nominate Alexis Federico as Chairperson, Seconded by John Burick*

*Unanimous Vote to Approve Recommendation of Alexis Federico as Chairperson*

*b) Vice Chairperson*

*Motion by Steven Vargas to self-nominate as Vice Chairperson*

*Unanimous Vote to Approve Recommendation of Steven Vargas as Vice Chairperson*

6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Chair Stephanie Wade

- i. Annual Report for Council Activities: Chair to create Ad Hoc to develop an annual report of Council activities for OCVAC approval at January 2024 meeting and submission to the County by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

*Annual Report for Council Activities is appointed to Executive Committee, Chair Stephanie Wade and Vice Chair Alexis Federico.*

- ii. Chair to Appoint 2024 Standing Committee Chairs

*Events/ Outreach Standing Committee: Council member Michael Radigan is appointed as Committee Chair. Chair Wade is appointed to Events/Outreach Standing Committee.*

*Communications Standing Committee: Council member John Burick is appointed as Committee Chair. Council member Robert McDonald is appointed to Communications Standing Committee.*

*VSO Metrics Ad Hoc Committee: Purpose of this Ad Hoc is to report on and make VSO Metrics recommendations.*

*Council member Erik Duane is appointed as Committee Chair. Council member Steven Vargas is appointed to VSO Metrics Ad Hoc Committee.*

7. OCVSO UPDATE: Director or Designee, Veterans Service Office

8. OC4VETS UPDATE: Elana E. Randal, Orange County Health Care Agency, Service Chief  
*No Update*

9. COMMITTEES:

- i. Communications Standing Committee Report: Council Member John Burick
- ii. Events/Outreach Standing Committee Report: Council Member Michael Radigan
- iii. VSO Metrics Standing Committee Report: Council Member Erik Duane

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

At this time, members of this Advisory Council may comment on agenda or non-agenda matters and ask questions of or give directions to staff; provided that NO action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law.

11. ADJOURNMENT: