



MINUTES

ORANGE COUNTY VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL

May 14, 2025

2:00 PM

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Location:

Norman P. Murray Community Center
24932 Veterans Way
Mission Viejo, CA 92692

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1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair, Steven Vargas
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. COUNCIL ROLL CALL: OC Community Services Representative
Present: John Burick, Alexis Federico, Robert McDonald, Kathryn Morrison, Steven Vargas, Stephanie Wade
Absent: Erik Duane, Michael Radigan
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).
-Speaker Patty Lambright of Patriots and Paws asked to be on next meetings agenda to

speaking about the programs services such as no cost kennel housing and no cost vaccines for Veterans and Active Military members.

-Speaker Patty Mouton of OCVMF & Alzheimer's OC introduced herself and her affiliations.

5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Chair, Steven Vargas
6. SENATE BILLS UPDATE: Nick Berardino, President, VALOR
7. ACTION ITEMS:
 - i. OCVAC Support of AB571
Recommendation: Review and approve Chair to sign support letter on AB571 (as supported by OC BOS) on behalf of OCVAC.
Moved by Robert McDonald, Second by Stephanie Wade
Unanimous Approval
 - ii. OCVAC Support of SB55
Recommendation: Review and approve Chair to sign support letter on SB55 (as supported by OC BOS) on behalf of OCVAC.
Moved by Robert McDonald, Second by John Burick
Unanimous Approval
 - iii. Election of Vice Chairperson
Recommendation: Accept nominations from the floor and conduct election for the following OCVAC position: Vice Chairperson for a term of (1) year ending 12/31/2025.
Chair Vargas nominates Erik Duane for Vice Chairperson. Moved by Chair Vargas, Second by Alexis Federico
Unanimous Approval
8. OCVSO UPDATE: Eric Ensley, Veterans Service Officer
9. CALVET LINC UPDATE: Ben Gales, Local Interagency Network Coordinator
10. OC4VETS UPDATE: Elana E. Randol, Orange County Health Care Agency, Service Chief
11. COMMITTEES:
 - i. Communications Standing Committee Report: Council Member, Robert McDonald
 - ii. Events/Outreach Standing Committee Report: Council Member, Michael Radigan
 - iii. 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:**

June 11, 2025

2:00 PM Location – TBD

“Have We Helped A Veteran Today?”

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