



M E E T I N G S U M M A R Y

ORANGE COUNTY VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL

November 12, 2025

2:00 PM

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Location:

Orange County Community Services
OC Veterans Service Office
1300 S. Grand Ave., Building B
Newport Conference Room #232
Santa Ana, CA. 92705

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair, Steven Vargas
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
3. COUNCIL ROLL CALL: OC Community Services Representative
PRESENT: John Burick, Erick Duane, Alexis Federico, Robert McDonald, Kathryn Morrison, Michael Radigan, Steven Vargas, Stephanie Wade
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. PRESENTATIONS:

Jamboree Housing Veterans Housing Accomplishments

Kelsey Brewer, Vice President, Business Development

6. ACTION ITEMS:

- i. OCVAC Meeting Schedule – Chair, Steven Vargas
Recommendation: Review and approve the Orange County Veterans Advisory Council meeting schedule for 2026.
Motion by Erik Duane, Steven Vargas seconds.
Unanimous Approval
- ii. Election of Officers – Conducted by County Staff
Recommendation: Accept nominations from the floor and conduct election for the following OCVAC positions: Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for a term of (1) year.
Stephanie Wade nominates Erik Duane for Chairperson.
Robert McDonald nominates Kathryn Morrison for Vice Chairperson.
Motion by Robert McDonald, Stephanie Wade seconds.
Unanimous Approval
- iii. OCVAC Recommendation Letter – Chair, Steven Vargas
Recommendation: Review and approve sending OCVAC Letter of Support regarding recommendation to Relieve Hardships Related to Pet Ownership to the Orange County Board of Supervisors.
Alexis Federico suggests correction for a typo in Paragraph 3, Line 9. "but was unable..." should reflect "but the chair..."
Motion by Alexis Federico, Erik Duane seconds.
Unanimous Approval

7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Chair, Steven Vargas**8. OCVSO UPDATE: Eric Ensley, Veterans Service Officer****9. CALVET LINC UPDATE: Ben Gales, Local Interagency Network Coordinator****10. COMMITTEES:**

- i. Communications Standing Committee Report: Council Member, Robert McDonald
- ii. Events/Outreach Standing Committee Report: Council Member, Michael Radigan

11. 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.

12. ADJOURNMENT:**Next Meeting:**

January 14, 2026

2:00 PM Location – TBD

“Have We Helped A Veteran Today?”

DISCLAIMER: No member of the Orange County Veterans Advisory Council (OCVAC) shall sign a letter or make a statement purported to represent the position of OCVAC as a body. Letters or verbal statements of support or opposition on any issue shall only be made or signed by the Chair of OCVAC and shall be submitted to the Council for pre-approval. The policy of the Board of Supervisors does not allow OCVAC or its Chair to sign a letter of position on any matters pertaining to legislation. OCVAC members may write personal letters or speak as individuals stating personal positions but may not do so as representing the position or opinion of OCVAC or the County of Orange.