

# VETERANS SERVICES COMMISSION (VSC)

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

**THURSDAY, 4-18-2024  
9:00 AM**

### **Meeting held and Public Access Located at:**

NDVS Headquarters Office  
6630 S. McCarran Blvd., Bldg. C Suite 204  
Reno, NV 89509

NDVS Office  
555 E. Washington Ave Room # 3200  
Las Vegas, NV 89101

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## **AGENDA**

**Please Note:** *The Veterans Services Commission (VSC) may (1) address agenda items out of sequence to accommodate persons appearing before the Panel or to aid the efficiency or effectiveness of the meeting; (2) combine items for consideration by the public body; and (3) pull or remove items from the agenda at any time. The Panel may convene in closed session to consider the character, alleged misconduct, professional competence or physical or mental health of a person. See NRS 241.030. Prior to the commencement and conclusion of a contested case or a quasi-judicial proceeding that may affect the due process rights of an individual the board may refuse to consider public comment. See NRS 233B.126.*

*At the discretion of the Chair, public comment is welcomed by the Commission but will be limited to five minutes per person. A public comment time will be available at the beginning of the meeting and then once again prior to adjournment of the meeting. The Chair may allow additional time to be given a speaker as time allows and in his/her sole discretion. Once all items on the agenda are completed the meeting will adjourn.*

### **1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call of Members, and Establish Quorum**

**Public Comment Statement:** *Members of the public are invited to call to make a public comment on items on the meeting agenda. No action may be taken on a matter raised during public comment until the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an item for possible action. Public comments are accepted via virtual.*

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### **2. Public Comment**

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- 3. Review and Approval of 1-18-24 Meeting Minutes (For Possible Action)**
- 4. VSC Membership Status (For Discussion)**
  - a) VSC Commissioners' Term Dates
  - b) Student Veteran Enrollment Status
- 5. Miscellaneous Reports (For Discussion)**
  - a) Nevada Based VA Hospital / Clinic Reports
    1. Reno – VAMC
    2. Las Vegas –VAMC
    3. Salt Lake City –VAMC
  - b) VBA, Reno Regional Office Report
  - c) Commissioner Reports
  - d) Additional Veterans Service Organization Reports
- 6. NDVS Reports (For Discussion)**
  - a) Introduction of NDVS Director Mary Devine
  - b) Nevada State Veterans Homes
  - c) Healthcare and Suicide Prevention Programs
  - d) Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemeteries
  - e) Veterans Advocacy and Support Team Program
  - f) Employment and Education Programs
  - g) Veteran Outreach and Community Events
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Old Business (For Discussion)**
  - a) Legislative Symposia Update
  - b) Elko National Cemetery Update
- 9. Veteran of the Month (VOM) Overview and Selections (For Possible Action)**

**VOM Nominees:**

  - a) Tom Harwood (3<sup>rd</sup>)
  - b) Don Pettyjohn (2<sup>nd</sup>)
  - c) John Ostrander (2<sup>nd</sup>)
  - d) Stan Goodin (2<sup>nd</sup>)
  - e) Daniel Walker
- 10. Veteran Supporter of the Month (VSM) Overview and Selections (For Possible Action)**

**VSM Nominees:**

  - a) Kristopher Dahir (3<sup>rd</sup>)
  - b) David McGarr (3<sup>rd</sup>)
  - c) Kristin Grimm (2<sup>nd</sup>)
  - d) James Martin (2<sup>nd</sup>)
  - e) Tom Porta (2<sup>nd</sup>)
  - f) Michael Dreyer (2<sup>nd</sup>)
  - g) Henderson Service Office Corporation

- h) Dona Hoesly
- i) HUDL Brewing Company

**11. Youth Serving Veterans– Award Recognition (YSVAR) Overview and Selections (For Possible Action)**

**YSVAR Nominees:**

- a) Fiona/Faith Jersey
- b) Amber Rae Merck
- c) Marce Hertz Middle School Leadership Students
- d) Jacqueline Grote
- e) James Panariso

**12. Agenda Items for Next Meeting (For Discussion)**

**13. Next Meeting Date/Location**

Possible Date: Thursday, July 18, 2024  
Location: NDVS Reno & Las Vegas HQ Office

**14. Public Comment**

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**15. Adjournment**

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**THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PROPERLY NOTICED AND POSTED IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:**

<p><b>Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) Reno Office</b> 6630 S. McCarran Blvd. Bldg. C, Suite 204 Reno, NV 89511</p>	<p><b>Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery (SNVMC)</b> 1900 Veterans Memorial Dr. Boulder City, NV 89005</p>	<p><b>Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) Las Vegas Office</b> 555 E. Washington Ave. Rm. #3200 Las Vegas, NV 89101</p>
<p><b>Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery (NNVMC)</b> 14 Veterans Way Fernley, NV 89408</p>		<p><b>Southern Nevada State Veterans Home (SNSVH)</b> 100 Veterans Memorial Dr. Boulder City, NV 89005</p>