

# WOMEN VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WVAC)

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday, January 15, 2026 – 2:00pm

### **Meeting Held and Public Access Located**

State of Nevada, Storey Building  
7220 Bermuda Road  
Las Vegas, NV 89119

Nevada Department of Veterans Services  
9400 Gateway Dr.  
Reno, NV 89511

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## **AGENDA**

**Please Note:** *The Women Veterans Advisory Committee 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 committee, 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**

**3. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes (For possible action)**

- a. Review of 11-6-25 minutes

**4. WVAC Membership Status**

- a. WVAC Membership Terms **(For Discussion)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>	<b>Position</b>
Barbara Ortiz	6-30-2026	Chair
Annie Emprima-Martin	6-30-2028	Vice Chair
Vacant		
Sandy Schneeberger	6-30-2027	
Argie Moore	6-30-2026	
Mary Devine		Director
Starlyn Lara		NDVS WV
DAG Representation		

- b. Status on new Committee Member **(For Discussion)**

**5. New Business**

- a. 2026 Women Veterans Conference **(For possible action)**  
b. Biannual Report **(For possible action)**  
c. WVAC Project **(For possible action)**  
d. Women Veteran of the Year **(For possible action)**

**6. Reports**

- a. NDVS Update – NDVS Representative  
i. Budget Report  
ii. Legislative Update  
iii. America 2026  
b. LV VA Women's Program Coordinator - Vienna Grace Austia-Herrera  
c. Reno VA Women's Program Coordinator – Chelsea Benson  
d. SL City VA Women's Program Coordinator – Toni Pegues

**7. Old Business**

**8. Dates and Agenda Items for Next Meeting (For possible action)**

- a. Meetings for 2025/2026 (2:00PM)  
1. February 4, 2026  
2. March 13, 2026 (In person)  
3. May 6, 2026  
4. August 5, 2026  
5. November 4, 2026

**9. WVAC Committee Members Comments**

## 10. Public Comment

## 11. Adjournment

**Note:** No vote may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. (NRS 241.020)

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