



## **AGENDA FOR THE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**February 19, 2026  
THORMAN ROOM B106, 801 TEXAS AVE  
10:00 AM**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Veterans Advisory Committee will be conducted on the above date and time.

In compliance with the requirement that the City provide two-way communication for members of the public, members of the public may communicate with the Veterans Advisory Committee during public comment, and regarding agenda items by calling the following number:

1-915-213-4096 or Toll Free Number: 1-833-664-9267

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If you wish to sign up to speak please contact Luther Jones at [JonesLL@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:JonesLL@elpasotexas.gov) or (915) 332-9339 no later than by the start of the meeting.

**A quorum of the Veterans Advisory Committee members must be present and participate in the meeting.**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **AGENDA**

1. Roll Call. [BC-1738](#)
2. Discussion and Action to Approve Minutes of: January 15, 2026. [BC-1739](#)
3. Citizen Comment Period: Individuals limited to 3 minutes; no specific action may be taken. [BC-1740](#)

4. El Paso VA Health Care Clinic Update. [BC-1741](#)
5. El Paso County Update - Veterans Assistance Program. [BC-1742](#)
6. Discussion: Community update, mural in honor of local veteran and community leader Representative Carl Robinson, Debo Wakefield, El Paso County Veteran of the Year (2025). [BC-1746](#)
7. Discussion: Community update, PTSD and Suicide rates amongst women veterans, Darci Escandon. [BC-1754](#)
8. Discussion: VAC 2026 strategic plan. [BC-1743](#)
9. Discussion and Action: City Veteran of the Year. [BC-1744](#)
10. Discussion and Action: Vote to excuse absence of Ruben Ramirez from November VAC meeting. [BC-1747](#)
11. Discussion and Action: Vote to excuse absence of Melissa Harcrow and Ron Jackson from January VAC meeting. [BC-1748](#)
12. City of El Paso Veteran and Military Affairs Update. [BC-1749](#)
13. Discussion: Monthly Update from VAC Sub Committees. [BC-1750](#)
  - a. Employment- Melissa Harcrow & George Elsaesser
  - b. Homelessness- Don Brown
  - c. Mental Health- Donna Juarez
14. Discussion and Action: Vote on subcommittee placement for VAC members Ron Baker (D1) and Gina Lewis (D4). [BC-1745](#)
15. Announcements: Limited to Veteran and Military events pertinent to the El Paso Region. [BC-1751](#)
16. Discussion on proposed agenda items for next meeting. [BC-1752](#)
17. Next VAC Meeting: Thursday March 19, 2026, at 10:00AM. [BC-1753](#)

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