



AGENDA FOR THE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**February 19, 2026
MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM, 300 NORTH CAMPBELL – 2ND FLOOR
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:

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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, PTSD and Suicide rates amongst women veterans, Darci Escandon. [BC-1754](#)
7. Discussion and Action: Vote to excuse absence of Ruben Ramirez from November VAC meeting. [BC-1747](#)
8. Discussion and Action: Vote to excuse absence of Ron Jackson and Melissa Harcrow from January VAC meeting. [BC-1763](#)
9. Discussion and Action: Nominate and elect Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. [BC-1762](#)
10. Discussion and Action: Vote on subcommittee placement for VAC members Ron Baker (D1) and Gina Lewis (D4). [BC-1745](#)
11. Discussion and Action: City Veteran of the Year. [BC-1744](#)
12. Discussion: Monthly Update from VAC Sub Committees. [BC-1750](#)
 - a. Employment- Melissa Harcrow & George Elsaesser
 - b. Homelessness- Don Brown
 - c. Mental Health- Donna Juarez
13. Discussion: VAC 2026 strategic plan. [BC-1743](#)
14. City of El Paso Veteran and Military Affairs Update. [BC-1749](#)
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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Sign language interpreters will be provided for this meeting upon request. Requests must be made to Luther Jones at JonesLL@elpasotexas.gov a minimum of 48 hours prior to the date and time of this hearing.

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Roll Call.



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El Paso VA Health Care Clinic Update.



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El Paso County Update - Veterans Assistance Program.



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Discussion: Community update, PTSD and Suicide rates amongst women veterans, Darci Escandon.



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Discussion and Action: Vote to excuse absence of Ruben Ramirez from November VAC meeting.



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Discussion and Action: Vote to excuse absence of Ron Jackson and Melissa Harcrow from January VAC meeting.



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Discussion and Action: Nominate and elect Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.



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Discussion and Action: Vote on subcommittee placement for VAC members Ron Baker (D1) and Gina Lewis (D4).



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Discussion and Action: City Veteran of the Year.



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Discussion: Monthly Update from VAC Sub Committees.

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Discussion: VAC 2026 strategic plan.



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City of El Paso Veteran and Military Affairs Update.



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Announcements: Limited to Veteran and Military events pertinent to the El Paso Region.



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Discussion on proposed agenda items for next meeting.



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