

October 06, 2022

Board Chambers

Veterans Commission

MINUTES

Members

Dr. Vanessa M. Gattis
Tom Gordy
Arshad Hussain
Nancy Jean-Louis

Donnell E. Johns, Sr.
Cheryl S. H. Lamar
Tim Parrish

Present: Commissioners Vanessa Gattis, Tom Gordy, Arshad Hussain, Nancy Jean-Louis, Donnell E. Johns, Sr., Cheryl Lamar, Tim Parrish; Director Joseph Gilkerson and Admins Stacy Anderson and Veronica Marquez. Chair Tom Gordy called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Minutes

- Minutes of September 1, 2022 were approved (Parrish-motion/Gattis-seconded/Unanimous).

Public Comment Time

- None.

Administrative Comments

- Joseph Gilkerson discussed the resolution for Holiday Observances being on the November 1st, 2022 consent agenda. Will let the Commission know of any changes and updates.
- Joseph Gilkerson spoke with Communications regarding a tv spot on PWC tv and the radio station. Communications will come at a later date to discuss further.

Work Session

- Aimee Stoddard from Serving Together spoke to the Commission in person regarding services provided to the veterans in the County.

Old Business

- Discuss standing rules moved to November. Added time limit to the list of items for standing rules.

New Business

- Commissioners discussed implementing a time limit for guest speakers. Proposed a time limit of 20 minutes for the guest speaker and unlimited time for Commissioner questions. New time limit will be added to the standing rules and will vote at the November meeting.

Commissioners Time

- Commissioner Gattis – Discussed a health and wellness event occurring on Saturday October 8th from 10am to 2pm at Hylton Boys and Girls Club. the changes that will be occurring to the Veteran Survivor Benefit Plan. This event is free to the public with forty vendors and there will also be food distribution for the community.
- Commissioner Parrish – Welcomed the Chair back to the United States. Thanked the guest speaker for her presentation.
- Commissioner Johns Sr. – Thanked the guest speaker for her presentation. Discussed a monthly vet connect and you must register for event. This event is free and there is more information on the website.
- Commissioner Lamar – Discussed an article she read regarding soldiers that serve the National guard and reserve. Us Senator of New Hampshire Jeanne Shaheen was reintroducing a bill regarding National Guard and reserve veterans who are not eligible at this time to be buried in Veteran cemeteries. This bill will make reserve and National Guard soldiers eligible for these burial rights.
- Commissioner Gordy - Thanked the guest speaker for her presentation. Discussed the organization Feds Feed Families. Wished a happy 247th birthday to the Navy.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm. (Parrish-motion/Lamar-seconded/unanimous)