



# AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE VETERAN'S ADVISORY  
BOARD  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 5:00  
PM  
ATTEND VIRTUALLY

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## SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Attendance: In response to the State's declaration of a Public Health Emergency, the Mayor's Proclamation of Emergency, and the ban on public gatherings in excess of those permitted in the current Public Health Order, and the need to incorporate technology and practices to re-institute in-person meetings consistent with the limitations established by the Order, the Veterans Advisory Board meeting will be conducted virtually.

Viewing: Members of the public may join the Zoom meeting by internet or phone, as follows:

Internet: To join the Zoom meeting on the internet using a computer, laptop, smartphone, or tablet, use the following link: <https://santafenm-gov.zoom.us/j/95587237912?pwd=OWFVWGs2aEQyNGhTRDlCbFRISldRdz09>

**Passcode: 026880**

Attendees should use the "Raise Hand" function to be recognized by the Chair to speak at the appropriate time.

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Phone attendees should press \*9 to use the "Raise Hand" function to be recognized by the Chair to speak at the appropriate time.

The agenda and packet for the meeting will be posted at <https://santafe.primegov.com/public/portal>.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - a. Approval of July 27<sup>th</sup> 2021 meeting minutes



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5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

6. **PRESENTATIONS**

- a. Wreaths Across America; HRNMV (Thomas Vialpando, tvialpando@aol.com)

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and update of 2021 Veteran's Day event (Chair Seaton)
- b. Discussion of Museum, Legion & VFW activities for Veterans Day (Member Dettlebach)
- c. Discussion of Navigator activities (Elizabeth Martin, Veteran Navigator)

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

9. **MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

- a. Discussion and update of Legacy program (Member Dettlebach)

10. **MATTERS FROM STAFF**

- A. Staffing Update (Julie Sanchez, Youth and Family Services Division Director)

11. **NEXT MEETING: November 17 2021**

12. **ADJOURN**

**Persons with disabilities in need of accommodations, contact the City Clerk's office at 955-6521, five (5) working days prior to meeting date.**



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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting started at 5:04 PM

2. **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Member Richard Christensen  
Member Ken Dettelbach  
Member John Palomino  
Member Dorothy Seaton  
Member Anna M. Vigil  
Committee Member Bryan Wempen  
Committee Member Sylvia Gullingsgrud

**Members Excused:**

Member Sigrid Mabel  
Member James Williams

**Others Attending:**

Julie Sanchez, Clerk

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Member Seaton moved, seconded by Member Dettelbach, to Agenda was approved as presented.

**VOTE:** The motion was approved on the following Roll Call vote:

**For:** Member Christensen, Member Dettelbach, Member Palomino, Member Seaton, Member Vigil, Committee Member Wempen, Committee Member Gullingsgrud

**Against:** None

**Abstain:** None

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**



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a. Approval of April 29, 2021 Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** Member Dettelbach moved, seconded by Member Palomino, to April minutes approved as presented.

**VOTE:** The motion was on the following Roll Call vote:

**For:** Member Christensen, Member Dettelbach, Member Palomino, Member Seaton, Member Vigil, Committee Member Wempen, Committee Member Gullingsrud

**Against:** None

**Abstain:** None

b. Approval of March 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday every other month at 5pm was the proposed calendar date.

**MOTION:** Member Dettelbach moved, seconded by Member Palomino, to March minutes are approved as presented.

**VOTE:** The motion was approved on the following Roll Call vote:

**For:** Member Christensen, Member Dettelbach, Member Palomino, Member Seaton, Member Vigil, Committee Member Wempen, Committee Member Gullingsrud

**Against:** None

**Abstain:** None

c. Approval of June 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** Member Dettelbach moved, seconded by Member Palomino, to June minutes approved as presented.

**VOTE:** The motion was approved on the following Roll Call vote:



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**For:** None

**Against:** None

**Abstain:** Member Christensen, Member Dettelbach, Member Palomino, Member Seaton, Member Vigil, Committee Member Wempen, Committee Member Gullingsgrud

## 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public were in attendance for this meeting.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Request approval of the City created Veteran's Advisory Board to enter into a formal partnership via an MOA with Santa Fe Community College Foundation to provide up to \$18,000 a year to support scholarships to enrolled full time and part time veterans and their family members (Julie Sanchez, Youth and Family Services Division Director, [jjsanchez@santafenm.gov](mailto:jjsanchez@santafenm.gov), 505-955-6678)

Updated to include career/employment classes and invoices once were semester with the scholarships that were awarded with the money they wished to draw down.

**MOTION:** Member Dettelbach moved, seconded by Committee Member Gullingsgrud, to approve the memorandum of agreement (MOA) as presented.

**VOTE:** The motion was approved on the following Roll Call vote:

**For:** Member Christensen, Member Dettelbach, Member Palomino, Member Seaton, Member Vigil, Committee Member Wempen, Committee Member Gullingsgrud

**Against:** None

**Abstain:** None



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b. Approval of FY22 Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Calendar

**MOTION:** Member Dettelbach moved, seconded by Member Palomino, to approve the 2021 calendar as presented.

**VOTE:** The motion was approved on the following Roll Call vote:

**For:** Member Christensen, Member Dettelbach, Member Palomino, Member Seaton, Member Vigil, Committee Member Wempen, Committee Member Gullingsrud

**Against:** None

**Abstain:** None

c. Discussion of FY22 Veterans Day Event

City staff gave an update on the current city declaration which does not prohibit gatherings outside. Interim Chair Seaton requested creating a subcommittee to plan the event. Member Dettelbach stated he was working with local groups and wanted to do the event at the battan memorial and do a cookout at the Military Museum on old pecos trail center with film screenings at CCA. Interim Chair Seaton supports doing an event. Member Christensen encourages flexibility due to the possibility of another shutdown. Member Palomino stated there wasn't too much capital involved and the event should be made small just in case.

**MOTION:** Member Dettelbach moved, seconded by Member Seaton, to Approve of the creation of an events committee that will lead the planning of the FY22 Veterans Day parade.

**VOTE:** The motion was approved on the following Roll Call vote:

**For:** None

**Against:** None



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**Abstain:** Member Christensen, Member Dettelbach, Member Palomino, Member Seaton, Member Vigil, Committee Member Wempen, Committee Member Gullingsgrud

- d. Discussion of a Contract Amendment No. 2 to Contract # 21-0215 to Increase funds to support Veteran Navigation within the City of Santa Fe

**MOTION:** Member Dettelbach moved, seconded by Member Christensen, to Motion to approve an amendment to increase the contract by \$4,000, and review the contract every year.

**VOTE:** The motion was approved on the following Roll Call vote:

**For:** Member Christensen, Member Dettelbach, Member Palomino, Member Seaton, Committee Member Wempen, Committee Member Gullingsgrud

**Against:** None

**Abstain:** Member Vigil

- e. Recommendation for the appointment of Chair and process of election of the Vice Chair (per Resolution 2015-18)

Board members recommended Dorothy Seaton as the chair.

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

## 8. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Ken presented on the Veterans Legacy Project and the promotion of veteran museums across the state.

Dorothy presented on other veterans boards in New Mexico, specifically Las Cruces and Albuquerque. Dorothy will attend a meeting and report back to the board.

Dorothy presented on the veterans court initiative (restorative justice model). There's interest locally and ones are active in Las Cruces, Alamogordo and Albuquerque. John is also trying to facilitate the discussion – there are two issues. One is training and getting all



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the parties together. A new veterans court committee will be put together to address the project.

9. **MATTERS FROM STAFF**

City Staff updated board on Open Meetings Act and email etiquette – emails should be sent to just the chair and liaison and not be shared with the group as it can cause a rolling quorum.

City Staff updated board on Youth and Family Services Division vacancies.

City Staff updated board on ARPA funding

10. **NEXT MEETING: No Meeting Scheduled**

11. **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 6:13PM.

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**CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-49**

**INTRODUCED BY:**

Councilor Signe I. Lindell	Councilor Roman “Tiger” Abeyta
Councilor Chris Rivera	Councilor JoAnne Vigil Coppler
Councilor Renee Villarreal	Councilor Michael J. Garcia

**A RESOLUTION**

**IN SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL VETERAN CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION’S  
VETERANS LEGACY PROGRAM.**

**WHEREAS**, the National Cemetery Administration established the Veterans Legacy Program on Memorial Day, 2016, as the Administration’s educational outreach initiative for the nation and to memorialize veterans in perpetuity in innovative and engaging ways; and

**WHEREAS**, the Veterans Legacy Program commemorates the nation’s veterans through the discovery and sharing of their stories and encourages students and teachers at the elementary, middle, high school, and collegiate levels around the country to immerse themselves in the rich historical resources found within national cemeteries; and

**WHEREAS**, the Veterans Legacy Program is a model for local engagement in veterans’ research that can best serve each community; and

**WHEREAS**, each Veterans Legacy Program project is intended to create an experience of learning that builds a veteran’s legacy by sharing positive narratives that may be used to teach about both unique qualities of individual veterans and veterans as a community; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the National Cemetery Administration awards funding to colleges and  
2 universities to create opportunities, in partnership with their local national cemetery, for faculty  
3 members and students to research the histories of veterans interred in those cemeteries; and

4           **WHEREAS**, participants in the Veterans Legacy Program research veterans interred in  
5 national cemeteries and develop educational tools that increase public awareness of the service and  
6 sacrifice of veterans; and

7           **WHEREAS**, partners from across the country have created Veterans Legacy Program  
8 products and events that reflect the unique impact of veterans on their local communities; and

9           **WHEREAS**, the Veterans Legacy Program has facilitated the discovery of nearly one  
10 thousand veterans' stories that have been researched and shared by fifty-five college professors;  
11 two hundred college students, two hundred and sixty elementary, middle, and high school teachers;  
12 and nine thousand elementary, middle, and high school students; and

13           **WHEREAS**, the next solicitation for the Veterans Legacy Program proposals will occur  
14 in late 2020 and will provide an opportunity to share the stories of Native American and other New  
15 Mexican veterans representing diverse cultural backgrounds; and

16           **WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe Community College has established a partnership with  
17 community leaders to respond to the National Cemetery Administration's next solicitation for  
18 funding to launch a New Mexico Veteran Legacy Program that will serve residents statewide, and  
19 help educate the country about New Mexico's long and distinguished military service to the United  
20 States of America; and


21           **WHEREAS**, support for the Veterans Legacy Program follows the City's installation of  
22 banners along Cerrillos Road between I-25 and Rodeo Road commemorating the lives of those  
23 local veterans who are serving, have served, or been honorably discharged from the United States  
24 military.

25           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**

1 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that recognition and support be given to the National Veteran Cemetery  
2 Administration for the establishment of a New Mexico Veterans Legacy Program at the Santa Fe  
3 Community College.

4 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.


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ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
ERIN K. McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY

**Santa Fe**

Proposed Agenda Item

**Community College**

Governing Board Meeting

Complete this form and submit it to the Office of the President by **noon, thirteen days** before the Wednesday evening meeting of the Governing Board. If this form does not provide enough space, you may use an expanded version *as long as you follow the format specified below*. Please note: Subject line **must always** match both Agenda and Agenda Items.

Date of Board Meeting: 10/28/2020 Date of This Proposal: 10/14/2020

Check one:  Information Item  Action Item

**SUBJECT: SFCC Veterans Legacy Project Contract Application**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Management recommends that the SFCC governing board approves moving forward with this contract/grant opportunity.

**BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

Santa Fe Community College (SFCC) has agreed to serve as the State's higher education institution for the National Cemetery Administration's NM VLP. A partnership has also been established with the Santa Fe and Ft. Bayard National Cemeteries, where enshrined veterans' histories will be researched by students for the purpose of memorializing those legacies and enabling K-12 teachers to create instructional materials based on that history. This will be a statewide program with national visibility.

More than ten community and veteran organizations are partnering with the NM VLP, including the New Mexico Military Museum Foundation. In addition, The New Mexico National Guard will partner with the Program to facilitate outreach across the State. The New Mexico State Legislature endorsed the NM VLP initiative with a Certification in February 2020. And recently, we were informed that a Santa Fe City Council Resolution supporting the NM VLP is forthcoming as well.

**Estimated Cost and Budgetary Support (how will this be paid for?): \$300,000, US**

**Department of Veterans Affairs**

**RESOURCE PERSON(S) [name(s) and title(s)]: [Authorized person(s)/Originator] Steve Martinez, Assistant Professor of History, SFCC**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**New Mexico Veterans Legacy Program (NM VLP) October 2020**

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The proposed NM VLP currently includes the follow key personnel and organizational structure:

- Steve Martinez, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of History, will serve as the Program's Principal Investigator/Contractor and Point of Contact. He will also lead the Program's Innovation Leadership Team (ILT), which is the overarching group designed to support him in the administration of the NM VLP.
- Alison Johnson, M.A., Assistant Professor and Co-Program Head of Film and Media Arts, will lead the Program's Technology Strategies Team (TST) to ensure the effective use of appropriate technologies. She will also serve on the ILT.
- Peter Taussig, M.I.G., Associate Professor and Chair of Media Arts, Film and Photography, will oversee the design/graphic design elements of the Program's outreach and product production. He will also serve on the TST.
- Ken Dettelbach, J.D., Vietnam Veteran and community leader with his own successful, non-profit organization serving veterans. He will recruit numerous community and veteran organizations as NM VLP partners. He will then personally manage the relationships and activities of those Partner Organizations for the Program. Mr. Dettelbach also will serve on the ILT.
- SSG Charles V. Martinez, military historian with 20+ years of experience conducting such research along with genealogy, will lead the Program's Veteran Research Strategies Team (VRST). That group will ensure that VLP faculty and students' veteran research efforts are as efficient and effective as possible. He will also serve on the ILT.
- Kermit Hill, M.A., retired K-12 history teacher and practicing military historian specializing in the history of art in the military, will guide VLP faculty and students in their research on art in the military and also develop instructional material on that topic. He will serve on the VRST.
- K-12 teachers Patrick Harris, M.A., and Sarah Weisberg, M.S. will develop instructional materials.
- Michael Droge, Ph.D., former Professor, Graduate Dean, Research Administrator, Provost and University President (retired), will share his experience with the Program as a member of the ILT.

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The NM VLP Team is well positioned to respond to the upcoming federal funding solicitation, scheduled for release in October 2020. **The NM VLP will honor New Mexico Veterans, help educate our students and serve other citizens across our State. It will also help educate the rest of the nation about New Mexico's long, distinguished military service to our great country. Everyone's support is much appreciated.**