

CITY COUNCIL REPORT



Meeting Date: March 24, 2026
General Plan Element: **Community Involvement**
General Plan Goal: **Seek community-wide representation on issues**

ACTION

Accept the Audit Committee recommendation for Veterans Advisory Commission Sunset Review. Accept the Audit Committee's recommendation and authorize continuation of the Veterans Advisory Commission.

BACKGROUND

At its February 27, 2026 meeting, the Audit Committee voted (3-0) to recommend continuation of the Veterans Advisory Commission.

In September 2011, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 8823 establishing a Sunset Review process for its boards and commissions. This resolution directed the Audit Committee to develop a schedule for reviewing the city's boards and commissions to evaluate whether:

- a) The reviewed board or commission is serving its intended purpose;
- b) The purpose should be maintained or modified; and
- c) The purpose has been served or is no longer required.

Subsequently, the Audit Committee is to recommend to the City Council whether to continue or terminate the reviewed board or commission.

The Audit Committee confirmed its review process and adopted the current Sunset Review schedule in May 2024, with the goal of reviewing each applicable board or commission once every three years. The adopted process requires the City Auditor to notify each board or commission and its staff liaison of the scheduled review. The City Auditor also collects background information on the board or commission, including its purpose as stated in City Code, its annual reports and other information as requested by the Audit Committee, Council or otherwise deemed relevant. Public comment may also be provided to the Audit Committee at the scheduled meeting, in written format, or through other means.

For the current review schedule, the Audit Committee has completed 12 Sunset Reviews, which are listed on page 2.

Board/Commission	Audit Committee Review Date	Board/Commission	Audit Committee Review Date
Building Advisory Board of Appeals	9/16/2024	Airport Advisory Commission	2/27/2026
Board of Adjustment	9/16/2024	Veterans Advisory Commission	2/27/2026
Environmental Advisory Commission	11/18/2024	Tourism Development Commission	2/27/2026
Historic Preservation Commission	4/11/2025	Parks & Recreation Commission	Aug 2026
Human Relations Commission	6/26/2025	McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission	Oct 2026
Human Services Commission	12/12/2025	Development Review Board	Jan 2027
Judicial Appointments Advisory Board	9/26/2025	Planning Commission	Jan 2027
Transportation Commission	12/12/2025	Neighborhood Advisory Commission	Apr 2027
Transp. Comm. Paths & Trails Subcommittee	12/12/2025	Library Board	Jun 2027

ANALYSIS & ASSESSMENT

Policy Implications

As provided in Scottsdale Revised Code §2-333, this commission's purpose is to:

- (1) Advise the City Council by making recommendations on military veteran programs, policies and practices designed to improve the quality of life for veterans;
- (2) Educate the community on the status of military veterans' rights, needs and contributions to our community;
- (3) Recommend ways to strengthen existing services for military veterans while pursuing the creation of new program and service opportunities;
- (4) Assist in creating and supporting a community connection point to inform, guide and direct military veterans seeking personal and professional enhancement services that may include education, mentoring, workforce support, and health and wellness; and
- (5) Advise and make recommendations on other issues and matters relating to military veterans as the City Council may direct.

Community Involvement

Continuation of this commission allows its seven members to directly participate in advising the Council on veterans matters. As well, this Commission allows additional public participation from Scottsdale citizens and others through its regularly scheduled public meetings.

RESOURCE IMPACTS

Staffing, Workload Impact

If continuation is approved, existing city staff will continue supporting this commission in meeting its purpose. This support includes serving as staff liaison to schedule and coordinate

commission meetings, presenting staff recommendations, maintaining commission records and other such duties. Currently, Senior Director of Communications Holly Peralta supports the Veterans Advisory Commission.

OPTIONS & STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Recommended Approach

Accept the Audit Committee's recommendation and authorize continuation of the Veterans Advisory Commission.

Description of Option B

Alternatively, the Council may choose to terminate or modify the purpose of this commission.

Proposed Next Steps

Staff will take any additional steps needed to enact the Council's action, including notifying Veterans Advisory Commission of the approval or modification of the recommended action.

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENTS

City Auditor; Communications Department

STAFF CONTACTS

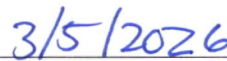
Shelby Trimaloff, Executive Assistant to the City Auditor, STrimaloff@ScottsdaleAZ.gov

Holly Peralta, Sr. Director of Communications HPeralta@ScottsdaleAZ.gov

APPROVED BY



Lai Cluff, Acting City Auditor
(480) 312-7851, LCluff@ScottsdaleAZ.gov



Date

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution No. 8823 (adopted September 13, 2011)
2. Audit Committee marked agenda for February 27, 2026 meeting
3. Veterans Advisory Commission Sunset Review packet

RESOLUTION NO. 8823

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA, DIRECTING THE AUDIT COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP A SCHEDULE FOR THE PERIODIC REVIEW OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE AUDIT COMMITTEE TO REVIEW BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS PURSUANT TO THE ESTABLISHED SCHEDULE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL REGARDING THE CONTINUATION OR TERMINATION OF THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REVIEWED.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance Nos. 2236, 2304, 2480 and Division 6 of Chapter 2, Article III of the Scottsdale Revised Code, Section 2-118, the City Council established the Audit Committee to consult with the City Auditor regarding technical issues, to work to assure maximum coordination between the work of the City Auditor and the needs of the City Manager and other charter officers and to perform other duties as required or directed by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish a schedule for the periodic review of the City's boards and commissions to determine whether the boards and commissions are meeting their intended purpose and whether to continue or terminate such boards and commissions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Scottsdale, as follows:

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- a) Develop a schedule for reviewing the City's boards and commissions;
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- c) Evaluate whether each board and commission reviewed is serving its intended purpose; whether the purpose of each board and commission should be maintained or modified; and whether the purpose of each board and commission has been served or is no longer required; and
- d) Submit to the City Council its recommendations regarding whether to continue or terminate each board and commission reviewed.

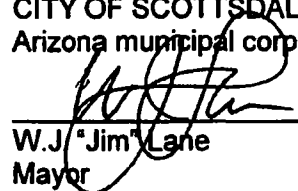
Section 2. Notwithstanding Section 1 of this Resolution, the City Council may terminate a board or commission at any time.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Scottsdale this 13th
day of September, 2011.

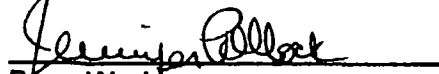
ATTEST:


Carolyn Jagger
City Clerk

CITY OF SCOTTSDALE, an
Arizona municipal corporation


W.J. "Jim" Lane
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Bruce Washburn
City Attorney
By: Jennifer Pollock
Assistant City Attorney

MARKED AGENDA

AMENDED NOTICE AND AGENDA

[Added Item 5c]

City of Scottsdale

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting – Notice and Agenda

3:00 PM, Friday, February 27, 2026

City Hall, Kiva Conference Room

3939 N. Drinkwater Blvd., Scottsdale, AZ 85251



Call to Order / Roll Call – 3:00PM

PRESENT - Councilwoman Maryann McAllen, Chair

PRESENT - Councilman Barry Graham (via video conferencing)

PRESENT - Councilwoman Solange Whitehead (Arrived 3:06 PM)

One or more members of the Audit Committee may attend by telephone, video, or internet conferencing as allowed by ARS §38-431(4)

Public Comment – NO SPOKEN OR WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE PRESENTED.

Citizens may address the members of the Audit Committee during Public Comment regarding non-agendized items, and on agendized items when the item is presented. Arizona law prohibits the Audit Committee from discussing or taking action on an item that is not on the prepared agenda. Citizens may submit one Request to Speak card per meeting to City staff. Public testimony is limited to three minutes per speaker. Submit written Comment cards City staff at any time for agendized or non-agendized items.

Meeting presentation slides will be available at least 24 hours before the meeting [here](#).

1. **Approval of Minutes | [Regular Meeting 12-12-25](#)** Discussion and Action
COUNCILMAN GRAHAM MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2025. CHAIR MCALLEN SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED 2-0 WITH CHAIR MCALLEN AND COUNCILMAN GRAHAM VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.
2. **[Airport Advisory Commission Sunset Review](#)** Discussion and Action
Presenter: Mel Merrill, Senior Auditor
CHAIR MCALLEN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL TO CONTINUE THE AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION. COUNCILWOMAN WHITEHEAD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED 3-0 WITH CHAIR MCALLEN, COUNCILMAN GRAHAM AND COUNCILWOMAN WHITEHEAD VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.
3. **[Veterans Advisory Commission Sunset Review](#)** Discussion and Action
Presenter: Mel Merrill, Senior Auditor
COUNCILWOMAN WHITEHEAD MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL TO CONTINUE THE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION. COUNCILMAN GRAHAM SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED 3-0 WITH CHAIR MCALLEN, COUNCILMAN GRAHAM AND COUNCILWOMAN WHITEHEAD VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

ATTACHMENT 2



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4. [Tourism Development Commission Sunset Review](#) Discussion and Action
Presenter: Mel Merrill, Senior Auditor
COUNCILMAN GRAHAM MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL TO CONTINUE THE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. COUNCILWOMAN WHITEHEAD SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED 3-0 WITH CHAIR MCALLEN, COUNCILMAN GRAHAM AND COUNCILWOMAN WHITEHEAD VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.
5. **Update on completion of FY2024/25 annual financial reports** Information/Discussion
Presenter: Jared Young, Heinfeld Meech Audit Manager | Contact: Lai Cluff, Acting City Auditor
 - a. [Single Audit Report](#)
 - b. [Annual Expenditure Limitation Report](#)
 - c. [HUD Report package](#)
6. [Audit No. 2602, E-Verify Compliance](#)..... Discussion and Action
Presenter: Lai Cluff, Acting City Auditor
COUNCILWOMAN WHITEHEAD MOVED TO ACCEPT AUDIT NO. 2602, E-VERIFY COMPLIANCE, AS SUBMITTED. COUNCILMAN GRAHAM SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED 3-0 WITH CHAIR MCALLEN, COUNCILMAN GRAHAM AND COUNCILWOMAN WHITEHEAD VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.
7. **City Auditor updates including status of FY 2025/26 Audit Plan**..... Information/Discussion
Presenter: Lai Cluff, Acting City Auditor
8. **Possible items for next meeting**..... Information/Discussion
Presenter: Lai Cluff, Acting City Auditor

Adjournment – 3:45PM



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To: Chair McAllen and Members of the Audit Committee

From: Lai Cluff, Acting City Auditor

Date: February 17, 2026

Re: Veterans Advisory Commission Sunset Review

The Veterans Advisory Commission's purpose, as provided in Scottsdale Revised Code Sec. §2-333, is to advise the City Council by making recommendations on military veteran programs, policies and practices designed to improve the quality of life for veterans; educate the community on the status of military veterans' rights, needs and contributions to our community; recommend ways to strengthen existing services for military veterans while pursuing the creation of new program and service opportunities; assist in creating and supporting a community connection point to inform, guide and direct military veterans seeking personal and professional enhancement services that may include education, mentoring, workforce support, and health and wellness; and advise and make recommendations on other issues and matters relating to military veterans as the City Council may direct.

Attached are the Veterans Advisory Commission's most recent annual reports for calendar years 2024, 2023, and 2022.

Resolution No. 8823 states that the Audit Committee is to review and evaluate whether:

- The board or commission is serving its intended purpose;
- The purpose should be maintained or modified; and
- The purpose has been served or is no longer required.

ACTION: The Audit Committee is to recommend to City Council whether to continue or terminate the board or commission.

Attached: Resolution 8823
Veterans Advisory Commission Annual Reports for years 2024, 2023, 2022

ATTACHMENT 3

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2024 Annual Report

Veterans Advisory Commission Annual Report

Prepared by Kelly Corsette, Communications & Public Affairs Director

Web: ww2.ScottsdaleAZ.gov/boards/veterans-advisory-commission

Number of Meetings Held: 10

Public Comments: 3

Major Topics of Discussion / Action Taken:

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| Jan. 3, 2024 | Presentation and discussion regarding demographic and statistical Census data related to veterans in the community. |
| Feb. 7, 2024 | Presentation and discussion regarding the Veterans Advisory Commission Work Plan, recap of the Scottsdale Salutes Parada del Sol entry and a discussion of planned Vietnam Veterans Thank You event. |
| March 6, 2024 | Presentation and discussion from the city of Tempe's Veteran Services Coordinator. |
| April 4, 2024 | Presentation and discussion with Marcus Brown, Founder and President of Veterans 5-9, a nonprofit providing veterans services outside of "normal" working hours, along with debrief and discussion of the city's Vietnam Veterans Thank You event held March 29, 2024, which was attended by several hundred members of the public, and a discussion of possible recommendations regarding a Vietnam Veterans Park recognition/dedication in Scottsdale. |
| May 2, 2024 | Presentation and discussion with Scottsdale city employees comprising the V-SHIELD veterans employee resource group, and discussion of expanding eligibility for the Scottsdale Salutes annual veterans' recognition program to include veterans whose connection to the Scottsdale community is through their work. |
| June 5, 2024 | Expanded Scottsdale Salutes veterans' recognition program eligibility to include veterans who have worked in Scottsdale for at least five years. |
| Sept. 4, 2024 | Presentation and discussion of state and federal veterans' legislation and the city's legislative agenda. The commission approved recommending that this statement be added to the city's legislative agenda: "Support state and federal legislation that increases the number of programs and benefits for veterans." |
| Oct. 2, 2024 | Presentation and discussion of the 2024 Scottsdale Salutes recognition program and the city's annual Veterans Day commemoration, and the city's receipt of a certificate of appreciation from the U.S. Vietnam War Commemoration. |
| Nov. 6, 2024 | Presentation and discussion of November recognition programs and plans for upcoming veterans' recognition. |
| Dec. 4, 2024 | Presentation and discussion about veteran recognition events held in November and scheduled in 2025; adopted the CY 2025 meeting schedule. |

**Meetings were not held in July or August*

Additional Efforts

- Per the adopted VAC Work Plan, the commission continued to support staff in maintaining the Veterans section of the city website and provided support and input for Scottsdale Salutes program.
- The Commission worked with staff to create and host a Vietnam Veterans Thank You Event that was attended by several hundred members of the public and earned many notes of thanks from those who attended.
- Scottsdale Salutes concluded another successful year, recognizing more than 40 local veterans on street light banners and hosting more than 100 at a thank you reception.
- The Commission proudly presented to the City Council a certificate of recognition as a "Top Performer" from the U.S. Vietnam War Commemoration.

Member Attendance:

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Recused</u>	<u>Service Dates</u>
Land Anderson	Chair	8	2	0	January – December 2024
Mark Ashley	Member	10	0	0	January – December 2024
Steven Jackson	Member	8	2	0	January – December 2024
Justin Layman	Vice Chair	10	0	0	January – December 2024
Patrick Mazzarella	Member	8	2	0	January – December 2024
Pete Palmer	Member	9	1	0	January – December 2024
Joel Stempil	Member	9	1	0	January – December 2024

Note: Recusals should be accounted for and noted as per item

**The terms of Commissioners Anderson, Ashley, Jackson and Stempil expired in November, 2024, but they continued to serve for the December meeting because replacements had not yet been appointed.*

Subcommittees: None

Ethics Training: Yes – December 2023/January 2024

Selected Officers: Yes: Land Anderson was elected Chair and Justin Layman was elected Vice Chair for 2024.

Reviewed Bylaws/City Code: Yes

Anticipated Key Issues: Tracking legislation related to veterans at the state and federal level, identifying accurate and up to date demographic and statistical information.

Future Significant Work Products:

- Continuing to review, update and modify the Veterans Advisory Commission Work Plan to reflect ongoing priorities.

Upcoming Opportunities, Challenges, or Outcomes: None

Additional Comments/Recommendations: None

Report Approved on: Jan. 8, 2025



2023 Annual Report

Veterans Advisory Commission Annual Report

Prepared by Kelly Corsette, Communications & Public Affairs Director

Web: ScottsdaleAZ.gov/boards/veterans-advisory-commission

Number of Meetings Held: 10

Public Comments: 0

Major Topics of Discussion / Action Taken:

Jan. 4, 2023	Presentation and discussion regarding the Neighbors Helping Neighbors nonprofit and the specific programs it has for assisting veterans in the community.
Feb. 1, 2023	Presentation and discussion regarding financial wellness for veterans.
March 1, 2023	Presentation and discussion regarding the dedication of the Scottsdale Memorial for the Fallen (held March 18), and the Vietnam Veterans thank you event (held March 29).
April 4, 2023	Presentation and discussion regarding future oversight of the Scottsdale Memorial for the Fallen and the commission Sunset Review.
May 3, 2023	Presentation and discussion with Dana Allmond, Lt. Col, U.S. Army (Ret.), Director, Arizona Department of Veterans' Services.
June 7, 2023	Presentation, discussion, from the Veterans Medical Leadership Council, continued discussion of oversight of the Scottsdale Memorial for the Fallen, and discussed the 2023 Scottsdale Salutes veterans banner recognition program.
Sept. 6, 2023	Approved the criteria and process for adding names to the Scottsdale Memorial for the Fallen.
Oct. 4, 2023	Presentation and discussion of the Veterans Employment Programs through the Arizona Office of Economic Opportunity; the city of Scottsdale SkillBridge veteran employment program; received updates and discussed the Scottsdale Salutes program and the city's annual Veterans Day commemoration.
Nov. 1, 2023	Presentation and discussion from the Arizona Veterans Mission Group, a nonprofit providing legal support to veterans.
Dec. 6, 2023	Presentation and discussion about veterans legislation at the state and federal levels; discussed and provided recommendations about veterans recognition events held in November; adopted the calendar year 2024 meeting schedule, nominated chair and vice chair for 2024.

**Meetings were not held in July or August*

Additional Efforts

- Per the adopted VAC Work Plan, the commission continued to support staff in maintaining the Veterans section of the city website and provided support and input for Scottsdale Salutes program.

- Scottsdale Salutes concluded another successful year, recognizing more than 40 local veterans on street light banners and hosting more than 100 at a thank you reception.
- The Commission helped craft and then adopted the criteria and process through which names may be added to the Scottsdale Memorial for the Fallen in the future.

Member Attendance:

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Recused</u>	<u>Service Dates</u>
Land Anderson	Vice Chair	9	1	0	January – December 2023
Mark Ashley	Member	9	1	0	January – December 2023
Andrew Edwards	Member	1	0	0	January 2023
Steven Jackson	Chair	7	3	0	January – December 2023
Justin Layman	Member	7	0	0	April – December 2023
Patrick Mazzarella	Member	10	0	0	January – December 2023
Pete Palmer	Member	9	1	0	January – December 2023
Joel Stempil	Member	10	0	0	January – December 2023

Note: Recusals should be accounted for and noted as per item

**Commissioner Edwards resigned in January and was replaced by Commissioner Justin Layman who was seated in April.*

Subcommittees: None

Ethics Training: Yes – December 2022/January 2023

Selected Officers: Yes: Steven Jackson was elected Chair and Land Anderson was elected Vice Chair for 2023.

Reviewed Bylaws/City Code: Yes

Anticipated Key Issues: Tracking legislation related to veterans at the state and federal level.

Future Significant Work Products:

- Continuing to review, update and modify the Veterans Advisory Commission Work Plan to reflect ongoing priorities.

Upcoming Opportunities, Challenges, or Outcomes: None

Additional Comments/Recommendations: None

Report Approved on: **Jan. 3, 2024**



2022 Annual Report

Veterans Advisory Commission Annual Report

Prepared by Kelly Corsette, Communications & Public Affairs Director

Approved by the Veterans Advisory Commission Jan. 4, 2023

Web: ScottsdaleAZ.gov/boards/veterans-advisory-commission

Number of Meetings Held: 10

Public Comments: 0

Major Topics of Discussion / Action Taken:

Jan. 5, 2022	Presentation and discussion regarding the Arizona Veteran Suicides Report with guest Dr. Chuck Katz, ASU Center for Violence Prevention.
Feb. 2, 2022	Presentation and discussion regarding Gov. Doug Ducey's veterans' initiatives and programs with guest Alyssa Salvaggio, senior policy assistant with Gov. Ducey's office. Drafted updates to the Veterans Advisory Commission Work Plan for 2022.
March 2, 2022	Presentation and discussion regarding the Work for Warriors Arizona Program with guest Geoff Partridge from the Arizona National Guard. Adopted the updated 2022 Veterans Advisory Commission Work Plan.
April 6, 2022	Discussed commissioner roles in the VAC Work Plan.
May 4, 2022	Presentation and discussion about the USA Cares veteran and family support organization with guest Trace Chesser from USA Cares.
June 1, 2022	Discussed updates to the VAC Work Plan.
Sept. 7, 2022	Presentation and discussion about Scottsdale's HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) grant program with guest Mary Witkowski from the Scottsdale Community Assistance Office. Discussed and made recommendations regarding the Scottsdale Salutes veterans banner recognition program.
Oct. 6, 2022	Received updates and discussed the Scottsdale Salutes program and the city's annual Veterans Day commemoration.
Nov. 2, 2022	Presentation and discussion regarding a planned veterans housing project in Phoenix with guest Chris Bailey from Pennrose.
Dec. 7, 2022	Adopted the calendar year 2023 meeting schedule, nominated chair and vice chair for 2023, and discussed updates to the VAC Work Plan.

**Meetings were not held in July or August*

Additional Efforts

- Per the adopted VAC Work Plan, the commission continued to support staff in maintaining the Veterans section of the city website, and Commissioner Palmer completed work on a Veterans Quality of Life Manual that is now provided via the site as well.

- The commission initiated the Scottsdale Salutes program and supported it with guidance and nominations, which culminated in a very successful program including a reception for those being honored that was attended by more than 80 people.
- In response to a last-minute request, Veterans Advisory Commission chair Steven Jackson was joined by fellow VAC commissioners Mark Ashley, Andrew Edwards and Pete Palmer who pinned American flags on veterans at the Revel Scottsdale retirement community for Veterans Day; this was in addition to supporting the city's annual Veterans Day Commemoration.

Member Attendance:

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Recused</u>	<u>Service Dates</u>
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Mark Ashley	Member	9	1	0	January – December 2022
Debbie Dominic*	Member	2	0	0	January – March 2022
Andrew Edwards	Member	3	4	0	April – December 2022
Steven Jackson	Chair	9	1	0	December 2021
Patrick Mazzarella	Member	2	0	0	November – December 2022
Pete Palmer	Member	8	2	0	January – December 2022
Denise Pulk*	Member	7	1	0	January – October 2022
Joel Stempil	Member	10	0	0	January – December 2022

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**Commissioner Dominick resigned in March and was replaced by Commissioner Andrew Edwards*

**Commissioner Pulk's term ended in October; Commissioner Patrick Mazzarella was appointed to fill that seat.*

Subcommittees: None

Ethics Training: Yes – December 2021/January 2022

Selected Officers: Yes: Chair Denise Pulk and Vice Chair Steven Jackson were elected Jan. 5, 2022. After Chair Pulk completed her term in October, Steven Jackson was elected Chair and Land Anderson was elected Vice Chair for the remainder of 2022.

Reviewed Bylaws/City Code: Yes

Anticipated Key Issues: Continuing to implement the successful Veterans AZ video program has proved difficult with limited resources, but staff will adjust and continue the effort.

Future Significant Work Products:

- Continuing to review, update and modify the Veterans Advisory Commission Work Plan to reflect ongoing priorities.

Upcoming Opportunities, Challenges, or Outcomes:

The Scottsdale Salutes program was a successful initiative to publicly thank and celebrate the community's veterans. The program is planned to become an annual commemoration in the month of November to coincide with Veterans Day, and the commission has discussed ideas about extending the length of time banners can be flown, and whether a more permanent location/installation is feasible.

Additional Comments/Recommendations: None

Report Approved on: **Jan. 4, 2023**