



**VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD  
THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024 – 5:15 PM  
ARTHUR CAMPBELL ROOM  
FIRST FLOOR, TOWN HALL**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

- A. Call to Order – Chair Kiser**
- B. Roll Call – Chair Kiser**
- C. Pledge of Allegiance – Vickie Bennett**
- D. Approval of draft agenda – Chair Kiser**
- E. Approval of minutes – Chair Kiser**
  - April 18, 2024
- F. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Please place your name on the sign-up sheet provided, and comments are limited to three (3) minutes per person.**
  - Town of Abingdon residents
  - Other public comments (e.g. organizations)
- G. NEW BUSINESS**
- H. OLD BUSINESS**
  - 1. Updates from standing committees
- I. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CHAIR**
- J. MEMBER REPORTS**
- K. NEXT MEETING – Chair Kiser**
- L. ADJOURNMENT**

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ARTHUR CAMPBELL ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The regular meeting of the Veterans Advisory Board was held on Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 5:15 pm in the Arthur Campbell Room of the Municipal Building.

- A. Call to Order – *Chair Kiser***
- B. Roll Call**

Members present:

Lynn Bennett  
Kyle Craig  
Richard “Dickie” Kiser  
Mel Schwartzstein  
Francine Ivery  
Vickie Bennett  
AJ Lawson (after roll call)  
John Lentz

Members absent:

Amanda Pillion  
Tim Estes  
Gary Bailey  
Mike Cochran

- C. Pledge of Allegiance**
- D. Approval of draft agenda**

**Upon motion by John Lentz, seconded by Lynn Bennett, approved the agenda as presented.**

<b>Amanda Pillion</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Gary Bailey</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Lynn Bennett</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Kyle Craig</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Tim Estes</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Richard “Dickie” Kiser</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Albert T. Lawson, Jr.</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Mel Schwartzstein</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>John Lentz</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Vickie Bennett</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Francine Ivery</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mike Cochran</b>	<b>Absent</b>

**E. Approval of minutes**

**Upon motion by John Lentz, seconded by Mel Schwartzstein, approved the April 18, 2024 minutes as presented.**

<b>Amanda Pillion</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Gary Bailey</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Lynn Bennett</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Kyle Craig</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Tim Estes</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Richard “Dickie” Kiser</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Albert T. Lawson, Jr.</b>	<b>Abstained (absent)</b>
<b>Mel Schwartzstein</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>John Lentz</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Vickie Bennett</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Francine Ivery</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mike Cochran</b>	<b>Absent</b>

**F. Public Comments –**

**G. New Business –**

Lynn Bennett discussed a brochure provided by Mike Swartz with Vets Connection Center and his question to place at the Visitor’s Center on the VAB table, advising that he will maintain the supply. Discussion ensued.

**On motion by Lynn Bennett, approved the brochures being placed at the Visitor’s Center.** Failure for a lack of a second, the motion died, with the reason being the organization is in Princeton, West Virginia.

Lynn Bennett reminded the members of who they were and what they were about and asked that it be shared to all members again.

Kyle Craig and John Lentz shared information regarding Paramount Manufacturing as an ESGR employer, which has fourteen Veteran employees.

Mel Schwartzstein discussed the display of flags at the Visitor’s Center on Memorial Day.

**H. Old Business –**

1. Update from standing committees

Lynn Bennett discussed details of Plumb Alley Day. Kim Kingsley read a card received from the Parker family thanking them for attending the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Don Parker. Chair Kiser stated that Rick thanked everyone again. Kyle Craig advised poppies will be available at the Visitor's Center and June is PTSD month and WCYB will be looking for Veterans to interview.

**I. Miscellaneous Business and Communications from Chair**

**J. Members Reports**

**K. Schedule next meeting – Thursday, June 20, 2024**

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**Richard Kiser, Chair**

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**Kim Kingsley, Clerk**

**Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_