



Veterans Empowerment Commission

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 10:30am – 12:00pm

**Yaarab Shrine Center
400 Ponce De Leon Ave NE
Atlanta, GA 30308**

AGENDA

Call to Order/Welcome – Rev. Eldson J. McGhee, Chairman

Roll Call – Marcel Foster, Secretary

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of February 17, 2026 Meeting Agenda

Ratification of January 20, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- Review VEC Workplan
- Review VEC Bylaws
- Discuss next steps for VEC based on elucidated understanding of guidance documents
- Determine location for March 17 meeting

Announcements

- Secretary's request for VEC to participate in House Resolution 1007 Arts & Mental Health Press Conference at Capitol (South Steps) on **March 12, 2026 at 12:30pm.**
- Chairman's request for VEC to participate in the "Atlanta's National Vietnam Veterans Day Parade By the Sons of Atlanta Vietnam War Memorial Project Task Force" on **Sunday, March 29, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.,** and the Commission will be allowed up to seven vehicles. There are 10 cities in Fulton County named on this memorial and it honors all of the over 240 U.S. Military Inductees, from Fulton County, who were killed in the Vietnam War. The Memorial being erected in Atlanta's Historic Piedmont Park, "A Call to Unity," asks Veterans and our communities to acknowledge, recognize, honor and represent our individual and collective sacrifices for this Nation. The VEC is a manifestation of this call and should be on display in this parade. Let's take this to the BOC.

Adjournment