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Wayne County Commission creates new standing committee on senior, veterans issues

The Wayne County Commission has created a new standing committee on senior citizens and veterans' issues with the start of its 2021-22 legislative session.

The committee will meet at 1 p.m. every other Wednesday and will initially meet via Zoom. Agendas and information on how the public can participate in the Zoom meetings, will be posted on the county website, www.waynecounty.com.

"The past year has shown us just how important it is for the county to meet the many needs of its senior citizen and military veteran populations," Wayne County Commission Chair Alisha Bell said. "Elevating this committee to standing status continues the many efforts we have undertaken to meet those needs."

Seniors and veterans' issues were previously handled by a special committee that met roughly once a month.

Commissioner Martha G. Scott (D-Highland Park) is the committee chair. Commissioner David Knezek (D-Dearborn Heights) will serve as vice-chair. Other members include Commissioners Monique Baker McCormick (D-Detroit), Tim Killeen (D-Detroit) and Jonathan C. Kinloch (D-Detroit).

Videos of committee meetings will be posted on the county website and on the Wayne County Commission YouTube channel.

The committee becomes the commission's eighth standing committee, joining committees on audit, economic development, government operations, health and human services, public safety judiciary and homeland security, public services, and ways and means.

The committee also maintains special committees on the new county criminal justice complex under construction in Detroit and on commission rules. It also maintains a newly created special committee on behavioral health.

The commission also meets in committee of the whole sessions that are scheduled as needed to discuss specific issues.

All commission and committee meetings are open to the public.