

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Veterans and Community Oversight and Engagement Board

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Veterans Affairs

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Veterans and Community Oversight and
Engagement Board

3b. GSA

Committee No.

2611

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

04/24/2023

6. Expected Renewal Date

04/24/2025

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency

Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b.

Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Public Law 114-226

13. Effective Date

09/29/2016

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Non Scientific Program Advisory
Board

16a. Total

Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a.

Open

0

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

Current Next

FY

FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Board convenes to provide advice and make recommendations to the Secretary of Veteran Affairs on: Identifying the goals of the community and Veteran Partnership; improving services and outcomes for Veterans, members of the Armed Forces, and the families of such Veterans and members; and on the implementation of the Draft Master Plan approved by the Secretary on January 28th, 2016, and on the creation and implementation of any successor master plans, to include Master Plan 2022, approved by SECVA on 22 April 2022. Identifying the goals of the community and Veteran partnership. (Aligns with VA strategic goals: Veterans receive timely and integrated care and support that emphasizes their

well-being and independence throughout their life journey, Veterans trust VA to be consistently accountable and transparent.) Provide advice and recommendations to Secretary to improve services and outcomes for Veterans, members of the Armed Forces, and the families of such Veterans and members. (Aligns with VA strategic goals: Veterans choose VA for easy access, greater choices, and clear information to make informed decisions, Veterans receive timely and integrated care and support that emphasizes their well-being and independence throughout their life journey, and VA will modernize systems and focus resources more efficiently to be competitive and to provide World Class capabilities to Veterans and its employees.) Provide advice and recommendations to Secretary on the implementation of the Draft Master Plan approved by the Secretary on January 28th, 2016, and on the creation and implementation of any successor master plans, to include Master Plan 2022 approved by SECVA on 22 April, 2022. (Aligns with VA strategic goals: Veterans choose VA for easy access, greater choices, and clear information to make informed decisions, Veterans receive timely and integrated care and support that emphasizes their well-being and independence throughout their life journey, and VA will modernize systems and focus resources more efficiently to be competitive and to provide World Class capabilities to Veterans and its employees.) Provide the community with opportunities to collaborate and communicate by conducting public forums. (Aligns with VA strategic goals: Veterans choose VA for easy access, greater choices, and clear information to make informed decisions, Veterans receive timely and integrated care and support that emphasizes their well-being and independence throughout their life

journey, and VA will modernize systems and focus resources more efficiently to be competitive and to provide World Class capabilities to Veterans and its employees.) Focus on local issues regarding the Department that are identified by the community with respect to healthcare, implementation of Master Plan and any subsequent plans, benefits, and memorial services at the Great Los Angeles campus. (Aligns with VA strategic goals: Veterans choose VA for easy access, greater choices, and clear information to make informed decisions, Veterans receive timely and integrated care and support that emphasizes their well-being and independence throughout their life journey, Veterans trust VA to be consistently accountable and transparent, and VA will modernize systems and focus resources more efficiently to be competitive and to provide World Class capabilities to Veterans and its employees.)

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Board will be comprised of approximately 15 voting and 5 non-voting Board members who shall be appointed by the Secretary. Not less than 50 percent of Board members shall be Veterans. The non-Veteran Board members shall be family members of Veterans, Veteran advocates, service providers, real estate professionals familiar with housing development projects, or stakeholders. VA will strive to develop a Board membership that represents members with diverse professional and personal qualifications to include Veterans, members of the Armed Forces, and the families of such Veterans and members. Additionally, to the extent possible, the Board membership shall represent diversity in race, ethnicity, gender, and geographical background. Voting and non-voting

members may be Special Government Employees or Regular Government employees. Board members will serve as objective advisors. One of the non-voting members is an honorary position for the descendant of the individual who donated the land for the West Los Angeles VA campus in 1887. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Board will be selected by the Chief Veterans Experience Officer, VEO from among the Board members.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Board will meet two to four times a year. In FY 2023, the Board met four times: October 19-20, 2022 (In person); February 15-16, 2023, (In person); June 21-22, 2023 (In person), and September 28-29, 2023 (In person).

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The current membership of the Committee allows for not less than 50 percent to be veterans. The nonveteran members shall be family members of veterans, veteran advocates, service providers, real estate professionals familiar with housing development projects, or stakeholders. Local Community input is relevant and provides the community opportunities to collaborate and identify the goals of the community and veteran partnership, provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary to improve services and outcomes for veterans, and provide advice and recommendations on the implementation of the draft master plan approved by the Secretary on January 28, 2016, and on the creation and implementation of any successor master plans. Advice or information obtained from local members of the Armed Forces, and the families of such veterans and members; are germane to local

issues regarding the Department that are identified by the community with respect to health care, implementation of the draft master plan and any subsequent plans, benefits, and memorial services at the Campus.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

The Committee meetings are open to the public, except when the Committee is conducting tours of VA facilities, participating in off-site events, and participating in workgroup sessions. Tours of VA facilities are closed, to protect Veterans' privacy and personal information.

21. Remarks

Designated Federal Officer

Eugene Windfield Skinner Veterans Experience Office, Community Engagement

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Allman, Anthony	11/01/2017	10/15/2023	Director of Outreach for Vets Advocacy	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bamberger, Joshua	11/13/2019	10/15/2023	Director of Outreach for Vets Advocacy	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Barrie, Christine	10/15/2021	10/31/2023	Daughter of Carolina Barrie (Great-great niece of Arcadia Bandini de Baker), who donated the land for the Los Angeles VA campus in 1887.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Begland, Robert	09/27/2022	09/30/2024	Cox, Castle, and Nicholson LLP	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Boylan, Keith	10/15/2021	10/31/2023	Deputy Secretary for the Veterans Services Division at the California Department of Veterans Affairs	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Branca, Nicole	08/11/2023	10/31/2025	Executive Director, New Destiny Housing Corp	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bravo, Aimee	09/27/2022	09/30/2024	Director, Los Angeles Veterans Collaborative	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Canfield, Michael	08/11/2023	10/31/2025	Partner and Senior Vice President, Foremost Companies (and related companies)	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cohen, Stephanie	09/27/2022	09/30/2024	Policy Deputy, Health Services and Veteran Affairs, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Third District	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Holmes, Sam	08/11/2023	10/31/2025	Executive Director, HOMELESS RESOURCE COUNCIL OF THE SIERRAS	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hopper, John	11/01/2017	10/15/2023	Chief Executive Officer Air Aid Society (AFAS)	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hunter, Sarah	08/11/2023	10/31/2025	Senior Behavioral Scientist, Director of Center for Homelessness and Housing, RAND Corp	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mangano, Phillip	11/01/2017	10/15/2023	CEO, American Round Table to Abolish Homelessness	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Marshall, Jennifer	09/27/2022	09/30/2024	Director of Outreach for Vets Advocacy	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Marston, Heidi	10/15/2021	10/31/2023	Executive Director, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA); Special Former Special Asst Government to the VA Secretary Employee in LA representing (SGE) matters pertaining to Member Homelessness, land use and Housing Policy
Nwajuaku, Patricia	08/11/2023	10/31/2025	Co-Medical Director, Special Martin Luther King Government Hospital, Employee (SGE) Member
Perley, Jim	11/13/2019	10/15/2023	Director of Outreach Special for Vets Advocacy Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sandor, Beth	08/11/2023	10/31/2025	CEO, Community Special Solutions Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sapien, Joseph	11/13/2019	10/15/2023	Director of Outreach Special for Vets Advocacy Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sherin, Jonathan	08/11/2023	10/31/2025	Director of Mental Special Health County of Government Los Angeles Employee (SGE) Member
Stanley, Kristine	11/13/2019	10/15/2023	Director of Outreach Special for Vets Advocacy Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sutton, Loree	08/11/2023	10/31/2025	Executive Director, Special Advisory Board; Government Research & Employee Recognition Project (SGE) Member
Tucker, Dennis	09/27/2022	09/30/2024	LA Metro Purple Special Line SME Government Employee (SGE) Member
Tête, Dylan	08/11/2023	10/31/2023	Executive Director Special at Bastion Government Foundation Employee (SGE) Member

Underwood, Hamilton	11/13/2019	10/15/2023	Director of Outreach for Vets Advocacy	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
VanDiver, Shawn	10/15/2021	10/31/2023	Senior Manager, Client Relationship Executive, Govt and Public Services - State Local and Higher Ed - DELOITTE SERVICES LP	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Vasquez, Larry	10/15/2021	10/31/2023	Mayor's Veteran Representative	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Weiner, Dave	08/11/2023	10/31/2025	CEO, Secure Measures LLC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wellisch, Mark	09/27/2022	09/30/2024	Director of Outreach for Vets Advocacy	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Zenner, Jim	11/13/2019	10/31/2025	Director of Outreach for Vets Advocacy	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 30

Narrative Description

Agency has provided feedback on 76 out of 96 recommendations. Feedback has been via Memorandum from SECVA to the Veterans and Community Oversight and Engagement Board, Chairman and Board members. Remaining fourteen (20) recommendation currently in staffing and response development.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety



Trust in government



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| Major policy changes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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| None | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Over \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cost Savings Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Cost Savings Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

76

Number of Recommendations Comments

This is a total of recommendations for FY 2018 through FY 2023. (less 20 recommendations currently in various stages of staffing and approval)

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

31%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Awaiting responses for 8 recommendations approved during 20th VCOEB meeting held June 2023, and 12 recommendations approved during the 21st VCOEB meeting held September 2023. Twenty (20) recommendations are currently being staffed for response development by respective administrations and VA staff offices.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

38%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Awaiting responses for 8 recommendations approved during 20th VCOEB meeting held June 2023, and 12 recommendations approved during the 21st VCOEB meeting held September 2023. Twenty (20) recommendations are currently being staffed for response development by respective administrations and VA staff offices.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Agency feedback is provided by written responses to Committee recommendations and requests for information, through briefings and updates to the Committee and by information directly disseminated to the members throughout the year. Published Biennial Reports can be found online:

https://www.va.gov/ADVISORY/Veterans_and_Community_Oversight_and_Engagement_Board

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Not Applicable

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

Not Applicable

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

To access the Committee's website, click here:

https://www.va.gov/ADVISORY/Veterans_and_Community_Oversight_and_Engagement_Board