

# 2025 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

2025

## 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

04/29/2025

## 6. Expected Renewal Date

04/29/2027

## 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

<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18e. Total Costs</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	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 2024, the Board met two times: January 31 - February 1, 2024 (In person); June 26, 2024, (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
Branca, Nicole	08/11/2023	10/31/2025	Executive Director, New Destiny Housing Corp	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
			Partner and Senior Vice President, Foremost Companies (and related companies)	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Canfield, Michael	08/11/2023	10/31/2025	Executive Director, HOMELESS RESOURCE COUNCIL OF THE SIERRAS	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Holmes, Sam	08/11/2023	10/31/2025		

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
Munn, Cara	08/08/2024	10/31/2026	Managing Director and Head of Real Estate Debt Asset Management	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Nwajuaku, Patricia	08/11/2023	10/31/2025	Co-Medical Director, Martin Luther King Hospital,	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sandor, Beth	08/11/2023	10/31/2025	CEO, Community Solutions	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sherin, Jonathan	08/11/2023	10/31/2025	Director of Mental Health County of Los Angeles	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sutton, Loree	08/11/2023	10/31/2025	Executive Director, Advisory Board; Research & Recognition Project	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Weiner, Dave	08/11/2023	10/31/2025	CEO, Secure Measures LLC	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: 11**

### **Narrative Description**

Agency has provided feedback on 95 out of 115 recommendations. Feedback has been via Memorandum from SECVA to the Veterans and Community Oversight and Engagement Board, Chairman and Board members. Remaining twenty (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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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

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?**



### Number of Recommendations Comments

This is a total of recommendations for FY 2018 through FY 2024. (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?**

26%

### % of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Awaiting responses for 20 recommendations approved during 23rd VCOEB meeting held June 2024, 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?**

44%

### % of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Awaiting responses for 20 recommendations approved during 23rd VCOEB meeting held June 2024, 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](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

☐

Reallocated resources

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 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](https://www.va.gov/ADVISORY/Veterans_and_Community_Oversight_and_Engagement_Board)