

## 2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs

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### 1. Department or Agency

Small Business Administration

### 2. Fiscal Year

2025

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Advisory Committee on Veterans  
Business Affairs

### 3b. GSA

### Committee No.

1230

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

### 5. Current Charter

01/26/2024

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

01/26/2026

### 7. Expected Term Date

11/29/2027

### 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?

No

### 10b.

### Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

### 11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

Public Law 106-50

### 13. Effective Date

08/17/1999

### 14. Committee Type

Continuing

### 14c. Presidential?

No

### 15. Description of Committee

National Policy Issue 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?**

Review, coordinate and monitor plans and programs in the public and private sector for veterans to obtain capitol and credit, and to access markets. Promote the collection of business information and survey data, monitor and promote plans, programs and operations of Departments and Agencies of the United States, develop and promote initiatives, policies, programs and plans to foster veterans small

businesses and, in cooperation with the National Veterans Business Development Corporation , develop a comprehensive plan, updated annually, for joint public-private efforts to facilitate growth and development of veterans small businesses. The Committee may hold hearings, take testimony, receive evidence, and request information from the head of any department agency of the United States.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

15 members shall be appointed by the SBA Administrator, eight of whom shall be veterans who are small business owners, and seven shall be representatives of veterans organizations. No more than eight from the same political party and no federal employee can serve. Terms are for three years, except initially, six shall be for four years and five for five years. The Committee elects their Chair.

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

The Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs shall meet not less than three times per year. There were three virtual meetings and one in person ACVBA meetings for FY-23-FY24. (Dec FY23, Mar FY24, June FY24, Sept, FY24). The purpose of these meetings is to discuss efforts that support veteran-owned small businesses, updates on past and current events, and the ACVBA's objectives for the next fiscal year.

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

To provide technical, financial, and procurement assistance to veteran owned small businesses, and for other purposes.

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

All meetings are open to the public.

## 21. Remarks

Pursuant to Pub L 110-186, Title I, sec 103, this committee was given permanent status.

## Designated Federal Officer

Timothy A. Green Acting, Associate Administrator

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Aguilera-Gardiner, Rebecca	06/27/2023	03/25/2025	CEO	Representative Member
Baca, Horacio "James"	11/13/2023	03/25/2025	Executive Director	Representative Member
Belden, Isaac	08/17/2022	08/17/2025	CEO & Founder	Representative Member
Bier, Gregory	08/17/2022	12/17/2024	Executive Director of Entrepreneurship	Representative Member
Cantor, Jeff	09/17/2024	03/25/2025	CEO	Representative Member
Clare, Daniel	09/27/2022	09/27/2025	Chief Communications	Representative Member
Hannah, Glenett	09/30/2024	03/25/2025	CEO/President	Representative Member
Hill, Gregory	09/01/2022	03/25/2025	Owner	Representative Member
Hrabe, Robert	10/28/2024	10/28/2027	CEO	Representative Member
Jensen, Scott	09/11/2022	09/11/2025	Executive Director	Representative Member
Lindner, Gary	03/17/2022	03/17/2025	Executive Director	Representative Member
Lowder, Charles	06/08/2022	06/08/2025	CEO	Representative Member
McCaffrey, Charles	06/28/2023	10/19/2024	Director	Representative Member
Rodriguez, Jorge	03/30/2022	03/30/2025	CEO	Representative Member
Smiley, Paul	03/31/2024	03/25/2025	President / Founder	Representative Member
Smith, Stuart	11/13/2023	11/13/2026	Chief Executive Officer	Representative Member
Thornton, Michael	04/12/2022	03/25/2025	CEO	Representative Member
Washington, Melissa	03/02/2022	03/02/2025	CEO	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 18**

**Narrative Description**

This Committee is created by statue to serve as an independent source of advise and policy recommendations to the SBA Administrator, the SBA Associate Administrator for Veterans Business Development, the Congress, the President and other U.S. Policy makers. The Committee is required to prepares an Annual Report which is distributed to Congress, the President, SBA Administrator, and is available to the general public.

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

Checked if  
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Outcome Comments**

Provide a direct voice to the highest levels of policy making in U.S. Government to veteran and service-disabled veteran entrepreneurs.

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000  
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000  
Over \$10,000,000  
Cost Savings Other

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### **Cost Savings Comments**

Independent advice and policy recommendations to enhance and improve government decision making, leading to more effective program delivery and program development. Specific costs savings are undetermined.

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

30

### **Number of Recommendations Comments**

For FY 23-24-The ACVBA committee has established sub subcommittees to analyze and provide recommendations in the following areas: conduct research and analyze relevant issues concerning federal contracting for veteran entrepreneurs. Promote SBA certification education and SBA certification private sector opportunities and education. Promoting financial literacy. The final report for FY24 will be finalized in FY 2025.

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

0%

### **% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

Currently conducting a review of what recommendations have been implemented.

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

0%

### **% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

Currently conducting a review of what recommendations have been implemented.

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

## Agency Feedback Comments

Through presentations and discussions, and through prepared or written materials.

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

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" 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

Feedback, advise and recommendations provided by this Committee have led to program initiatives and to legislative initiatives that have become law.

## 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Access Comments

Upon request, through posting on the SBA website and through public attendance at meetings and conference.