

DOUGLAS COUNTY
VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
November 2, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 10:35 am

Advisory Board Members present:
David Schwab (Chairman)
Sarahbeth Simonson (Secretary)
Harold Peart
Charles Suriano
Lawrence Severin

Others in attendance: None

Action Items:

1. Approve previous meeting minutes: Motion made by Peart, seconded by Suriano, voted, passed
2. Service Officer Comments: None
3. Simonson presented first draft of proposed PSA (attached, proposed changes in blue), members discussed changes to be made. Final draft will be sent to the Commissioners with the recommendation that it be produced and released after the newly hired DC VSO is trained and ready to support the public demand.
4. DCVAB By-Law Revisions
 - a. Term Limits: Motion made by Severin to enact 3 year term limits for those selected to serve on the DCVAB. Seconded by Peart. Motion made by Suriano to table the 3 year term limit vote until the 5 year term limit option is discussed and voted on. Seconded by Simonson, voted, passed
 - i. Motion by Suriano to enact 5 year term limit for those selected to serve on the DCVAB, seconded by Peart, discussion, 5 years seems like it would be too long for a rotation on a volunteer board, call for the question, voted, failed
 - ii. Call for the question on original motion of 3 year terms, voted, passed
 - b. Process for Board Member Appointments: Motion made by Severin to table this point until next meeting, seconded by Suriano, voted, passed
5. Involvement of DCVAB in the hiring Process of the DCVSO: board members are encouraged to e-mail Schwab any possible interview questions they would recommend be asked of applicants. As requested by DC Commissioners, board members were reminded to be available to be called upon to serve on the interview board of possible applicants. Motion made by Peart to send either Schwab or Simonson as available. Seconded by Severin, voted, passed

Meeting Adjourned at 11:04 motion made by Suriano, seconded by Severin, voted, passed

Next Meeting December 7, 2018

Submitted by Secretary

Sarahbeth H. Simonson

Legend:

DC: Douglas County

DCVAB: Douglas County Veterans Advisory Board

VSO: Veterans Service Officer

PSA Draft 1:

What I want people to know:

There is a Douglas County Veterans Advisory Board that meets monthly to discuss ~~the management and distribution of local Tax funds set aside for Veterans~~ the needs of local Veterans and make recommendations to the DC Commissioners regarding the currently available programs that would benefit the Veterans of DC.

The meeting is held at 10:30 am the first Friday of every month at 211 11th St NE in East Wenatchee and is open to the public. Veterans who live in Douglas county have the chance to serve on the board.

According to 2017 figures furnished by the VA there are almost 3,000 (2,927) Veterans living in Douglas County. Of that figure only 17%, that's around 500 Veterans, are receiving VA Benefits. It's not just about VA Benefits. There are local taxes that are allocated for the relief of veterans in need of assistance with food, fuel, and home needs.

~~There is a job opening to serve as the Douglas County Veterans Service Officer, a position through Douglas County with the application accessible on their website:~~
<http://www.douglascountywa.net/>