

DOUGLAS COUNTY
VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
October 5, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 10:33

Advisory Board Members present:

David Schwab (Chairman)

Sarahbeth Simonson (Secretary)

Harold Peart

Charles Suriano

Lawrence Severin

Others in attendance: Brad Pieratt, Harvey Gjesdal, Connie Hill

Action Items:

1. Approve previous meeting minutes: Motion made by Severin, seconded by Suriano, voted, passed
2. Service Officer Comments: VFW Post 3617 VSO Strozyk unavailable for comment, VFW Post 3617 VSO Schwab noted that he and Strozyk attended training, and that Strozyk is busy helping local veterans navigate the services and benefits available when a family member passes. Three families in the past week have contacted the VSO office for this information.
3. Status of hiring DCVSO: DCVAB has been notified that the DC Commissioner's office should be posting the job opening on their website within the next week. The commissioners have asked if one of the board members would like to be on the hiring committee. Schwab said one or more of the members would appreciate being on the hiring board as long as they are available when the hiring committee meets. The Commissioner's office will notify the Board of the intended time(s) and we will notify them of our availability.
4. Spreading the word: Secretary Simonson brought up the idea of putting out a PSA for Douglas County Residents informing them of the DCVAB meetings. Simonson will draft the wording and share it with the other board members for review and discussion at the next meeting.
5. Board discussed the process of selecting new board members. The discussion highlighted the need to change the Board's ByLaws to more accurately reflect the selection process. ByLaw changes will be discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 motion made by Peart, seconded by Severin

Next Meeting November 2, 2018

Submitted by Secretary

Sarahbeth H. Simonson

Legend:

DC: Douglas County

DCVAB: Douglas County Veterans Advisory Board

VSO: Veterans Service Officer