



Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser

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DC Mayor's Office of Veterans Affairs May 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

I. **Call to Order**

- a. Meeting called to order by Director Woodard at 6:35 PM.
- b. **Roll Call**
22 members listed; quorum achieved with 10 members present (1/3 required for official proceedings).
- c. **Pledge of Allegiance**
All attendees stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. **Approval of Previous Minutes**

April meeting minutes circulated; official approval pending a Teams-based poll post-meeting.

III. **Updates and Reports**

- a. Microsoft Teams Usage: New platform for communication and minutes approval introduced. Members must ensure access.
- b. FY2025 Budget: Budget not yet released; expected by May 15. MOVA budget hearing scheduled for June 2 at 9:45 AM.
- c. Veteran Services Expansion: New VSO services east of the river at Access Housing every 1st and 3rd Tuesday.
- d. Members encouraged to subscribe to the MOVA newsletter and follow MOVA Instagram.

IV. **Metrics and Program Updates**

- a. Community meetings/events attended: 37 in Q2 (target: 75 for FY25, already exceeded).
- b. Veteran events coordinated with partners: 29 in Q1, 36 in Q2 (target: 60).
- c. Veterans/family members applying for VA benefits: 16 in Q1, 113 in Q2 (target: 250).
- d. Veteran leaders engaged: 60 in Q1, 170 in Q2 (target: 120).

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- e. DC veterans assisted through events/office contacts: 206 in Q1, 407 in Q2 (target: 3000).
 - f. New partnerships: DC Central Kitchen partnership providing meals to 100+ veterans; Produce Plus partnership launching in June.
- V. **USS District of Columbia Submarine Update**
 - a. MOVA and the Mayor's Office are co-sponsors in supporting the USS District of Columbia.
 - b. STEM outreach program established with DC public schools and JROTC. Crew visited HD Woodson High School on April 10.
- VI. **Old Business**
 - a. Committees still forming; members encouraged to sign up. Focus areas based on veteran community needs.
- VII. **New Business**
 - a. Proposal approved: No Advisory Board meetings for July and August.
 - b. Next meeting scheduled for June 3, 2025.
- VIII. **Committee Structure Overview**
 - a. Government Affairs & Policy
 - b. Community Engagement
 - c. Events & Volunteerism
 - d. Veteran Business Development & Employment
 - e. Veteran Benefits & Programs
- IX. **Introductions of New and Current Members**
 - a. Board members and visitors introduced themselves.
 - b. New members included representatives from UDC, American Legion, the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps backgrounds.

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