

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: May 5, 2026

Department

Submitted By: Community Services

Advisory Board: Veteran Services Advisory Board

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve:

A. the reappointment of two (2) members to the Veteran Services Advisory Board (VSAB), for the term of May 5, 2026 through September 30, 2028:

<u>Seat No.</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Seat Requirement</u>	<u>Recommended By</u>
7	Julia Dattolo	Employment Services	Vice Mayor Woodward Commissioner Marino Commissioner Weiss
9	John Schrey	At-Large	Vice Mayor Woodward Commissioner Marino Commissioner Weiss

B. the appointment of one (1) member to the VSAB, for the term of May 5, 2026 through September 30, 2027:

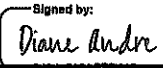
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11	Jalen J. Auer	At-Large	Vice Mayor Woodward Commissioner Marino Commissioner Weiss


Summary: The VSAB is focused on assessing the needs of veterans in Palm Beach County (County) and providing a more efficient coordination among service providers to address service gaps and identified needs. On August 22, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) established the VSAB via Resolution No. 2023-1162.

The VSAB consists of 11 at-large members representing both public and private sector organizations whose mission is to assist veterans and their families. Members must have knowledge of at least one (1) component of the support services available to assist veterans and their dependents.

The VSAB recommends the reappointment of Mrs. Julia Dattolo, CEO of CareerSource Palm Beach County, and Mr. John Schrey, Director of Haven Health Management, both of whom have expressed interest in continuing to serve, as well as the appointment of Mr. Jalen J. Auer, Program Manager of The Fire Watch, who has expressed interest in joining the VSAB. (DSVS) Countywide (JBR)

Background and Justification: On March 14, 2023, the BCC directed County Administration to establish the VSAB. The Division of Senior and Veteran Services (DSVS) provides staff support. Resolution No. 2023-1162 authorizes the VSAB to collect information related to veterans in the County, share that information with the BCC along with input and guidance, and provide recommendations to address the needs of the veteran population. Additionally, the VSAB advises the BCC on veterans' needs, available resources, and works to enhance coordination and collaboration among organizations dedicated to assisting veterans and their families.

Recommended By:  Department Director 4/22/2026 Date

Legal Sufficiency:  Assistant County Attorney 4/23/2026 Date

II. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. Other Department Review:

Department Director

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✓ COMPLETED DATE: 2/26/26

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SIGNATURE: [Handwritten Signature] PRINTED NAME: JULIA K. DATTOLO DATE: 2/26/26

SECTION III - COMMISSIONER (OFFICE USE ONLY) DISTRICT # 4

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CareerSource Palm Beach County President /CEO

Feb 2020 - present

A bold and strategic leader who is guiding the company through unprecedented times with a collaborative management style having knowledge in education, training, research and crisis management. Expertise includes guiding this business through a substantial process change to achieve maximum results, ensuring efficient and effective use of corporate resources while maintaining its mission.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Vision & Mission Focused	Conflict/Crisis Management	Cultural Awareness
Results Driven	Maximizing Productivity	Strong Community Partner
Integrity, Ethics & Honesty	Forward Thinking	Strategic Alliance Builder through
Organizational Development	Process Improvement	Negotiation and Partnering Ability
Customer Service Leadership	Succession Planning	Operating in the Government
Community Presentations	Mentoring at Every Level	Environment
Business Development	Team building	Transformational Leader
Political Savvy		

Career Highlights

- *Strong organizational and planning skills with impeccable attention to details in a highly complex organization managing a 17.4 million operational budget along with additional 4+ million in grant and performance awards*
- *Proven leader in crisis change management, demonstrates strong capacity to proactively identify problems and propose effective solutions, pivoting business continuity planning to alternative platform of service delivery*
- *Building online virtual platform for businesses with information and online educational offerings for those seeking reemployment assistance in times of the highest unemployment rates due to COVID 19*
- *Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal, and the ability to interact effectively with prospective clients, colleagues and community partners*
- *Fiscally conservative*
- *Kept BOD apprised of information related to programs and services during COVID19 crisis*
- *Ensured firm maintained a positive image in the community, utilizing various marketing procedures and services.*
- *Significantly improved interdepartmental communication, improving processes reducing siloed communications*
- *Goal oriented setting and achieving high benchmarks for staff and self, maintaining and surpassing state set metrics.*
- *Collaborative work style building strong relationships with political and business community partners.*
- *Implemented organization realignment and actions to improve employee retention and enhanced performance of staff.*
- *Established expertise in working with Palm Beach County local municipalities, locally elected government officials and County representatives.*
- *Collaborative practices with Community Services, The Lords Place and Gulfstream Goodwill for care of county's newest homeless population at John Prince Park.*
- *Collaborative agreement with PBC and city library systems in educating library staff thus creating 30+ new POP UP sites for PBC citizens in need of registration in Employ Florida and reemployment assistance.*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**CEO and President, Career Source, Palm Beach County West Palm Beach, FL**

Dec 2020 - present

- Provide leadership and direction to senior leadership of Business Services Managers/Directors and ensure Business Service goals are achieved or exceeded.
- Monitor financial and operations performance; assure compliance with established standards as well as governance policies and procedures. Oversee the development and administration of department budgets.
- Maintain a broad knowledge of workforce programs and business trends to keep pace with economic market conditions.

- Research industry trends and develop strategies to improve market penetration.
- Direct and promote a quality culture and ensures systems, processes and procedures are in place to deliver superior results in the most cost-effective manner.
- Build, develop a cohesive leadership team capable of meeting performance goals and organizational initiatives centered around market penetration.
- Attend meetings, conferences and trainings while building solid partnerships with other workforce boards, state and federal agencies, including business and economic development organizations within the community.
- Develop and oversee strategic partners for organizational recruiting and placement results

Chief Operations Officer of Programs Manager, CareerSource Palm Beach County 2016-2017

- Worked across teams and boundaries to provide sustained operational leadership in the Career Center.
- Managed the programmatic staff to meet objectives given by the respective Program Manager/ Directors.
- Worked across boundaries with business services and others to coordinate involvement in the community and to ensure Career Source Palm Beach County mission and goals were met as well as document reports on community activities.
- Manage administration of the career center facility including office equipment / furniture, janitorial, phones, faxes, relocation of employees, floor plans, safety, security, etc.
- Ensured facility followed OSHA requirements and lead the Career center on all Emergency Preparedness making sure plans were current.
- Handle elevated customer complaints within the center and achieve complaint resolution
- Observed staff to ensure quality customer service was delivered to all customers according to workforce policies and procedures.

Director, HealthCare, Veteran and Justice Partnerships, CareerSource Palm Beach County May 2016 - Dec 2016

- Led Veteran Units to top performance status based on DOL Vets reporting, providing the most business penetration and job orders for veterans.
- Provided necessary training for staff in client care of veterans with barriers to employment, specifically homelessness.
- Increased efficiency of Healthcare Unit job placements through creative staffing and community partnerships
- Developed and expanded the Reentry Unit, utilizing referral basis with community partnerships.
- Created community based reentry program for Resource Center staff.

Community Activist, Palm Beach County, FL 2005-2015

Charitable Organizations: Founder: Katrinas Kidz; Board member Cancer Alliance and The Benjamin School Parents Association

- Executive Board Member Wounded Veterans Relief Fund 2017-present

United States Navy, Active Duty and Reserve Components 1984-2006**Commander, Nurse Corps, U.S Naval Reserves: Retired.**

Twenty-two-year military career culminating in the US Navy rank of Commander. Active Duty and Reserve Component experience included leadership, management and training of clinical nursing services, acute care clinics and multidisciplinary hospital staff, including deployment with Rapid Deployable Medical Forces to Operation Bright Star, Egypt; Branch Clinic Search and Rescue Iwakuni, Japan; Naval Hospital San Diego; National Naval Medical Command Bethesda, Maryland and Naval Hospital Jacksonville.

Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital Jacksonville Detachment

- Led medical forces in south Florida, preparing and deploying necessary members to Operation Noble Eagle and Iraqi Freedom. Maintained military unit readiness by maximizing education and training as well as manpower management for optimum fleet readiness and backfill of Naval Hospital staff. Led medical readiness preparedness for Navy and Marine Corps troops at Naval and Marine Corps Operational Support Center.

Executive Officer, Naval Hospital Jacksonville Detachment

- Second in command, ensuring Naval Hospital mobilization preparedness, reserve center staff training and medical readiness.
- Designed mentorship program for young sailors and officers assimilating into military ensuring smooth transition to medical forces.

WORK EXPERIENCE CONCURRENT WITH NAVAL RESERVE DUTIES

Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville, FL

Clinical Nurse Specialist Critical Care

1994-1997

- Provided hands on bedside education and consultation for nursing staff in medical, surgical and cardiothoracic ICU's
- Assisted in education and training for minimally invasive cardiac robotic surgery
- Developed and implemented senior nursing student internship program.
- Researched and designed nurse run clinics for Coumadin monitoring, congestive heart failure education and drug infusion.
- Interim Head of Nursing Education, Research and Professional Development

University of California, San Diego Medical Center San Diego, CA

1991-1997

Clinical Nurse Specialist: Surgery and Burns

- Designed, implemented educational programs related to surgical, burns, transplant and critical care topics.
- Interdepartmental consultant for nursing and medical staff; designed, conducted and implemented research-based findings into practice.
- Regional Burn Center: Advanced Burn Life Support Instructor
- Assisted in design and implementation of Surgical Departments Kidney and Kidney/pancreas transplant critical pathways.
- Assisted in design and implementation of Surgical Departments Liver transplant nursing care program.

EDUCATION**Bachelor of Science**, in Nursing, Minor Psychology, University of New Hampshire Durham, NH. 1984**Master of Nursing** University of California Los Angeles, California. 1991**Certificate:** Wharton School of Business, Institute of Executive Education: Leadership and Management; Univ. of Pennsylvania 2020**AWARDS**

Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal

Navy Achievement Medal – Three awards

Armed Forces National Defense Award

Fellow American College of Cardiovascular Nurses

PUBLICATIONSNeuromuscular Blockade: Nursing Interventions and Case Studies from infancy to adulthood. *Critical Care Nursing Quarterly*, 15(4): 53-67. Davidson, J., Dattolo, J., Goskoowisz, R., et al (1993)Catheterization: How far should you go? *RN*, 8: 52-55. Trout, S., Dattolo, J., Hansbrough, J., (1993).Factors influencing prehospital delay in patients experiencing chest pain. *American Journal of Critical Care*, 3(4): 300-306. Reilly, A., Dracup, K., Dattolo, J. (1994).Burn home care: An educational and economical program. *Journal of Burn Care and Rehabilitation*, 3. Dattolo, J., Trout, S., Connolly, MA. (1996).Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery: Nursing considerations and implications. *Critical Care Nursing Quarterly*, (4): 29-39. Daniel, J., Dattolo, J., (1998)**SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS**

American College of Cardiovascular Nurses Commission on Cardiovascular Nursing Education and Practice

Business Development Board of Palm Beach County: Current

Wounded Veterans Relief Fund Executive Board member: Current

Housing Leadership Council Palm Beach County Executive Board member: Current

Florida Workforce Development Association Executive: Current

Habitat for Humanity Palm Beach County Veteran Build Chairwoman 2022, Honorary Chairwoman 2023

National Association Workforce Development Professional National Board of Directors. Current

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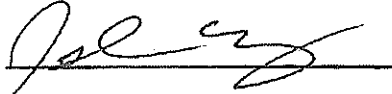
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SIGNATURE:  PRINTED NAME: JOHN SCHREY DATE: 3/9/26

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To whom it may concern,

My name is John Schrey. I am writing this in hopes of being considered for the new Veterans Service Advisory Board. I read about the creation of this board on Commissioner Marci Woodward's Post a few weeks back and immediately reached out. On Wednesday Jessica Jansen sent me the information to throw my name in the hat for the Board. I see the deadline was September 8th so I am really hoping this is still a possibility.

I was born and raised in Palm Beach County, Boca and Delray to be exact and my family has been in the area since the 1960s. I spent 8 years in the Marine Corps to include 2 Combat Deployments to Afghanistan in 2008 and 2010. Due to some head and neck trauma from IED blasts and PTSD I am a 100% disabled through the VA. I got out of the Marine Corps in December of 2014 and returned to Delray where my life began to spiral out of control from drugs and alcohol. I found myself homeless on the streets of Boynton Beach and in and out of the VA psych ward and countless treatment Centers. After over 3 years on the streets I was able to get myself cleaned up enough to start working on my issues and since 2019 my life has done nothing but improve. For the last four years I have worked in Mental Health and Substance Abuse facilities and ran military programming for my latest company. I have first hand experience of the issues plaguing our Veteran Community as well as first hand knowledge of how to find solutions. I have worked in all aspects of the veteran community to include being the Veteran Liaison at one facility, the Veteran Program Manager at another and a consultant to numerous organizations.

I cannot stress enough how great I think this Board is for my community and I am really hoping to be a part of it. I am 41 years old, have a beautiful 9 year old daughter, an amazing wife and 5 years ago I had lost all of that due to my inability to see the light through the darkness. I have them both fully back in my life and I believe the reason for that is to be a beacon of light for my people that still struggle and need our help. I lost my two closest Marine Brothers to suicide and I have dedicated my life to this cause. Being a part of this panel would be a huge step in honoring them. Thank you for your consideration.

John Schrey



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- CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING
- RESUME or BIOGRAPHY

SECTION I (OFFICE USE ONLY) Advisory Not Advisory

BOARD/COMMITTEE NAME: Veteran Services Advisory Board

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: AT-LARGE DISTRICT #

TERM: 5/5/26 REAPPOINTMENT NEW APPOINTMENT

LENGTH OF TERM: 3 START DATE 9/30/27 END DATE

SEAT #: 11 YEARS

SEAT REQUIREMENT: At-Large Member PBC Resident

COMPLETING AN UNEXPIRED TERM? YES NO

IF YES: DUE TO: RESIGNATION OTHER

COMPLETING TERM FOR: HENRY ANGULO

ORIGINAL TERM EXPIRES: 9/30/27

**When a person is being considered for reappointment, the number of previous disclosed voting conflicts during the previous term shall be considered by the Board of County Commissioners: _____*

SECTION II (to be completed by applicant) *MUST BE A PALM BEACH COUNTY RESIDENT

NAME: (First/Middle Initial/Last) JALEN J. AUER

ADDRESS: 11223 MELLOW CT.

CITY: WEST PALM BEACH STATE: FLORIDA ZIP: 33411

PHONE #: 561-531-0634

EMAIL: JALENAUER@HOTMAIL.COM

BUSINESS/EMPLOYER NAME: THE FIRE WATCH

OCCUPATION: PROGRAM MANAGER

ADDRESS: 11223 MELLOW CT.

CITY: WEST PALM BEACH STATE: FLORIDA ZIP: 33411

MAILING PREFERENCE: RESIDENCE BUSINESS

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY: YES NO

(conviction of a felony is not an automatic disqualifier from appointment)

IF YES - STATE THE COURT, NATURE OF OFFENSE, DISPOSITION OF CASE AND DATE:

SECTION II - continued (to be completed by applicant)

CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIPS: X NONE NOT APPLICABLE/(Governmental Entity)

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Example: (R#XX-XX/PO XX)	Parks & Rec	General Maintenance	10/01/00 - 09/30/2100

SERVING ON OTHER ADVISORY BOARDS / COMMITTEES:

Are you currently serving on any other Advisory Boards or Committees within Palm Beach County? YES X NO

If YES, please list: _____

CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING: X COMPLETED DATE: 02/02/26


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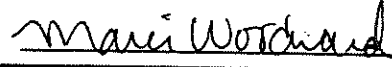
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SIGNATURE:  PRINTED NAME: Jalen Auer DATE: 2/26/2026

SECTION III - COMMISSIONER (OFFICE USE ONLY) DISTRICT # 4

COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE:  DATE: 4/20/26

SECTION IV - (OFFICE USE ONLY)

APPOINTMENT MADE: YES NO
 BCC MEETING: DATE

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SECTION III - COMMISSIONER (OFFICE USE ONLY) DISTRICT # _____
COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE:  DATE: 4/27/26

SECTION IV - (OFFICE USE ONLY)

APPOINTMENT MADE: _____ YES _____ NO
BCC MEETING: _____ DATE _____

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SIGNATURE:  PRINTED NAME: Jalen Auer DATE: 2/26/2026

SECTION III - COMMISSIONER (OFFICE USE ONLY) DISTRICT # 2

COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE:  DATE: 4/21/26

SECTION IV - (OFFICE USE ONLY)

APPOINTMENT MADE: YES NO
 BCC MEETING: DATE

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JALEN AUER

✉ jalenauer@hotmail.com

☎ 561-531-0634

📍 West Palm Beach, FL 33411

SKILLS

- Teamwork
- Multitasking and prioritization
- Strong leadership abilities
- Training and mentoring
- Innovation
- Communication
- Decision-making under pressure
- Time management
- Public relations and outreach

EDUCATION

Air University
Montgomery, AL • 2023

Graduate Certificate: Advanced Management And Conflict Resolution

Purdue University
West Lafayette, IN • 05/2022

Master of Science: Aerospace And Aviation Management
GPA: 3.8

Indiana State University
Terre Haute, IN • 05/2016

Bachelor of Science: Aviation Management

- Honors: Magna Cum Laude: Top 5% of Class
- Minor: Unmanned Systems; Military Leadership
- GPA: 3.91

AFFILIATIONS

- Palm Beach County Veteran Service Advisory Board
- Broward County Veteran Chamber of Commerce
- City of Sunrise's Veteran Advisory Board
- HERD Foundation Veterans Advisor
- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
- Court Appointed Special Advocate
- Owen County EMS EMT and Rescue
- Riley Children's Hospital Child Life

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Compassionate, service-oriented professional with a mission-driven background in teaching, mentorship, crisis support, and community advocacy. Experienced in mental health crisis response and suicide prevention, with real-world field experience as an active EMT and caseworker for the U.S. House of Representatives. Brings a strong foundation in trauma-informed communication, resource coordination, and supporting individuals through high-stress and emotionally complex situations. Drawing on prior roles as a Military Officer Instructor, Assistant Professor, Higher Education Administrator, and Outreach Coordinator, excels at building trust, fostering inclusive environments, and mentoring diverse populations. Adept at program development, case-management-style oversight, and cross-functional collaboration. Committed to empowering individuals, promoting resilience, and delivering empathetic, evidence-informed support within social work settings.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Distinguished Graduate - U.S. Air Force Advanced Helicopter Pilot Training
- Distinguished Graduate - U.S. Air Force Instructor Pilot Training
- Distinguished Graduate - U.S. Army High Altitude Aviation Training Sites
- U.S. Air Force Instructor Pilot of the Year, 582nd Helicopter Group
- U.S. Air Force Holm Center Academic Instructor of the Quarter
- U.S. Air Force Military Leadership Award

WORK HISTORY

The Fire Watch - Program Manager and Trainer
West Palm Beach, FL • 09/2025 - Current

- Built and managed partnerships with over 25 local governments and more than 50 community organizations across 13 Florida counties.
- Developed and facilitated veteran suicide prevention training for 10,000+ community members, organizations, and first responders across Florida, ensuring alignment with The Fire Watch's Watch Stander program and mission.
- Monitored program impact and performance metrics, providing regular reports and feedback to leadership, while continuously improving training content and delivery based on participant evaluations and evolving community needs.
- Attended ongoing professional development training in suicide intervention skills, mental health crisis counseling, and PTSD counseling.

Rush's Rainbows 501c3 - Executive Director
West Palm Beach, FL • 04/2023 - Current

- Co-founded non-profit while managing all phases of non-profit development from concept to launch, successfully securing 5 private and government grants that increased operating budget by 120% through targeted market research.
- Managed budget, financial plans, and tracked resources to support projects and research initiatives.
- Led outreach, partnership, and educational efforts with local and governmental organizations to secure contracts and promote organization's mission.

U.S. House of Representatives - Congressional Aide / Veteran Liaison
West Palm Beach, FL • 02/2025 - 08/2025

- Served as a primary liaison, outreach coordinator, and caseworker for over 800,000 constituents in Palm Beach and Broward County. Facilitated resolutions with federal agencies on a wide range of issues, and ensured responsive, results-driven service at the congressional district level.
- I represented the Congresswoman at official district functions. Actively engaged with community leaders, coordinated and attended local events, addressed constituent concerns, and promoted key legislative priorities through strategic outreach and advocacy.
- Oversaw day-to-day office operations, including managing constituent correspondence, supporting human resources processes, and coordinating recruitment efforts to maintain a highly efficient, mission-focused team.

Indiana University - Director of Operations / Assistant Professor
Bloomington, IN • 06/2023 - 10/2024

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

AUTHORED PUBLICATIONS

o Department of Defense: *MH-139 Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures, Classified and Unclassified*

o Department of Defense: *UH-1N Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures, Classified and Unclassified*

o Purdue University: *The Future of Unmanned Systems in the National Airspace System*

CERTIFICATIONS

- USAF Academic Instructor Course
- Top Secret Security Clearance
- DoD Security Manager
- Emergency Medical Technician - Basic (EMT-B)
- Basic Life Saving/CPR
- FAA Commercial Instrument Fixed-wing Pilot Certificate
- FAA Commercial Instrument Rotary-wing Pilot Certificate
- U.S. Air Force Instructor Pilot Graduate
- USAF Aviation Safety Officer
- Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training
- Mental Health First Aid

- Directed daily operations for a 142-member ROTC instructor and cadet corps, coordinating with university departments—including Admissions, Financial Aid, Facilities, and Athletics—to execute events, support recruitment, and strengthen engagement between ROTC, veterans, and the broader campus community.
- Mentored and advised 138 students, providing personalized academic guidance and career counseling that contributed to measurable student success, and long-term professional development.
- Designed and instructed 12 advanced aerospace-related courses, developing comprehensive syllabi, training frameworks, and lesson plans that promoted critical thinking, technical proficiency, and student engagement in both classroom and lab settings.
- Implemented rigorous assessment strategies to evaluate student performance, delivering actionable feedback that enhanced academic achievement, and supported individualized learning across diverse subjects.
- Spearheaded department-wide recruitment initiatives, increasing program enrollment by 79% through strategic outreach, effective communication, and by serving as a trusted liaison among prospective students, parents, faculty, and institutional leadership.

United States Air Force - Rescue Helicopter Instructor Pilot
USA • 01/2017 - 10/2024

- Combat-qualified Instructor Pilot for the UH-1N Rescue Helicopter with extensive experience executing complex search and rescue and airborne security missions in high-pressure environments; recognized as Helicopter Pilot of the Year for outstanding performance and leadership.
- Conducted post-maintenance Functional Check Flights (FCFs) to validate aircraft systems and performance, ensuring full compliance with rigorous safety and operational standards.
- Delivered advanced instruction in flight operations, aircraft systems, tactical procedures, and safety protocols, training and mentoring over 400 aircrew members. Improved learning outcomes through adaptive teaching strategies and a commitment to excellence in instruction.
- Led emergency response operations during natural disasters, providing critical life-saving support through rapid deployment, team coordination, and situational leadership in high-risk environments.

United States Air Force - Chief of Plans, Programs, and Projects
USA • 08/2014 - 10/2024

- Led strategic readiness initiatives across multiple organizational levels, overseeing the planning and execution of 8 unit, 26 base, 2 regional, and 1 enterprise-wide operation. Regularly briefed senior executives, including Department of Defense leadership and Congressional stakeholders, on operational effectiveness and strategic outcomes.
- Directed a high-performing team of 84 personnel during a critical organizational shift to a 24/7 operational posture—the first in a decade—resulting in a 95% improvement in response time and full compliance with national strategic readiness mandates.
- Managed complex, high-budget projects in collaboration with local, state, federal, and international partners, including NATO. Ensured alignment across agencies, maintained fiscal responsibility for multi-million-dollar budgets, and delivered mission-critical outcomes.
- Pioneered the establishment of an international training site, enhancing technical training for over 400 personnel annually. Achieved significant cost and time savings (\$2M and 5 days per trainee), while developing standard operating procedures for specialized aircraft operations.

United States Air Force - Assistant Director of Operations
Minot, North Dakota • 04/2018 - 10/2024

- Directed cross-functional participation in a high-level national readiness exercise, coordinating operational procedures and hands-on training for over 120 security personnel in support of a major U.S. defense initiative.
- Increased operational efficiency by 33% by improving scheduling systems and streamlining interdepartmental communication, resulting in enhanced daily throughput and reduced delays.
- Oversaw resource management and training logistics for over 50 weekly operational events, ensuring appropriate staffing, workload balance, and readiness through proactive oversight and collaboration across teams.
- Led daily team briefings focused on safety, compliance, and performance, reinforcing adherence to federal regulations and promoting situational awareness. Trained in safety protocols, incident response, and risk mitigation strategies.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2023- 1162

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, CREATING THE PALM BEACH COUNTY VETERAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD; PROVIDING FOR A PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP, APPOINTMENTS, TERMS; PROVIDING FOR OFFICERS; PROVIDING FOR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES; PROVIDING FOR SUNSHINE LAW, CODE OF ETHICS; PROVIDING FOR MEETINGS; PROVIDING FOR SUBCOMMITTEES; PROVIDING FOR GENERAL PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE, SUNSET.

WHEREAS, Florida has the 3rd largest veteran population in the United States; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2021 demographics of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs, there are 1,492,000 veterans in the State of Florida, with 753,000 veterans age 65 years and over, and Palm Beach County has a recorded 72,340 veterans; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey, more than one-quarter (29%) of all veterans in Florida lived in households experiencing financial hardship in 2019, while 6% were below the Federal Poverty Level, and an additional 23%, (nearly 4 times as many), were Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE); and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Palm Beach County Homeless Point-in-Time Count showed an increase in veteran homelessness, with veterans comprising nearly 10% of Palm Beach County's homeless population; and

WHEREAS, according to records from the Florida Department of Health's Fire Watch Project, 6,850 Florida veterans committed suicide from 2010 to 2020; and

WHEREAS, many veterans struggle with accessing benefits that may assist with health issues, employment, and other human services support; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) through its Community Services Department (CSD) established the Division of Senior and Veteran Services (DSVS), and in accordance with Section 292.11, Florida Statutes, the DSVS works in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to provide Veteran Service Officers; and

WHEREAS, Veteran Service Officers assist and counsel former and current members of the U.S. Armed Forces who reside in Palm Beach County, and assist military veterans and their dependents in preparing and filing claims with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to obtain benefits to which the veterans are entitled under federal, state, and local laws; and

WHEREAS, the BCC seeks to establish a Veteran Services Advisory Board to periodically assess the needs of veterans in Palm Beach County and provide a more efficient coordination amongst service providers in order to address needs identified.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. Purpose. There is hereby established an Advisory Board to be known as the “Palm Beach County Veteran Services Advisory Board (VSAB).”

Section 2. Roles and Responsibilities. The VSAB shall have the following roles and responsibilities:

- A. Collect information related to veterans in Palm Beach County and provide that information with input and guidance to the BCC, along with recommendations on responding to the County’s veteran population.
- B. Advise the BCC on needs of local veterans and resources available to local veterans.
- C. Increase the coordination and interactions between organizations, agencies, and institutions whose mission it is to assist veterans and their families in Palm Beach County.
- D. If requested by the BCC, provide recommendations on positions the BCC may take on local, state and federal legislation.
- E. To perform such other duties as may be required from time to time assigned by the BCC.

Section 3. Membership. The VSAB shall be comprised of eleven (11) members who represent as wide an array as possible of the public sector and private sector organizations whose mission is to assist veterans and their families. All members must reside in Palm Beach County at the time of appointment and while serving on the VSAB. Membership shall be representative of the racial, ethnic and geographic diversity of Palm Beach County. All members must have knowledge of at least one component of the support services available to assist veterans and their dependents. The membership shall consist of:

- A. One (1) member who represents an organization that provides Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder/Suicide Prevention services to veterans (Seat 1).
- B. One (1) member who represents an organization that provides Financial/Emergency Financial Assistance services to veterans (Seat 2).
- C. One (1) member who represents an organization that provides Housing services to veterans (Seat 3).
- D. One (1) member who represents an organization that provides Support services to veterans (Seat 4).
- E. One (1) member who represents the Veterans Affairs West Palm Beach Healthcare System (Seat 5).
- F. One (1) member who represents an organization that provides Mobility Assistance services to veterans (Seat 6).
- G. One (1) member who represents an organization that provides Employment services to veterans (Seat 7).
- H. One (1) member who represents an organization that provides Public Safety services to veterans (Seat 8). This member may be an employee of Palm Beach County.
- I. Three (3) at large members, at least two of whom are veterans (Seat 9, 10, & 11).
- J. **Appointment and Termination.** Members shall be appointed at large by the BCC, and serve staggered terms of three (3) years, with a limit of three (3) consecutive three (3)-year terms. Vacancies occurring during a term shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term, and

shall not count toward the member's term limits. All members of the VSAB shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners and may be removed without cause at any time.

K. Attendance. Members shall be automatically removed for lack of attendance. Lack of attendance is defined as failure to attend three (3) consecutive meetings or failure to attend more than one-half of the meetings scheduled during a calendar year. Participation in less than three-fourths of a meeting shall be the same as a failure to attend a meeting. Members removed pursuant to this paragraph shall not continue to serve on the VSAB and such removal shall create a vacancy.

L. Conflict of Interest. Members shall be governed by the applicable provisions of the Florida Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees and the applicable provisions of the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics.

Section 4. Officers. A Chair and Vice-chair shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the VSAB and shall serve for a term of one (1) year, but not to exceed two (2) consecutive terms in any one office. The duties of the chair shall be to:

- A. Call VSAB meetings and organize the agenda for the meetings,
- B. Preside at VSAB meetings,
- C. Serve as primary liaison to CSD staff,
- D. Perform other functions as the VSAB may suggest, and
- E. Establish subcommittees, appoint subcommittee chairs, and charge subcommittees with specific tasks.

The Vice-chair shall perform the duties of the Chair in the Chair's absence, and such other duties as the Chair may assign. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Chair, then the Vice-chair shall assume the position of Chair for the remainder of the term. A vacancy in the office of Vice-chair shall be filled through a majority vote of the membership.

Section 5. Sunshine Law, Codes of Ethics. The VSAB is subject to Florida's Sunshine Law. Reasonable public notice of all meetings, including subcommittee meetings, shall be provided, as required by the Sunshine Law, and all meetings shall be open to the public and minutes shall be taken. Records are subject to public disclosure. Members of the VSAB shall comply with the State's Code of Ethics found in Chapter 112, Part III of the Florida Statutes, as well as the Palm Beach County's Code of Ethics codified in Sections 2-254 through 2-260 of the Palm Beach County Code.

Section 6. Meetings. The VSAB shall meet quarterly, or as needed, as determined by a majority of the membership. A quorum, as established by ordinance must be present for the conduct of all meetings. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern meetings.

Section 7. Subcommittees. The VSAB shall be as self-sufficient as possible in that there is no budget for its function. To this end, to carry out its duties, the creation of subcommittees is encouraged. Members shall receive no compensation for services.

Section 8. Administration. Staff for the VSAB shall be provided through the Community Services Department.

Section 9. General Provisions. All members of the VSAB shall comply with the Uniform Policies and Procedures governing advisory bodies as set forth in Resolution No. 2013-0193, and any amendments thereto. Members will be provided a copy of the resolution and are expected to become familiar with the various requirements, including the provision for automatic removal for lack of attendance, conduct of meetings, and compliance with state and local laws pertaining to financial disclosure and other requirements. The VSAB is not established to duplicate efforts that County programs and departments were established to address. No member shall represent the VSAB before any governmental body or public or private entity or group unless approved to do so by a majority vote of the membership.

Section 10. Effective Date and Sunset. This Resolution shall become effective upon approval by a majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners, Palm Beach County, Florida. The VSAB will sunset five (5) years from the effective date unless the BCC extends its service through official action.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner Woodward, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sachs, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Gregg K. Weiss, Mayor	-	<u>Aye</u>
Maria Sachs, Vice Mayor	-	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Maria G. Marino	-	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Michael A. Barnett	-	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Marci Woodward	-	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Sara Baxter	-	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Mack Barnard	-	<u>Aye</u>

The Mayor thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 22nd day of August, 2023.

ATTEST:
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
Joseph Abruzzo

By: [Signature]
Clerk of Court & Comptroller
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM &
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By: Helene C. Hvizd
Assistant County Attorney

PALM BEACH COUNTY, Florida
By its Board of County Commissioners

By: [Signature]
Gregg K. Weiss, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

By: [Signature]
Reginald K. Duren
Assistant County Administrator

Palm Beach County Veteran Services Advisory Board Seat Roster

Seat Updated 2/18/26

VSAB Resolution Section 3: The Veteran Services Advisory Board (VSAB) member's term of office shall be three years. There shall be a limit of three (3) consecutive three-year terms that a member may serve. This provision is effective as of August 22, 2023, and applies to any member appointed or reappointed subsequent to that date.

{Please make sure all the members have files with all the updated documents}

SEAT	OCCUPANT	SEAT REQUIREMENT	ORGANIZATION	CURRENT TERM EXPIRES	TERM LEFT AFTER CURRENT TERM EXPIRES
1	John Dyben	Member who represents an organization that provides Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder/Suicide Prevention	The Hanley Foundation	09/30/2026	3
2	Michael Durkee	Member who represents an organization that provides Financial/Emergency Financial Services	Wounded Veteran Relief Fund	09/30/2026	3
3	Vacant	Member who represents an organization that provides Housing Services			3
4	Melva Rosier	Member who represents an organization that provides Support Services	PBC Legal Aid Society	09/30/2026	2
5	Richard (Buzz) Bryan	Member who represents the West Palm Beach Veteran Affairs Medical Center	VA	09/30/2026	3
6	Vacant	Member who represents an organization that provides Mobility Assistance Services			3

Palm Beach County Veteran Services Advisory Board Seat Roster

SEAT	OCCUPANT	NON-ELECTED COMMUNITY LEADERS: SEATS 7-10	ORGANIZATION	CURRENT TERM EXPIRES	TERM LEFT AFTER CURRENT TERM EXPIRES
7	Julia Dattolo	Member who represents an organization that provides Employment Services	Career Source of PBC	09/30/2026	3
8	Vacant	Member who represents an organization that provides Public Safety Services	PBC Fire Rescue		3
9	John Schrey	At Large Member	Veteran	09/30/2025	2
10	Vacant	At Large Member			3
11	Vacant	At Large Member			2