

PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: October 6, 2026

Department:  
Submitted By: Community Services  
Advisory Board: Veteran Services Advisory Board

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

**Motion and Title:** Staff recommends motion to approve: the appointments of three (3) new members to the Veteran Services Advisory Board (VSAB), for a term of October 6, 2026 through September 30, 2029:

| <u>Seat No.</u> | <u>Appointment</u> | <u>Seat Requirement</u>              | <u>Nominated By</u>                                                               |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3               | Sarah Davis        | Housing                              | Vice Mayor Marci Woodward<br>Commissioner Gregg Weiss<br>Commissioner Maria Sachs |
| 5               | Tamecka King       | West Palm Beach<br>VA Medical Center | Vice Mayor Marci Woodward<br>Commissioner Gregg Weiss<br>Commissioner Maria Sachs |
| 10              | Thomas Cole-Reyes  | At-Large                             | Vice Mayor Marci Woodward<br>Commissioner Gregg Weiss<br>Commissioner Maria Sachs |

**Summary:** The VSAB is focused on assessing the needs of veterans in Palm Beach County (County) and providing 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 R2023-1162. The total membership for VSAB consists of no more than 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. Members serve staggered terms of three (3) years, with a limit of three (3) consecutive three (3) year terms. Ms. Sarah Davis is the Deputy Director of Stand Down/Faith, Hope, Love, Charity, Inc. Ms. Tamecka King is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with the VA Medical Center, and Mr. Thomas Cole-Reyes is the Founder and CEO of Vet's Place Inc. Nominees have expressed interest in serving on the Board. Currently, seven (7) of the 11 seats are filled. Countywide (RS)

**Background and Justification:** On March 14, 2023, the BCC directed County Administration to establish a VSAB. The VSAB's focus is directed toward assessing the needs of veterans in the County and providing a more efficient coordination amongst service providers in order to address gaps in services and any needs identified. The Division of Senior and Veteran Services will provide staff support. Resolution R2023-1162 provides authority for VSAB to collect information related to Veterans in the County, provide that information with input and guidance to the BCC, along with recommendations on responding to the veteran population, advise the BCC on needs of veterans and resources available, and increase coordination and interactions between entities whose mission is to assist veterans and their families.

- Attachments:**
- 1. Boards/Committees Applications and Resumes (3)
  - 2. Inventory of Seats List
  - 3. Resolution R2023-1162

Recommended By:  9-14-26  
Department Director Date

Legal Sufficiency:  9/15/2026  
Assistant County Attorney Date

**II. REVIEW COMMENTS**

**A. Other Department Review:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Department Director**



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  - CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIPS
  - CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING
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**SECTION I** (OFFICE USE ONLY) ☒ Advisory ☐ Not Advisory

BOARD/COMMITTEE NAME: Veteran Services Advisory Board

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: ☒ AT-LARGE ☐ DISTRICT #     

TERM: 10/6/26 REAPPOINTMENT ☒ NEW APPOINTMENT

LENGTH OF TERM: 3 YEARS START DATE 9/30/29 END DATE

SEAT #: 3

SEAT REQUIREMENT: PBC Resident Housing Services

COMPLETING AN UNEXPIRED TERM? ☐ YES ☒ NO

IF YES: DUE TO: ☐ RESIGNATION ☐ OTHER

COMPLETING TERM FOR:     

ORIGINAL TERM EXPIRES:     

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

NAME: (First/Middle Initial/Last) Sarah R Davis

ADDRESS: 108 Henthorne Drive

CITY: Palm Springs STATE: FL ZIP: 33461

PHONE #: 561-376-8784

EMAIL: SDavis@standown.org

BUSINESS/EMPLOYER NAME: Stand Down/Faith, Hope, Love, Charity Inc.

OCCUPATION: Deputy Director

ADDRESS: 3175 S. Congress Ave, Suite 310

CITY: Palm Springs STATE: FL ZIP: 33461

MAILING PREFERENCE: ☐ RESIDENCE ☒ BUSINESS

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SIGNATURE: Sarah Davis PRINTED NAME: Sarah Davis DATE: 8/11/2026

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

COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE: Marci Woodard DATE: 9/3/26

**SECTION IV - (OFFICE USE ONLY)**

APPOINTMENT MADE: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO  
BCC MEETING: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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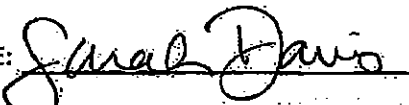
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SIGNATURE:  PRINTED NAME:   Sarah Davis   DATE:   8/11/2026  

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

COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE:  DATE:   8/10/26  

**SECTION IV - (OFFICE USE ONLY)**

APPOINTMENT MADE:            YES            NO

BCC MEETING:            DATE

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**Sarah Davis**  
108 Henthorne Drive  
Palm Springs, FL 33461  
(561) 275-4759

## **Education**

**Bachelor of Arts, Psychology**  
University of North Carolina Wilmington

**May 2010**

**Certified Addiction Professional**  
Addictions Training Institute

**2016 - 2017**

## **Professional Work Experience**

### **Faith, Hope, Love Charity Inc.**

#### **Deputy Director**

June 2025-Current

- Serve as the primary support to the Executive Director and provide senior-level leadership for organizational operations and programs serving homeless veterans.
- Oversee all programmatic functions, including SSVF and HCHV, to ensure effective service delivery, compliance, and measurable impact.
- Supervise program leadership and staff, providing guidance, oversight, and accountability across departments.
- Ensure compliance with federal, state, and private grant requirements through quality oversight, audits, and program review.
- Review and approve program expenditures and payroll to support sound fiscal management and operational efficiency.
- Assist with grant writing, reporting, and grant management to support program sustainability and growth.
- Support the planning and execution of fundraising events and contribute to strategic decision-making in partnership with the Executive Director.
- Help ensure the organization operates efficiently, ethically, and in alignment with its mission to serve homeless veterans.

#### **Program Manager**

April 2021-Current

- Supervise all staff and complete annual reviews, trainings, and case conferences.
- Interview, hire, and train new staff.
- Complete quality control to ensure all charts are in compliance with SSVF, DCF, and CARF guidelines.
- Create and implement policies and procedures.
- Review requests for Temporary Financial Assistance to ensure all required documentation is provided and charts are within their recertification period.
- Maintain relationships with community partners including the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center, and Continuum of Care.
- Attend By-Name-List meetings and ensure all homeless veterans in our community are accessing the resources available to them.
- Develop and implement strategies, protocols, and new services to ensure we are utilizing our resources in an efficient manner and allowing the veterans to access all services available to them.

- Meet with the SSVF Program Office and regional director to ensure the program is meeting all goals and objectives and implementing new services.
- Meet with the HUD-VASH team, advocate for veterans to receive the voucher and ensure the process is being completed properly between VA and SSVF staff.
- Intervene with clients and case managers to resolve conflicts.
- Maintain a small caseload of clients via Rapid Rehousing packets and high needs veterans.

***Lead Case Manager***

May 2019-April 2021

- Maintained a caseload of clients and provided case management services, assisted with securing permanent housing, and helping them achieve housing stability.
- Reviewed charts to ensure they are in compliance with SSVF, DCF, CARF guidelines.
- Reviewed requests for Temporary Financial Assistance to ensure all the required documentation is provided and charts are within their recertification period.

***SSVF Case Manager***

November 2017-May 2019

- Met with literally homeless or at imminent risk of homeless veterans and their families and provided case management services utilizing progressive engagement to ensure they become permanently housed utilizing the Housing First approach.
- Completed certifications, recertifications, case closures on the veterans and ensured all required documentation is placed in their chart.
- Provided case management services which includes applying for food stamps benefits, connecting veterans to resources such as health care, eye glasses, applying for VA or SS benefits, assisted veterans in obtaining Social Security cards, state ID, and DD214.
- Completed housing stability plans and budgets with the veterans to establish a plan on how they will achieve housing stability.
- Advocated for veterans and placed them into permanent housing then worked with the veterans on ensuring they have achieved housing stability by either increasing their income or decreasing their expenses.

***Destination Hope***

August 2017-November 2017

***Case manager***

- Met with clients and assessed their non-clinical needs and addressed those needs.
- Scheduled doctor's appointments, applied for food stamps, addressed their legal needs.
- Assisted with discharge planning to ensure they had a safe discharge plan that ensured they had all the resources needed to achieve their goals of maintaining recovery.
- Ensured we followed HIPAA, CARF, JACHO, and DCF requirements.

***Transformations Treatment Center***

September 2013 - July 2017

***PHP Case Manager***

- Met with clients, assessed their non-clinical needs and addressed those needs.
- Assisted clients in communicating with lawyers or probation officers and provided appropriate documentation to those parties.
- Advocated for clients needs using interdisciplinary approaches.
- Developed and maintained treatment plans and updated progress.
- Created Life Skills groups, facilitated groups, documented group notes.

***Behavioral Health Technician (BHT) Supervisor***

- Supervised up to 20 BHT's.

- Issue disciplinary actions and reviews to BHTs, approved their hours worked on Paycom.
- Oversee training and performance of BHTs/Lead Techs.
- Address any issues with staff or clients in a timely manner.
- Addressed incidents in a professional manner such as clients using drugs, medical emergencies, contraband found, behavioral misconduct and leaving against medical advise.
- File incident reports and communicate incidents in a timely manner utilizing the chain of command.
- Accommodate special needs of clients or those that need extra support.
- Facilitated groups in a clinical setting.
- Managed team in compliance with company policies and procedures.

#### ***Lead Tech***

- Coordinate meetings and activities for clients.
- Arrange transportation to meetings, activities and picking up new clients to detox facilities.
- Give directives to BHTs, assign duties and rotate those duties in a timely manner.
- Communicate any issues regarding the clients with the clinical team.
- Accommodate the clients with any special needs or extra support.
- Address any behavioral problems from the clients with consequences or revoking privileges.
- De-escalate clients and perform crisis intervention techniques.
- Transposed a daily recap of client's behaviors using progress notes and observations.
- Maintain communication with all departments.
- Address emergencies in a calm, professional manner.

#### ***Behavioral Health Technician***

- Maintain the safety and welfare of the clients.
- Observe and report behaviors.
- Perform intakes and pre-certs using KIPU system.
- Redirect clients in a sensitive but firm manner.
- Perform hourly checks on the clients, provide 1:1 or 30 minute support as needed.
- Perform body searches/drug screens and bag searches in a thorough manner.
- Transport clients to activities, meetings, stores, hospitals, detox and properly observing clients during such outings.

#### **Skills Utilized**

- Detail orientated and great organizational skills.
- Strong supervisory and management skills.
- Remain flexible in priority of tasks being completed.
- Remain calm in stressful situations.
- Effective de-escalation techniques.
- Communicate in a professional manner.
- Create documents using Microsoft Word or Excel.
- Remain compassionate when dealing with clients and sensitive to their needs.
- Proficient in KIPU EMR.
- Excellent customer service skills.
- All continuing education is up to date.
- Maintain compliance with HIPAA, DCF, JACHO, and CARF requirements.



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BOARD/COMMITTEE NAME:

VETERAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT:

☒ AT-LARGE

☐ REAPPOINTMENT

☐ START DATE

☐ YEARS

DISTRICT #

☒ NEW APPOINTMENT

10/6/26

9/30/29

END DATE

TERM:

10/6/26

START DATE

9/30/29

END DATE

LENGTH OF TERM:

3

YEARS

SEAT #:

5

SEAT REQUIREMENT:

PBC Resident

VA MEDICAL CENTER

COMPLETING AN UNEXPIRED TERM?

☐ YES

☒ NO

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☐ OTHER

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NAME: (First/Middle Initial/Last)

TAMECKA S. KING, LCSW

ADDRESS:

8630 LINEYARD CAY

CITY:

WEST PALM BEACH

STATE:

FL

ZIP:

33411

PHONE #:

5612604421

EMAIL:

TAMECKA.KING@VA.GOV

BUSINESS/EMPLOYER NAME:

WEST PALM BEACH VA MEDICAL CENTER

OCCUPATION:

LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER

ADDRESS:

7305 N. MILITARY TRAIL (SWS 122)

CITY:

WEST PALM BEACH

STATE:

FL

ZIP:

33407

MAILING PREFERENCE:

☒ RESIDENCE

☐ BUSINESS

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 SIGNATURE: TAMECKA KING PRINTED NAME: TAMECKA S. KING DATE: 8/12/2026  
Date: 2026.09.12 13:59:14 -0400

SECTION III - COMMISSIONER (OFFICE USE ONLY)

DISTRICT # 4

COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE: Marci Woodward DATE: 9/13/26

SECTION IV - (OFFICE USE ONLY)

APPOINTMENT MADE: YES NO  
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SECTION III - COMMISSIONER (OFFICE USE ONLY) DISTRICT # 2

COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE: DATE: 7/10/26

SECTION IV - (OFFICE USE ONLY)

APPOINTMENT MADE: YES NO

BCC MEETING: DATE

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**SHORT BIO:**

**Tamecka S. King, LCSW** is an accomplished Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Qualified Supervisor based in West Palm Beach, Florida, with over 18 years of dedicated service to Veterans and their families within the VA healthcare system. Recognized for her leadership as Veterans Justice Outreach Guardianship Specialist and liaison with the Legal Aid Society of PBC, Tamecka excels in addressing the complex legal and psychosocial needs of Veterans, particularly those who are homeless, at risk, or living with serious mental illness.

Her specialized expertise includes geriatrics, guardianship, advance care planning, healthcare advocacy, and care coordination. Tamecka is a systems navigation and program development expert, with a proven track record managing and enhancing programs using best care practices to re design the legal services and guardianship program at the WPB VA. She is adept at providing direct clinical care, program oversight, facilitating and guiding peers with complex Veteran placements, and strengthening partnerships between the VA, legal service providers, and community partners.

Tamecka has received numerous honors, including SWS Employee of the Month (July 2026) , Social Worker of the Quarter (2021), and Outstanding Annual Performance Ratings (2013–2026). As a mentor and educator, she supervises graduate interns, fosters interdisciplinary collaboration, and serves on executive and ethics boards. Her advanced skills in crisis intervention, program oversight, policy development, and advocacy for vulnerable Veteran populations make her a passionate leader committed to delivering high-quality, innovative, and compassionate care.



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|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Example: (R#XX-XX/PO XX) | Parks & Rec         | General Maintenance    | 10/01/00 - 09/30/2100 |
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SERVING ON OTHER ADVISORY BOARDS / COMMITTEES:

Are you currently serving on any other Advisory Boards or Committees within Palm Beach County?

YES N NO

If YES, please list:

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SIGNATURE: Thomas T. Coles-Reyes PRINTED NAME: THOMAS T. COLES-REYES DATE: 7/30/26

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

COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE: Marc Woodward DATE: 9/3/26

SECTION IV - (OFFICE USE ONLY)

APPOINTMENT MADE YES NO

BCC MEETING: DATE

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**SIGNATURE:** Thomas T. Coles-Reyes **PRINTED NAME:** THOMAS T. COLES-REYES **DATE:** 7/30/26

**SECTION III - COMMISSIONER (OFFICE USE ONLY)**

**DISTRICT #** 2

**COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE:** [Signature] **DATE:** 8/10/24

**SECTION IV (OFFICE USE ONLY)**

**APPOINTMENT MADE:** YES NO

**BCC MEETING:** DATE

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# Thomas “Tomas” T. Coles-Reyes

## Professional Bio

Thomas “Tomas” T. Coles-Reyes is a U.S. Air Force veteran, nonprofit executive, entrepreneur, workforce-development professional, publisher, program developer, and longtime veteran advocate whose commitment to veterans, and their families spans more than five decades.

He is the Founder, President/CEO and Chairman of Vet’s Place, Inc., a Palm Beach County nonprofit supporting veterans, families, caregivers, seniors, and other community members through resource navigation, referrals, active case management, follow-up support, community partnerships, and pathways toward stability and independence.

In 2026, Tomas is currently developing VetLink of Palm Beach County, an initiative designed to establish stronger connections among veteran-serving organizations and improve access to timely information, referrals, resources, follow-up, and coordinated community support.

His commitment to veterans began decades before Vet’s Place. Following his military service, Tomas became involved in veteran advocacy in New York City. During his years in New York, he was asked to participate on veterans’ advisory councils associated with the administrations of New York City Mayors John Lindsay and David Dinkins, addressing issues affecting veterans transitioning back into civilian life.

His professional career subsequently crossed government, nonprofit, vocational rehabilitation, behavioral health, substance-use services, workforce development, technology, entrepreneurship, media, and community advocacy.

As a program developer, Tomas created W.I.S.E. I and W.I.S.E. II for the YWCA of Greater New York, initiatives serving displaced homemakers and addressing employment and economic self-sufficiency. His workforce-development experience also included development of a Veterans Employment Program at the Bronx VA Medical Center, where he helped establish a comprehensive employment approach for veterans.

After relocating to Florida, Tomas continued developing programs for veterans experiencing significant barriers. As a Program Specialist with Faith, Hope, Love, Charity, Inc./Stand Down House, he developed programs designed to address the employment, stability, and service needs of veterans participating in the program. His advocacy also contributed to

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broad recognition of the needs of veterans, including women veterans, within Palm Beach County's response to homelessness.

Tomas later served as Director of Veterans Affairs for the City of Riviera Beach, Florida, strengthening connections among municipal government, veterans, veteran organizations, and community resources. His earlier professional experience included serving as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor with VESID - Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities, New York State Education Department, where his responsibilities included working with substance-use treatment programs and specializing in services affecting veterans.

His career has also included nonprofit executive leadership, employment and vocational counseling, behavioral-health and substance-use services, entrepreneurship development, computer and digital-literacy education, grant writing, and work as a grant examiner.

Tomas is the Founder of Palm Beach Media Studio, LLC and Founder, Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of The Veteran, a digital publication developed to provide veterans and their families with information about benefits, services, community resources, organizations, opportunities, and the people working on behalf of the veteran community.

Throughout his career, he has developed initiatives addressing employment, homelessness, affordable housing, workforce development, entrepreneurship, digital access, rehabilitation, and coordinated community services. His approach has consistently emphasized practical solutions that help veterans and their families move toward greater stability, independence, and opportunity.

In 2026, Tomas was recognized through his inclusion in the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections Veteran Wall of Honor, his nomination for the Florida Veterans Hall of Fame, and receipt of the National Change Agent Award from the National Council on Aging (NCOA).

More than five decades after beginning his advocacy, Tomas continues working to strengthen the systems serving veterans and their families. His philosophy is straightforward: veterans should not have to navigate complicated systems alone, and communities achieve better outcomes when government, nonprofits, businesses, veteran organizations, caregivers, and families work together.

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# Palm Beach County Veteran Services Advisory Board

## Seat Roster

**Seat Updated 12/17/2024**  
**VSAB Resolution Section 3:** The Veteran Services Advisory Board (VSAB) member term of office shall be three years. There shall be a limit of three (3) Consecutive three-year terms that a member can serve. This provision is effective as of September 30, 2023, and applies to any member who is appointed or reappointed subsequent to that date.

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

| SEAT | CO-CHAIRMAN          | SERVICE PROVIDED BY MEMBER                                                                                  | ORGANIZATION                | COMMITTEE TERM DATES | MEMBER TERM DATES | DEMOGRAPHIC |
|------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 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 | 09/30/2029           | 2                 |             |
| 3    | Vacant               | Member who represents an organization that provides Housing Services                                        |                             | 09/30/2026           | 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                            |                             | 09/30/2025           | 3                 |             |

# Palm Beach County Veteran Services Advisory Board

## Seat Roster

| SEAT | OCCUPANT      | NON-ELECTED COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP STRATEGIES / NO                           | ORGANIZATION         | CURRENT TERM EXPIRES | TERM LIMIT (CURRENT TERM EXPIRES) | DEMOGRAPHIC INFO |
|------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| 7    | Julia Dattolo | Member who represents an organization that provides Employment Services    | Career Source of PBC | 09/30/2028           | 2                                 |                  |
| 8    | Vacant        | Member who represents an organization that provides Public Safety Services | PBC Fire Rescue      | 09/30/2025           | 3                                 |                  |
| 9    | John Schrey   | At Large Member                                                            | Veteran              | 09/30/2028           | 2                                 |                  |
| 10   | Vacant        | At Large Member                                                            |                      | 09/30/2026           | 3                                 |                  |
| 11   | Jalen Auer    | At Large Member                                                            |                      | 09/30/2027           | 2                                 |                  |

Demographic info key: BF= Black Female, BM= Black Male, HAIF= Haitian Female, HAIM= Haitian Male, WF= White Female, WM= White Male, HISF= Hispanic Female, HISM= Hispanic Male, M= Multi-Race, APIF= Asian Pacific Islander Fem

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2023- 116 2**

**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 ggnd day of August, 2023.

ATTEST:  
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT  
Joseph Abruzzo  
By [Signature]  
Clerk of Court & Comptroller  
Deputy Clerk  
APPROVED AS TO FORM  
LEGAL SUMMER  
By Helene C. Hvizd  
Assistant County Attorney

PALM BEACH COUNTY, Florida  
By its Board of County Commissioners  
By [Signature]  
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