



Agenda Item Summary

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Veteran Services Advisory Board Appointments

Presenter:

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Description:

Veteran Services Advisory Board Appointments

Recommended Action:

Appoint one Post 911 Veteran with a term ending 9/30/2029, appoint one Citizen at Large (Veteran) with a term ending 9/30/2029, appoint one Citizen at Large (Veteran), alternate with a term ending 9/30/2029, and appoint one Disabled American Veterans Representative with a term ending 09/30/2029.

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Fiscal Note:

N/A

Strategic Guide:

Social and Economic Opportunity

Background:

The Alachua County Veteran Services Advisory Board (VSAB) was established July 12, 1983 with multiple amendments to follow. This board consists of 16 Representatives of Organizations, 2 Veterans of specific era's and 4 Citizens who are Veterans and 1 Alternate Veteran for a total of 17 board members. The VSAB carries out the responsibilities of a Community Veterans Engagement Board in order to work with the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The VSAB Veteran Services Advisory Board has been providing input and support from the Veterans Community to the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners regarding issues and services to the Veterans community for over 30 years. This board has an influential role in the Veteran's community and has contributed to the Alachua County community in various roles for those 30+ years. The Alachua County Veteran Services Advisory Board serves as a conduit of communication in the Veterans Community providing feedback to the Alachua County Veteran Services Office about the

needs of the Veterans Community.

The VSAB board makes recommendations to the Alachua County BoCC. The VSAB promotes community awareness of the Alachua County Veteran Services Office.

The following veterans/citizens have applied to serve on the VSAB:

Post 911 Veteran-

Kenya Herring- Never Served on the VSAB

Crystal Small-Rivera- Never Served on the VSAB

Citizen at Large (Veteran), Citizen at Large (Veteran) – alternate-

Michael Cook- Never Served on the VSAB

Charles Crawford- Never Served on the VSAB

Joseph North- Never Served on the VSAB

Disabled American Veterans Representative

Charles Lloyd – Currently Serving as Citizen-at-Large on the VSAB

Their applications have been reviewed and they are qualified to serve.