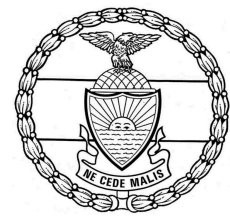


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HON. VANESSA L. GIBSON, BOROUGH PRESIDENT LEURYS ACOSTA, CHAIRPERSON KARLA CABRERA CARRERA, DISTRICT MANAGER

VETERANS AFFAIRS & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chair:	Chad Royer
Meeting Date:	February 18, 2026
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Meeting Location:	Via Zoom Videoconference Meeting ID: 861 4988 6100 By Phone: (646) 558-8656
Meeting Recording:	https://youtu.be/RqVnrgkWRAI
Members In Attendance:	✓ Chad Royer ✓ Alfred Grant ✓ Jean Hill ✓ Deahna Penn ✓ Craig Rijkaard ✓ Jake Wilson ✓ Tobie Buford
Minutes done by:	Chad Royer

Minutes:

I. Introduction

II. Review Of Previous Minutes

A. The January 21, 2026, meeting minutes were approved, motioned by Alfred Grant, seconded by Tobie Buford.

III. Review From Previous Meeting: None

IV. New Business

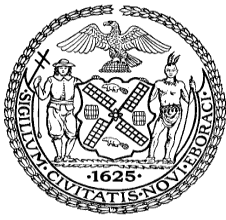
A. NYC Commission on Human Rights - Samelys Lopez

1. Samelys Lopez provided an overview of the duties of the Commission of Human Rights. The contents included education on protections against discrimination under the City Human Rights Law, identifying discrimination, sexual harassment, and retaliation, understanding who has obligations under the law, and contacting the commission to file complaints.
2. The NYC Commission on Human Rights is a city agency that can field complaints if the matter originated within the five boroughs, and the last incident of discrimination occurred within the last year. The time period is

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three years if the matter involves gender-based harassment, including sexual harassment.

3. As of this meeting, it is illegal to discriminate against employees, interns, and job seekers on the basis of the following: age, caregivers, color, credit history, criminal record, creed, disability, gender, gender identity, height, weight, immigration/citizen status, marital status, pre-employment marijuana testing, national origin, pregnancy, race, salary history, sexual orientation, sexual/reproductive health decisions, status as victim of violence, unemployment status, and military service.
4. Complaints can be filed by calling 311 or 212-416-0197, or by visiting this website: nyc.gov/humanrights.

B. Vice Chairperson of the Committee

1. Deahna Penn was nominated by Tobie Buford and seconded by Alfred Grant for the position of Vice Chairperson of the Veterans and Human Services Committee. Yes: 7 ; No: 0 ; Abstain: 0.
2. Motion passes. Deahna Penn is the new Vice Chairperson of the Veterans and Human Services Committee.

C. Bronx Victory Memorial Flagging Event in May 2026

1. The Bronx Victory Memorial flagging event will take place on Sunday, May 17, 2026, at 9:30 am, in conjunction with the Bronx Week event that is taking place.
2. Additional information and requests regarding the flagging event will be communicated in the coming months, including the possibility of obtaining a new wreath for the monument and having the New York Grey Cadets present at the event.

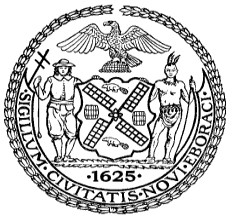
V. Announcements

- A. The James J Peters Veterans Mental Health Council is a voluntary group of veterans and veteran advocates, led by a team of doctors and staff at the VA Hospital. The group's main focus is mental health-related strategies designed to reach out and assist veterans. Meetings are held once or twice a month on a hybrid basis. If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the group, reach

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out to Dr. Crismarlyn Valentin-Arias at 646-946-8438 or at
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VI. Adjournemnt

- A. The next Veterans Committee meeting will be on **April 15, 2026**.
- B. Motion to adjourn meeting by Tobie Buford, seconded by Alfred Grant.