

# New York City Veterans Advisory Board

Minutes for April 20, 2017 meeting held at:

**Lincoln Hospital**  
234 East 149<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bronx, New York, 10451

## Members

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### Present:

Todd Haskins (Manhattan)	Pat Devine (Bronx)
Charles Hernandez (Bronx)	Jules Martin (Manhattan)

### Absent:

Charles Greinsky (Staten Island)	Wendy McClinton (Brooklyn)
Joe Bello (Bronx)	Anthony “Tony” Odierno (Manhattan)
John Rowan (Queens)	Mariel Juarez (Brooklyn)
Samuel Innocent (Bronx)	

## Minutes

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- Todd Haskins (Chair) commenced the meeting at 6:15 PM.
- All VAB members introduced themselves to the audience. Quorum was not attained.

### Welcomes:

- Tracy McDermott gave greetings on behalf of Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.
- James Carr, Director of MIS & Network Security Officer (Marine Corps) gave greetings on behalf of Lincoln Hospital.

**Old Business:** As there was no quorum, all old business was set aside for the next meeting.

### New Business:

Oswaldo Pereira from DVS briefly updated the board on what DVS is doing in the Bronx. Mr. Pereira talked about several program getting started, including VetsThriveNYC. Mr. Pereira also talked about the outreach coordinators in each Borough.

Board member Pat Devine gave a brief presentation regarding the groundbreaking of the Fisher Houses that will be built at the Bronx VA Medical Center. The groundbreaking is scheduled to

take place on May 25, 2017 at 1 PM. The 14,000 square foot residences will have an elevator and will be ADA compliant. The homes are scheduled to be completed by late 2017, early 2018.

**Public Comments:** Board member \_\_\_\_\_ hosted this part of the meeting. The following individuals gave public comments to the board:

**Daniel Weednen:**

**Francis Chapman:**

**Mujaahid Amjad:**

**Matt Butler:**

There were no more speakers.

**Meeting Adjourned.**

**Next Meeting:** May 2017

Submitted by: Joe Bello, Secretary