

New York City Veterans Advisory Board

Minutes for April 13, 2016 meeting held at:

Brooklyn Borough President's Office
209 Joralemon Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Members

Present:

Todd Haskins (Manhattan)
John Rowan (Queens)
Charles Hernandez (Bronx)
Jules Martin (Manhattan)

Samuel Innocent (Bronx)
Wendy McClinton (Brooklyn)
Mariel Juarez (Brooklyn)

Absent:

Pat Devine (Bronx)
Joe Bello (Bronx)

Anthony "Tony" Odierno (Manhattan)
Charles Greinsky (Staten Island)

Minutes

- Todd Haskins (Chair) commenced the meeting. (6:15 PM)
- All VAB members introduced themselves to the audience.

Public Session

Approved Feb. 2016 minutes without objection.

Chair Haskins announced that the draft of the VAB By-laws will be made public for comment.

Deputy Brooklyn Borough President Diana Reyna greeted everyone to Borough Hall. They are planning an open house for VSDVOB.

Commissioner Sutton reported on the transition to the NYC Dept. of Veterans Services, including future hiring and budget resources. She announced the formation of a new Veterans Court in Manhattan.

Representatives from SAGE did a presentation on their programs for LGBT veterans (SAGEUSA.Org) (212-741-2247).

Lt. Stroup, USN reported on the upcoming Fleet Week festivities.

A report was given by Martin Collins, a Veterans Business Assistance Counselor. They provide counseling and loans in the Bronx and Manhattan (212-795-1600)

SSGT David Winkler told us about Wings for Warriors a NFP that assists the families of the wounded (wingsforwarriors.org, 657-243-5406).

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting: Staten Island, June 16, 2016

Submitted by VAB Member John Rowan for Secretary Bello.