

**Meeting Minutes - Special Committee on Veterans' Services**  
**(Pending Committee Approval)**

Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 1900 hours (7:00PM)

Held at Board Office: 5676 Riverdale Ave, Suite 100, Bronx, NY 10471

**Present:**

Sergio Villaverde - Chair  
Julia Gomez - Vice Chair  
Robert Spalter - Community Committee Member (EC)  
Farra Kule Rubin - District Manager  
Robert Fishman - Community Member

**Absent:**

Margaret Della (Excused)

- 1) Welcome and Roll Call and Pizza distribution 1910
- 2) Approval of Committee Minutes of December 4, 2023 meeting - Dr. Gomez moved to vote, seconded by Chair Villaverde. Passed unanimously.
- 3) Chairperson's Report - Breaking Bread event, Chair Villaverde will forward the details to the office.
- 4) Report by Elected/NYC Representative - Tabled until April.
- 5) Discussion of Veterans Award - discussion of the creation of a Veterans Award similar to the awards that other committees give. In order to identify candidates it was suggested that an outreach list be created. It was mentioned that the same list should be used to invite veterans to attend and participate in committee meetings. It was further suggested that the committee create award criteria and/or an application to standardize the process moving forward.
- 6) New Business
  - a) Outreach - getting an outreach list together, reaching out to the VFW and American Legion, using community boards to advertise meetings.
  - b) Use of Veterans Funds for non-veteran reasons - will look into
  - c) Status of the committee - does the committee want to become a standing committee.
- 7) Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by: **Sergio Villaverde, Committee Chair**