

**MINUTES OF MEETING
VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
BOARD
FOR
September 24, 2024**

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Ceremony – Pledge of Allegiance – Post Colors
3. Prayer
4. Roll call of Officers
 - David Allen** (MCL) Chair
 - MCL 1253 - **Rich Kuyper**
 - DAV 34 - **Ed Peters**
 - AL 1164 – Larry Blanchette (absent), **Mark Straughn**
 - AL 1019 – Jim Wasser(excused), **Karl Fitzgerald**
 - AL 408 – **Nic Smith, Mark Warpet**
 - AL 755 - **Dan Horton, Joe Gaca**
 - AL 766 – **Wayne Burgess**, Corey Norton (excused)
 - AL 795 – **Dennis Pankey**
 - AL 85 – **John McGarey**, Daniel Guimond (absent)
 - AmVets 107 - **Tom Page**, Tony Just (excused)
 - VFW 9961 **Manny Quinto**, Michael Lockwood
 - VFW 2857 - Roger Bean (excused), **Nick Monacelli**
 - VFW 7535 – **Raymond Jacobsen, Dennis Horn**
 - NABVETS – **Sam Peyton**
 - Office staff: Michael Peeken, Karen Smietanski, Chris Senesac, Ashley Appleton, Eric Peterson
 - Guests: Robin Senesac
5. Public Comment
6. Reading & Approval of the minutes of the Commission Meetings and 2 committee reports
 - A motion was made by Ed Peters, 2nd by Manny Quinto to approve Minutes. Motion Carried.
7. Approval of Veterans Financial Assistance and Financial Claims
 - A motion was made by Manny Quinto, 2nd by Ed Peters to approve all Financial business. Motion carried.
8. Report of committees – Motion to go into Executive Session by Tom Page, 2nd by Mark Warpet. Motion carried
 - A motion was made to come out of Executive Session by Nic Smith, 2nd by Rich Kuyper.
9. Approval of Office Report
 - The office report was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Wayne Burgess, 2nd by John McGarey to approve the office report. Motion carried.
10. Old Business
 - The Superintendent Committee is recommending Eric Peterson as the new Superintendent. He will take over on October 15 if he is appointed. Paper Ballots were passed out to do a private vote on appointing Eric Peterson as the new Superintendent. There was a unanimous yes vote to appoint Eric Peterson as the new Superintendent.
11. New Business
 - Getting Flags for the Washington St Veterans Housing. (Momence is giving \$500) Need to name the facility.
12. Retire Colors
13. Adjourn – A motion was made Rich Kuyper, 2nd by Tom Page to adjourn. Motion carried.