

**MINUTES OF MEETING
VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
BOARD
FOR
June 24, 2025**

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 – **Willie Berry**
 - DAV 34 – **Ken Brooks**, Mike Peeken (absent)
 - AL 1164 – **Mark Straughn**, Jim Grimes (absent)
 - AL 1019 – **Carey Hall, Jim Wasser**
 - AL 408 – Nic Smith (excused), **Mark Warpet**
 - AL 755 - Dan Horton (absent), Joe Gaca (absent)
 - AL 766 – **Wayne Burgess**, Corey Norton (absent)
 - AL 795 – **Dennis Pankey**, Tim Cmielowicz (absent)
 - AL 85 – **John McGarey**, Daniel Guimond (absent)
 - AmVets 107 - Tom Page (excused), Tony Just (absent)
 - VFW 9961 **Manny Quinto, Michael Lockwood**
 - VFW 2857 - Roger Bean, Nick Monacelli
 - VFW 7535 – **Raymond Jacobsen, Dennis Horn**
 - Office staff: Karen Smietanski, Ashley Appleton, Eric Peterson,
 - Guests: Fritz Fitzgerald, Ed Peters
5. Public Comment -
6. Reading & Approval of the minutes of the Commission Meetings (joint approval for both minutes)
 - A motion was made by Ken Brooks, 2nd by Mark Warpet to approve Minutes. Motion Carried.
7. Approval of Veterans Financial Assistance and Financial Claims
 - A motion was made by Manny Quinto, 2nd by Ken Brook to approve all Financial business. Motion carried.
8. Report of committees – None
9. Approval of Office Report
 - The office report was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Ken Brooks, 2nd by Mark Warpet to approve the office report. Motion carried.
10. Old Business
 - Approval of 2026 Budget: Ken Brooks made a motion to approve the 2026 Budget, Mark Straughn seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
11. New Business
12. Retire Colors
13. Adjourn – A motion was made Mark Straughn, 2nd by Manny Quinto to adjourn. Motion carried.