MINUTES OF MEETING
VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION BOARD
September 22, 2026

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Ceremony – Pledge of Allegiance – Post Colors
3. Roll call of Officers
   MCL 1253 – **David Allen, Willie Berry**
   DAV 34 – Ken Brooks (excused), **Ed Peters**
   AL 1164 – **Mark Straughn,** Jim Grimes
   AL 1019 – **Carey Hall**, Jim Wasser (excused)
   AL 408 –**Mark Warpet**
   AL 755 - **Dan Horton,** Joe Gaca
   AL 766 – **Wayne Burgess**, Fritz Fritzgerald (excused)
   AL 795 – Dennis Pankey (excused)
   VFW 9961 **Manny Quinto, Michael Lockwood**
   VFW 2857 - Roger Bean (excused), Nick Monacelli (excused)
   Office staff: Karen Smietanski, Chris Senesac
4. Public Comment - none
5. Reading & Approval of the minutes of the Commission Meetings and Budget Committee

A motion was made by Mark Straughn, 2nd by Mark Warpet to approve last month's Commission meeting. Motion Carried.

6. Approval of Veterans Financial Assistance and Financial Claims

Claims and financial reports were reviewed. A motion was made by Mark Warpet, 2nd by Michael Lockwood to approve all financial business. Roll Call vote was taken. Motion carried.

7. Report of committees – None **Meeting set up befor next meeting for by-laws to be reviewed**
8. Approval of Office Report

The office report was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Michael Lockwood, 2nd by Mark Straught, to approve the office report. Motion carried.

9. Old Business
10. New Business
    *Eric received a resignation letter from Chair Fritz Fritzgerald. Vice Chair David Allen called for nominations for the Chair Position. Willie Gould nominated David Allen. Call for nominations was called 2 more times. No other nominations. David Allen accepted nomination. Roll Call vote was taken. Unanimous approval.
    Chairman Allen called for nominations for Vice Chair. There was discussion first about job responsibilities. A call for nominations – Willie Gould nominated Mark Straugh. Call for nominations was called 2 more times. No other nominations. Mark Straughn accepted the nomination. Roll call vote was taken. Unanimous approval.
11. Retire Colors
12. Adjourn – A motion was made Mark Warpet, 2nd by Ed Peters to adjourn. Motion carried.