

**MINUTES OF MEETING
VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION BOARD
August 25, 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 (excused), **Jim Grimes**

AL 1019 – Carey Hall, Jim Wasser (excused)

AL 408 – **Mark Warpet**

AL 755 - **Dan Horton, Joe Gaca**

AL 766 – **Wayne Burgess**, Fritz Fitzgerald (excused)

AL 795 – **Dennis Pankey**

VFW 9961 **Manny Quinto, Michael Lockwood**

VFW 2857 - **Roger Bean**, Nick Monacelli (excused)

Office staff: Eric Peterson, Karen Smietanski, James Elliot

4. Public Comment - none

5. Reading & Approval of the minutes of the Commission Meetings and Budget Committee

A motion was made by Roger Bean, 2nd by Mark Warpet to approve Minutes commission meeting and budget committee for July. Motion Carried.

6. Approval of Veterans Financial Assistance and Financial Claims

Claims and financial reports were reviewed. A motion was made by Michael Lockwood, 2nd by Wayne Burgess to approve all financial business. Motion carried.

7. Report of committees – None

8. Approval of Office Report

The office report was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Ed Peters, 2nd by Mark Warpet, to approve the office report. Motion carried.

9. Old Business –

- a. Joint Services Committee met before meeting. Eric reviewed the information gathered and will be sending out a follow up email. We will start having regular monthly meetings.
- b. 2027 budget was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made to accept the budget as presented by Mark Warpet, 2nd by Michael Lockwood. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.

10. New Business

11. Retire Colors

12. Adjourn – A motion was made Mark Warpet, 2nd by Wayne Burgess to adjourn. Motion carried.