

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF EXECUTIVE BOARD  
VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION  
FOR  
April 25, 2023**

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Ceremony – Pledge of Allegiance – Post Colors
3. Prayer
4. Roll call of Officers
  - David Allen (MCL) Chair, **Stan Bobka** (MCL 1253) Vice Chair, MCL 1253 – A: Rich Kuyper, Guest: Joe Mayfield, Skip Myers
  - DAV 34 - A-Ed Peters, Excused: **Stan Olenjack**
  - AL 1164 – **Larry Blanchette**, A-Tim Rehmer, Guest: Jim Grimes
  - AL 1019 – **Jim Wasser**, A: Karl Fitzgerald
  - AL 408 – A-Mark Louis Warpet, Excused- **Nic Smith**
  - AL 755 - **Dan Horton**
  - AL 766 – **Wayne Burgess**
  - AL 85 – **Mike Pitts**
  - AmVets 107 – A: Richard Van Pelt, Excused: **Tom Page**
  - VFW 9961 – **Manny Quinto** Guest: Tom Nelson
  - VFW 2857 -
  - Others; Mike Peeken, Superintendent, Office staff: Karen Smietanski, Ashley Appleton, & David McCleery
5. Public Comment
6. Reading & Approval of the minutes of the Annual Meeting and March Commission Meeting
  - A motion was made by Ed Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Blanchette to approve both Minutes. Motion Carried.
7. Go into Executive Session to review claims and as per 5 ILCS 120/2 ©(2)
  - A motion was made by Larry Blanchette, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stan Bobka to go into Executive Session. Motion carried.
8. Motion to come out of Executive Session
  - A motion was made Ed Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Manny Quinto to come out of Executive Session. Motion carried.
9. Approval of Veterans Financial Assistance and Financial Claims
  - A motion was made by Rich VanPelt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Burgess to approve all Financial Business. Motion carried.
10. Report of Committee – By Laws committee will meet 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30.
11. Approval of Office Report February
  - The office report was discussed. A motion was made by Ed Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Blanchette to approve the office report. Motion carried.
12. Old Business
  - Discussion of the Architect for the expansion. The proposals were passed out last month. Ed Peters made a motion to go with the Carlile group. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Horton. Motion passed.
13. New Business
  - The VTC will be having a 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ceremony. We are looking at purchasing a full set of flags and ribbons for the court house. We are asking that the Service Organizations chip in and help pay for the set.
14. Retire Colors
15. Adjourn – A motion was made by Larry Blanchette, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Warpet to adjourn. Motion carried.