

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION  
BOARD  
FOR  
August 27, 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, Mark Straughn**
  - AL 1019 – Jim Wasser(excused), **Karl Fitzgerald**
  - AL 408 – **Nic Smith, Mark Warpet**
  - AL 755 - **Dan Horton**, Joe Gaca (absent)
  - AL 766 – **Wayne Burgess**, Corey Norton (excused)
  - AL 795 – Dennis Pankey (excused)
  - AL 85 – John McGarey (excused), Daniel Guimond (absent)
  - AmVets 107 - **Tom Page**, Tony Just (excused)
  - VFW 9961 **Manny Quinto, Michael Lockwood**
  - VFW 2857 - Roger Bean (excused), Nick Monacelli (excused)
  - VFW 7535 – **Raymond Jacobsen, Dennis Horn**
  - Office staff: Michael Peeken, Karen Smietanski, Chris Senesac, Ashley Appleton
  - Guests: Jason Diaz, Robin Senesac
5. Public Comment **Jason Diaz**
6. Reading & Approval of the minutes of the June Commission Meeting
  - A motion was made by Larry Blanchette, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Straughn to approve Minutes. Motion Carried.
7. Approval of Veterans Financial Assistance and Financial Claims
  - A motion was made by Manny Quinto, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Peters to approve all Financial business. Motion carried.
8. Approval of Office Report
  - The office report was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Ed Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rich Kuyper to approve the office report. Motion carried.
9. Old Business
  - A motion was made by Larry Blanchette, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rich Kuyper to approve the Resolutions for the 2025 Budget. Motion carried.
10. New Business
11. Retire Colors
12. Adjourn – A motion was made Rich Kuyper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Lockwood to adjourn. Motion carried.