

**Minutes of Meeting  
OF THE  
VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION  
Emergency Meeting  
FOR  
July 28, 2025  
KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS 60901  
TIME: 5 pm**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll call of Commissioners  
**David Allen** (MCL) Chair  
MCL 1253 – **Willie Berry**  
DAV 34 – **Ken Brooks, Mike Peeken**  
AL 1164 – **Mark Straughn**, Jim Grimes (absent)  
AL 1019 – **Carey Hall**, Jim Wasser (excused)  
AL 408 – **Nic Smith**, Mark Warpet  
AL 755 - **Dan Horton, Joe Gaca**  
AL 766 – **Wayne Burgess, Corey Norton**  
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, Eric Peterson, Chris Senesac  
Guests: Fritz Fritzgerald,
3. Public comment
4. Go into Executive session to discuss specific personnel performance, compensation and employment. A motion was made by Ken Brooks, Second by Nic Smith to go into executive session. Motion Approved
5. Come out of Executive Session – A motion was made by Nic Smith, Second by Ken Brooks to come out of executive session. Motion Approved
6. Consideration and take action on separation of specific personnel.  
A motion was made by Ken Brooks, Seconded by Willie Berry to approve the Separation Agreement with Ashley Appleton and authorize Superintendent Peterson to take such actions require to finalize said agreement in a form substantially similar to the draft agreement. A roll call vote was taken. Motion Approve unanimously.
7. Adjourn  
A motion was made by Ken Brooks Seconded by Nic Smith to Adjourn. Motion Approved.