

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF EXECUTIVE BOARD
VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
FOR
August 22, 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** Vice Chair,
 - MCL 1253 – Guest: Rich Kuyper, : Skip Myers
 - DAV 34 - D: **Stan Olenjack** A-Ed Peters (excused)
 - AL 1164 – D: **Larry Blanchette**, A- **Tim Rehmer**
 - AL 1019 – D: **Karl Fitzgerald** A – **Jim Wasser**
 - AL 408 – D- **Nic Smith** A-**Mark Louis Warpet**,
 - AL 755 – D: **Dan Horton** A: **Joe Gaca**
 - AL 766 – D: **Wayne Burgess**
 - AL 85 – D: **Mike Pitts**
 - AmVets 107 – D: **Tom Page** A: Richard Van Pelt absent
 - VFW 9961 – Manny Quinto (absent) A: **Tom Nelson**
 - VFW 2857 - D: Roger Bean (excused) A: **Nick Monacelli**
 - Office staff: Mike Peeken, Superintendent, Karen Smietanski, Amanda Sadler
 - Guests:
5. Public Comment
6. Reading & Approval of the minutes of the July Commission Meeting
 - A motion was made by Mike Pitts, 2nd by Nic Smith to approve Minutes. Motion Carried.
7. Go into Executive Session to review claims and as per 5 ILCS 120/2 ©(2)
 - A motion was made by Stan Olenjack, 2nd Larry Blanchette to go into Executive Session. Motion carried.
8. Motion to come out of Executive Session
 - A motion was made Nic Smith, 2nd by Stan Olenjack to come out of Executive Session. Motion carried.
9. Approval of Veterans Financial Assistance and Financial Claims
 - A motion was made by Mike Pitts, 2nd by Nic Smith to approve all Financial Business. Motion carried.
10. Report of Committee – By Laws committee met.
 - Budget committee met prior to this meeting. They are recommending that the budget be approved.
11. Approval of Office Report August
 - The office report was discussed. A motion was made by Mike Pitts, 2nd by Stan Bobka to approve the office report. Motion carried.
12. Old Business
 - Discussion of the expansion update. Everyone received basic 50% plan
 - Budget was presented. A motion was made by Mike Pitts to approve the budget, 2nd by Stan Bobka. After review and discussion, the board approved the budget as presented.
 - Bylaws were moved to next month. We are waiting on attorney comments again.
13. New Business
14. Retire Colors
15. Adjourn – A motion was made by Mike Pitts, 2nd by Stan Bobka to adjourn. Motion carried.