

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION  
BOARD  
FOR  
July 23, 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 (excused), **Mark Straughn**
  - AL 1019 – **Jim Wasser, Karl Fritzgerald**
  - AL 408 – **Nic Smith, Mark Warpet**
  - AL 755 - Dan Horton (excused), **Joe Gaca**
  - AL 766 – **Wayne Burgess**, Corey Norton (excused)
  - AL 795 – **Dennis Pankey**
  - 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**
  - VFW 7535 – **Raymond Jacobsen, Dennis Horn**
  - Office staff: Michael Peeken, Karen Smietanski, Chris Senesac
  - Guests: Jason Diaz, Robin Senesac, Estephan Navarro
5. Public Comment **Jason Diaz & Estephan Navarro**
6. Reading & Approval of the minutes of the June Commission Meeting
  - A motion was made by Jim Wasser, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nic Smith to approve Minutes. Motion Carried.
7. Approval of Veterans Financial Assistance and Financial Claims
  - A motion was made by Mark Warpet, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nick Smith to approve all Financial business. Motion carried.
8. Report of Committee
  - Motion to go into Closed Executive session was made by Nic Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mark Straughan. Motion Carried.
  - Budget Discussion for review.
  - Motion to come out of Closed Executive session was made by Wayne Burgess, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Warpet. Motion Carried
9. Approval of Office Report
  - The office report was reviewed and discussed. The Commission concurred with Mr. Peeken’s FA change. A motion was made by Ed Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Page to approve the office report. Motion carried.
10. Old Business
  - A motion was made by Mark Warpet, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Burgess to go ahead a vote on the 2025 Budget. Motion carried.
  - A motion was made by Rich Kuyper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Warpet to approve the 2025 Budget. Motion carried.
11. New Business
12. Retire Colors
13. Adjourn – A motion was made Tom Page, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nic Smith to adjourn. Motion carried.