

**MINUTES OF MEETING
VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION BOARD
FOR November 25, 2025**

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 – **Willie Berry**

DAV 34 – Ken Brooks (absent), **Mike Peeken**

AL 1164 – **Mark Straughn, Jim Grimes**

AL 1019 – **Carey Hall**, Jim Wasser (absent)

AL 408 – Nic Smith (absent), **Mark Warpet**

AL 755 - **Dan Horton**, Joe Gaca (absent)

AL 766 – **Wayne Burgess**, Fritz Fitzgerald (absent)

AL 795 – **Dennis Pankey**, Tim Cmielowicz (absent)

AL 85 – John McGarey (excused), 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: Eric Peterson, Karen Smietanski, Chris Senesac

5. Public Comment - none
6. Reading & Approval of the minutes of the Commission Meetings

A motion was made by Mark S., 2nd by Willie B. to approve Minutes. Motion Carried.

7. Approval of Veterans Financial Assistance and Financial Claims

Claims and financial reports were reviewed. A motion was made by Roger B, 2nd by Mark W to approve all financial business. Motion carried.

8. Report of committees –

The by-laws committee met before full meeting. A review did not get finalized to bring to the full commission. They will meet again before next meeting, and a copy will be mailed to full commission for review before January meeting.

9. Approval of Office Report

The office report was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Dan H., 2nd by Roger B. to approve the office report. Motion carried.

10. Old Business

A motion was made by Mark S, 2nd by Roger B. to go into Executive Session to discuss Proposal with Carlile Group for renovations and processes. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mark W, 2nd by Mike L, to come out of Executive Session. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Roger B, 2nd by Willie B to approve the proposal made by Carlile Group and to proceed with bidding process and renovations. Roll call vote was taken, Unanimous approval

11. New Business

Eric discussed the conversation with Jeff Bennett concerning extending our lease since renovations were going to occur and expansion in the future. Jeff had been in contact with landlord and will send over a proposal for the extension. We will have a 5-year extension with option to add another 5 years (every 5 years). A motion was made by Roger B, 2nd by Mark W. to move forward with paperwork on lease. It will be brought to commission for final vote once received. Motion carried.

12. Retire Colors

13. Adjourn – A motion was made Mark S., 2nd by Wayne B. to adjourn. Motion carried.