

**MINUTES OF MEETING
VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION BOARD
January 27, 2026**

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 (absent)

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

AL 1019 – **Carey Hall**, Jim Wasser

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

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

AL 766 – **Wayne Burgess, Fritz Fritzgerald**

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 (excused), Nick Monacelli (absent)

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 Michael L., 2nd by Mark S. to approve Minutes for both the by-laws and commission meetings for December. Motion Carried.

7. Approval of Veterans Financial Assistance and Financial Claims

Claims and financial reports were reviewed. A motion was made by Michael L., 2nd by Manny Q. to approve all financial business. Motion carried.

8. Report of committees – (none)

9. Approval of Office Report

The office report was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Mark W., 2nd by Willie B., to approve the office report. Motion carried.

10. Old Business

*The by-laws were read at the Dec meeting with proposed changes. By -laws were sent to full commission for those not at that meeting. The attorney made two minor changes and by-laws were reviewed again. A motion was made by Mark W., 2nd by Mark S., to approve all proposed by-law changes. Roll Call vote was taken and passed unanimously.

*Commissioners were reminded to get their updated posts delegate and alternate forms back to VAC as soon as possible.

11. New Business

*Eric discussed the Economic Impact Statement requirement for each commissioner. Statements will be mailed in the monthly packets.

*Request was made to have an ongoing list of needs of the Liberty Lodge

12. Retire Colors

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