



# Veteran Assistance Commission of Will County

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**Sept. 13, 2022**

**Commission of the Whole**

**6:00PM**

**302 N. Chicago St., Joliet, IL**

- I. **Call to Order:**
  - A. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
- II. **A. Opening Prayer:**
- III. **A. Roll Call of Executive Board**
  - B. **Roll Call of Members of the Veterans Assistance Commission**

<b>VAC Commission</b>		
<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
Jack Picciolo	President	
vacant	Vice President	
Denise Williams	Secretary	
Amanda Koch	Sgt-At-Arms	
Jim Singler	Chaplain	
Tom Mlynek	Member	
Janet Blue	Member	
Steve Benicke	Member	
Vic Martinka	Past Chairman	
John York	Past Chairman	
Wayne Horne	Past Chairman	
<b>Delegates/Alternates</b>	<b>Post</b>	
No Delegate	AL 2000 Mokena	
No Delegate	AL 1977 New Lenox	
No Delegate	AL 1291 Crete	
Janet Blue/ David Batzek	AL 1200 Monee	(Exec. Board Member)
Thomas Horn/ Gary Stieg	AL 1080 Joliet (1080)	
John Kestel/Robert Angone/Richard Smerz	AL 935 Manhattan	
Joey Smith/ Smith	Lisa AL 521 Steger	
Robert Krueger/ Rick Bolanowski	AL 392 Peotone	
John Gavin/ James Shaw	AL 241 Joliet Buffalo Soldiers	
No Delegate	AL 191 Wilmington	

Steve Benicke/Steven Daley/Tiffany Jackson	AL 52 Romeoville	(Exec. Board Member)
Dale Fraher/ James Chappell	AL 39 Braidwood	
Mike Myers/ Tom Jost	AL 18 Lockport	
James Castenada/ Raj Pillai	AL 13 Plainfield	
No Delegate	VFW 9545 New Lenox	
No Delegate	VFW 8283 Steger	
No Delegate	VFW 5917 Bolingbrook	
No Delegate	VFW 5819 Lemont	
Keith Carberry/ Ernest Errico	VFW 5788 Lockport	
No Delegate	VFW 5422 Wilmington	
No Delegate	VFW 2199 Joliet (Stone City)	
Amanda Koch/ Daniel Koch	VFW 1493 Frankfort	(Exec. Board Member)
James Hogan/ No Alternate	VFW 725 Mokena	
Lou Smith/ Jim Clausen	VFW 367 Joliet (Cantigny)	

**IV. Introduction of Guests and/or First Time Attendees:**

**V. Public Comment**

**VI. Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

- a) 14 Jun 2022
  - 1. Motion:
- b) 12 Jul 2022
  - 1. Motion:
- c) 09 Aug 2022
  - 1. Motion:
- d) Special Executive Meeting 29 Aug 2022
  - 1. Motion:
- e) Special Executive Meeting 01 Sep 2022
  - 1. Motion:
- f) Closed Session of 30 Mar 2022
  - 1. Motion:

**VII. Superintendents Report:**

**A. Award Log:**

**B. Project 150 Report:**

- a) Emergency Shelter:

**C. Financial Assistance Report:**

- a) Shelter:
- b) Gas:
- c) Electric:
- d) Personal Products:
- e) Food:

1. Motion:
2. Roll Call Vote:

**VIII. Old Business:**

- A. Confirming the appointment of Peterson, Johnson & Murray as the Executive Board's attorneys, retroactive to August 4, 2022, and direct staff to enter into a retainer agreement.**
  - a) Motion:
  - b) Roll call vote:
- B. Confirming the appointment of Pat Walsh as the Executive Board's special litigation counsel, and direct staff to enter into a retainer agreement.**
  - a) Motion:
  - b) Roll call vote.
- C. Investigation Progress Report, Atty. Paul O'Grady/PJM Chicago**
  - a) Discussion:
- D. Auditor Progress Report, Duffy Blackburn, Will County Auditor**
  - b) Discussion:

**IX. New Business**

- A. Proposal to Amend By-Laws to limit public comment.**
  - a) Discussion:
  - b) Motion:
  - c) Roll Call Vote:
- B. Superintendent Appointment**
  - a) Discussion:
  - b) Motion:
  - c) Roll Call Vote:
- C. Judge Advocate Appointment**
  - d) Discussion:
  - e) Motion:
  - f) Roll Call Vote:
- D. Nominations of Officers**
  - g) President:
  - h) Vice President:
  - i) Secretary:
  - j) Sgt-At-Arms:
  - k) Chaplain:
  - l) Member at Large (2 year)-Open:
  - m) Member at Large (3 year)-Filled through 2023-Janet Blue
  - n) Member at Large (4 year)-Filled through 2024-Steve Benicke
    1. Discussion:
    2. Motion:
    3. Roll Call Vote:

**X. For Good of the Commission**

**XI. Executive Committee Closed Session to discuss the following subjects:**

- a) **PERSONNEL:** The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific VAC employees (5 ILCS 5/120/2(c)(1)).
- b) **PENDING or THREATENED LITIGATION:** A pending legal action against, affecting or on behalf of the VAC, VAC Board, or a similar legal action that is probable or imminent (5 ILCS 5/120/2(c)(11)).
  - 1) Motion to return from Closed Session:
  - 2) Motion to approve matter discussed in Closed Session, as required:

**XII. Motion to Adjourn:**

**VAC Biennial Election Meeting  
11 Oct 2022 6:00pm  
Will County Executive Bldg.  
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