Veteran Assistance Commission

of Will County

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| **14 Oct 2022** | **Commission of the Whole Biennial Election 302 N. Chicago St., Joliet IL** | **3:00PM** |

**EDITED AND REVISED ON 12/07/2022 BY ANNAMARIE DENEEN**

1. **Call to Order: Amanda Koch, President Pro Tempore**

**Point of Order** made by Lisa McGlasson Section 201 of the Opens Meeting Act requires all meetings required by the act be public, held at a specific time and place, and open to the public. McGlasson asserts that this meeting is not open or convenient to the public or the members of the commission as the date and time were not shared in a timely manner in accordance with our bylaws and the Opens Meeting Act.

**Point of Order** to be voted on prior to the opening of the meeting was denied.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Invocation**

Denise Williams seeks advice from counsel Paul O’Grady

1. **A. Roll Call of Executive Board**

**B. Roll Call of Members of the Veterans Assistance Commission**

**McGlasson demands recognition as an officer of the board**

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| **VAC Commission** | | |
| **Attendee Name** | **Title** | **Status** |
| Jack Picciolo | President | E |
| Vacant | Vice President |  |
| Denise Williams | Secretary | P |
| Amanda Koch | Sgt-At-Arms | P |
| Jim Singler | Chaplain | P |
| Tom Mlynek | Member | E |
| Janet Blue | Member | P |
| Steve Benicke | Member | P |
| Vic Martinka | Past Chairman | P |
| John York | Past Chairman | E |
| Wayne Horne | Past Chairman | E |
| **Post** |  |  |
| AL 2000 Mokena |  | A |
| AL 1977 New Lenox |  | A |
| AL 1291 Crete |  | A |
| AL 1200 Monee | Janet Blue | Exec. Board Member |
| AL 1080 Joliet (1080) | Thomas Horn | P |
| AL 935 Manhattan | Robert Angone | P |
| AL 521 Steger |  | A |
| AL 392 Peotone | Robert Krueger | P |
| AL 241 Joliet Buffalo Soldiers |  | A |
| AL 191 Wilmington |  | a |
| AL 52 Romeoville | Steve Benicke | Exec. Board Member |
| AL 39 Braidwood |  |  |
| AL 18 Lockport | Mike Meyers | P |
| AL 13 Plainfield | William Sutton | P |
| VFW 9545 New Lenox |  | A |
| VFW 8283 Steger |  | A |
| VFW 5917 Bolingbrook | John Davin | P |
| VFW 5819 Lemont |  | A |
| VFW 5788 Lockport | Ernest Errico | P |
| VFW 5422 Wilmington |  |  |
| VFW 2199 Joliet (Stone City) |  |  |
| VFW 1493 Frankfort | Amanda Koch | Exec. Board Member |
| VFW 725 Mokena |  | A |
| VFW 367 Joliet (Cantigny) | Jim Clausen | P |

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

None

1. **Public Comment on All Matters Relevant to the WCVAC:**

John Kraft, Edgar County Watchdogs

Raj Pallai, Alternate American Legion Post 13

William Sutton, Delegate American Legion Post 13

Robert Bog

Lucas (inaudible)

Kirk Allen, Edgar County Watchdogs

John Castanada, Commander, American Legion 13

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting(s):**
   * 1. 14 June 2022

Motion to pass minutes of 14 June 2022

First: Clausen

Second: Singler

Motion to amend Minutes of 14 June 2022 to remove the title of Executive Board Member from Raj Pallai and reflect the proper title of alternate

FIRST: Benicke

SECOND: Blue

Roll Call Vote:

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| **VAC Commission** | | |
| **Attendee Name** | **YES** | **NO** |
| Denise Williams | x |  |
| Amanda Koch |  |  |
| Jim Singler | x |  |
| Janet Blue | x |  |
| Steve Benicke | x |  |
| Vic Martinka | x |  |
| Tom Horne |  |  |
| Wayne Horne |  |  |
| **Post** | **YES** | **NO** |
| AL 1080 Joliet (1080)-Thomas Horne |  | X |
| AL 935 Manhattan – Robert Angone | Abstain |  |
| AL 392 Peotone-Robert Krueger |  | X |
| AL 18 Lockport-Mike Meyers | X |  |
| AL 13 Plainfield-Raj Pallai | x |  |
| VFW 5917 Bolingbrook-John Davin | X |  |
| VFW 5422 Wilmington-Jennifer Piehl | x |  |
| VFW 2199 Joliet (Stone City) Kevin Pomykala |  |  |
| VFW 367 Joliet (Cantigny) Jim Clausen | x |  |
| MOAA – Joseph Kelley | x |  |
| VFW 5788 Lockport Ernest Errico | X |  |

Motion passes

Roll Call to accept the minutes as amended.

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| **VAC Commission** | | |
| **Attendee Name** | **YES** | **NO** |
| Denise Williams | x |  |
| Amanda Koch |  |  |
| Jim Singler | x |  |
| Janet Blue | x |  |
| Steve Benicke | x |  |
| Vic Martinka abstain |  |  |
| Tom Horne |  |  |
| Wayne Horne |  |  |
| **Post** | **YES** | **NO** |
| AL 1080 Joliet (1080)-Thomas Horne | x |  |
| AL 935 Manhattan – Robert Angone | x |  |
| AL 392 Peotone-Robert Krueger | Abstain |  |
| AL 18 Lockport-Mike Meyers | Abstain |  |
| AL 13 Plainfield-Raj Pallai | Abstain |  |
| VFW 5917 Bolingbrook-John Davin | Abstain |  |
| VFW 5422 Wilmington-Jennifer Piehl | Abstain |  |
| VFW 2199 Joliet (Stone City) Kevin Pomykala |  |  |
| VFW 367 Joliet (Cantigny) Jim Clausen | X |  |
| MOAA – Joseph Kelley | Abstain |  |
| VFW 5788 Lockport Ernest Errico | Abstain |  |

YES\_\_\_7\_\_\_\_\_ Abstain\_\_\_8\_\_\_\_\_\_

Williams states Motion passes

* + 1. 12 Jul 2022

Motion to pass minutes of 12 July 2022

First: Singler

Second: Blue

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| **VAC Commission** | | |
| **Attendee Name** | **YES** | **NO** |
| Denise Williams | X |  |
| Amanda Koch |  |  |
| Jim Singler | X |  |
| Janet Blue | X |  |
| Steve Benicke | X |  |
| Vic Martinka | Abstain |  |
| Tom Horne | Abstain |  |
| Wayne Horne |  |  |
| **Post** | **YES** | **NO** |
| AL 1080 Joliet (1080)-Thomas Horne |  | X |
| AL 935 Manhattan – Robert Angone | X |  |
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| AL 13 Plainfield-Raj Pallai | Abstain |  |
| VFW 5917 Bolingbrook-John Davin | Abstain |  |
| VFW 5422 Wilmington-Jennifer Piehl | Abstain |  |
| VFW 367 Joliet (Cantigny) Jim Clausen | X |  |
| MOAA – Joseph Kelley | Abstain |  |

Yes 7 Abstain 8

Pass

* + 1. 09 Aug 2022
    2. Special Executive Meeting 29 Aug 2022
    3. Special Executive Meeting 01 Sep 2022
    4. Commission of the Whole 13 Sep 2022
    5. Commission of the Whole 11 Oct 2022
    6. Closed Session of 30 Mar 2022

Motion to table all Minutes on the agenda items 2-8.

FIRST: Krueger

SECOND: Angone

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| Denise Williams |  | X |
| Amanda Koch |  |  |
| Jim Singler | x |  |
| Janet Blue | X |  |
| Steve Benicke |  | x |
| Vic Martinka | Abstain |  |
| Tom Horne | x |  |
| Wayne Horne | x |  |
| **Post** | **YES** | **NO** |
| AL 1080 Joliet (1080)-Thomas Horne |  | X |
| AL 935 Manhattan – Robert Angone | X |  |
| AL 392 Peotone-Robert Krueger | x |  |
| AL 18 Lockport-Mike Meyers | x |  |
| AL 13 Plainfield-Raj Pallai | x |  |
| VFW 5917 Bolingbrook-John Davin | x |  |
| VFW 5422 Wilmington-Jennifer Piehl | X |  |
| VFW 367 Joliet (Cantigny) Jim Clausen | X |  |
| MOAA – Joseph Kelley |  | x |
| 5788 Lockport Ernest Errico | x |  |

Yes 11 No 3 Abstain 1

Passed

1. **Old Business:**

**A. Nominees for Officer of the WCVAC**

* + 1. President: Amanda Koch, Joseph Kelley – Tied 7/7
    2. Vice President: Steve Benicke, John Davin – Tied 7/7
    3. Secretary: **OPEN**
    4. Sgt-At-Arms: Janet Blue
    5. Chaplain: Clausen
    6. Member-at-Large (2 Year): Jennifer Piehl
    7. Member-at-Large (3 Year): Pending
    8. Member-at-Large (4 Year): **OPEN**

**B. Attestation of Delegates and Nominees**

**C. Election Ballot**

**D. Formal Count**

PRESIDENT: 7 votes for Kelley and 7 for Koch (if Denise Williams vote is counted)

VICE PRESIDENT: The seat for Vice President is tied between John Davin and Steve Benicke

**DISCUSSION:** Robert Krueger exits the meeting.

**DISCUSSION:** Koch decides to allow legal counsel to determine the outcome of the vote

Announces Janet Blue the new Sgt-at-Arms, Jim Clausen will be the new Chaplain, Jennifer Piehl will be the new Member at Large 2-year

1. **Other Old Business:**
2. **New Business:**
   1. **Announcement of New Officers**

Janet Blue the new Sgt-at-Arms, Jim Clausen will be the new Chaplain, Jennifer Piehl will be the new Member at Large 2-year

1. **Other New Business:**
2. **For Good of the Commission**
3. **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. **Adjournment:**

Motion to Adjourn

First: Blue

Second: Angone

**Commission of the Whole**

**08 Nov 2022 3:00pm**

**Will County Executive Bldg.**

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

**Attachments:**

**-**14 Jun 2022 Minutes

-12 Jul 2022 Minutes

-09 Aug 2022 Minutes

-29 Aug 2022 Special Executive Minutes

-01 Sep 2022 Special Executive Minutes

-13 Sep 2022 Minutes

-11 Oct 2022 Minutes

-30 Mar 2022 Closed Session Minutes

-WCVAC Bylaws