



# Veteran Assistance Commission of Will County

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**Executive Board Meeting Date and Time:** 9-August-2022 at 6:00 P.M.

**Executive Board Meeting Location:** Will County Executive Office  
302 N. Chicago, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Joliet, IL 60435

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

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Discussion: Paul O’Grady of Peterson, Johnson & Murray, spoke to the entire commission and the public about the ongoing investigation of the Executive Board.

I. Call to Order – Jack Picciolo

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Opening Prayer Jim Singler

II. Roll Call of the Board: Denise Williams

VAC EXECUTIVE BOARD				
NAME	TITLE	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Jack Picciolo	President	X		
Denise Williams	Secretary	X		
Amanda Koch	Sgt-At-Arms	x		
Jim Singler	Chaplain	X		
Lisa McGlasson (skipped over)	Judge Advocate	X		
Tom Mlynek	Member	X		
Wayne Horne	Past Chairman	X		
Janet Blue	Member			x
Steve Benicke	Member	X		
Vic Martinka	Past Chairman		X	
John York	Past Chairman		X	

Jack announces that we have a quorum

III. Introduction of Guests and/or First Time Attendees:

<b>GUEST/FIRST TIME ATTENDEES</b>	<b>TITLE</b>
Larry Schaffer	VFW Post 5917-Bolingbrook
President	President of American Veterans Helping Veterans
Zach	K-9's for Veterans

IV. Public Comment-3 Minutes

Announcement made by Paul O'Grady instructing the public what the terms of the public comment will be enforced.

Public Comments:

Raj Pallai-Alternate Plainfield American Legion 13, Veteran

Sam – Court Appointed Special Process Server (7 of the 9 board members were served with a lawsuit)

Kurt Allen – Edgar County Watch Dogs

Dan Miller – US Marine and Veteran

Zach Jet

William Sutton – Delegate Plainfield American Legion 13 (Petition for more time)

**MOTION:** Motion for more time  
**PRESENTED BY:** Amanda Koch  
**FIRST/SECOND:** Amanda Koch/?  
**RESULTS:** Unanimous passed

John Kraft – Edgar County Watch Dogs (Petition for more time)

**MOTION:** Motion for more time  
**PRESENTED BY:** Amanda  
**FIRST/SECOND:** Amanda Koch/Wayne Horne  
**RESULTS:** Unanimously passed

Lisa McGlasson – Judge Advocate Will County Veterans Assistance Commission, Army Veteran, Retired Civil Servant (34.5 years), retired from the Pentagon, National Security Secret Policy and Advisor (Petition for more time)

**MOTION:** Motion for more time  
**PRESENTED BY:** Amanda Koch

**FIRST/SECOND:** Amanda Koch/Steve Benicke

**RESULTS:** Unanimously passed

Larry Schaffer – Veteran combat marine- VFW Post 5917-Bolingbrook

Discussion: Koch requested that Larry request more time if he wants to continue his public comment.

**MOTION:** Motion for more time

**PRESENTED BY:** Koch

**FIRST/SECOND:** Koch/Steve Benicke

**RESULTS:** Unanimously passed

V. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

A. VAC Regular Meeting 14 July 2022

**MOTION:** Motion to table the minutes from July 14, 2022, to September meeting

**PRESENTED BY:** Koch

**FIRST/SECOND:** Koch/Williams

**RESULTS:** Unanimously passed

VI. Superintendent Report:

Presented by Senior Veteran Service Officer Gregory Wiza

A. Award Log: 2015 – FY22: \$122.1M

- 1) New Awards YTD: \$3.5M
- 2) Recurring Awards: \$30M
- 3) Total for FY22: \$33.5M

B. Project 150 Report: 08/01/2022

- 1) Emergency Shelter: Spent \$132,995.30; remaining \$17,004.70 (ESG-CV funded)

C. Financial Assistance Report: (8) Veterans

- 1) Shelter: \$1,400.00
- 2) Gas: \$68.92
- 3) Electric: \$256.48
- 4) Water: \$103.44
- 5) Personal Products: \$200.00
- 6) Food: \$0

**MOTION:** Motion to accept Superintendent Report

**PRESTENED BY:** Amanda Koch  
**FIRST/SECOND:** Amanda Koch/Jim Singler  
**RESULTS:** Unanimously passed

VII. New Business

A. Discussion and Adopt Bylaw Rules for Meetings

**MOTION:** Motion to direct counsel to draft and formalize the rules  
**PRESENTED BY:** Jack Picciolo  
**FIRST/SECOND:** Steve Benicke/Wayne Horne  
**RESULTS:** Unanimously passed

EXECUTIVE BOARD		
Board Member	Title	Vote
Jack Picciolo	President	Y
Denise Williams	Secretary	Y
Amanda Koch	Sgt-At-Arms	Y
Jim Singler	Chaplain	Y
Tom Mlynek	Member	Y
Steve Benicke	Member	Y
Wayne Horne	Past Chairman	Y

Motion carries per Jack Picciolo

VIII. Old Business

A. FY23 Budget Discussion

Point of Order: Pallai questions if the full commission must approve the budget; O’Grady responds to Pallai’s Point of Order that a point of order cannot be exercised from the “audience.”

Discussion: Williams discusses various VAC line items and the ability to move money from one line item to another. Williams attempts to present motion to move \$70,000 from one line item to another.

Discussion: Koch proposes additional full commission meetings in September and October for purposes of voting on the budget.

**MOTION:** Motion to Approve FY 23 Budget  
**PRESENTED BY:** Koch  
**FIRST/SECOND:** Koch/Steve Benicke  
**RESULTS:** Unanimously passed

IX. For the Good of the Commission

A. Outreach

- 1) Every Tuesday – VAC at Orland Park Vet Center (Greg Wiza)
- 2) Every Thursday – Together We Stand, Peer Support Group @ VAC Office
- 3) Second Monday – VAC at Manhattan American Legion Breakfast (Erik Papineau)

X. Executive/Closed Session, for the purpose of:

A. Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Certain Employees. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)

**NO CLOSED SESSION TOOK PLACE**

XI. Adjourn

**MOTION:** Motion to Adjourn

**PRESENTED BY:** Amanda Koch

**FIRST/SECOND:** Amanda Koch/Wayne Horne

**RESULTS:** Unanimously passed

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE THE  
VACWC FULL COMMISSION MEETING  
September 13, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M.  
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