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**MEL BAHER**  
COMMISSIONER



American Veterans  
**FRANK POCCHI**  
COMMISSIONER



Disabled American Veterans  
**CHRISTOPHER GRAU**  
COMMISSIONER



Veterans of Foreign Wars  
**JAMES RILEY**  
COMMISSIONER



Vietnam Veterans of America  
**BOB POTTS**  
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## Cuyahoga County Veterans Service Commission

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**JON REISS**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**FERONNE WILLIAMS**  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

### MINUTES

DATE/TIME:                      September 21, 2022                      9:30 a.m.

PRESENT:

Frank Pocci, President  
Bob Potts, Vice President  
Mel Baher, Secretary  
Christopher Grau, Commissioner  
James Riley, Commissioner  
Jon Reiss, Executive Director  
Feronne Williams, Deputy Director  
Mary Kitko, Executive Secretary – via Zoom  
Matthew Convery, Assistant County Prosecutor

EXCUSED:                      None.

VISITORS:                      None.

PURPOSE:                      GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Frank Pocci, President.

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Chris Grau to dispense with the reading of the Consent Agenda and to accept the agenda with the necessary corrections and/or additions (All Commissioners have a copy of the minutes).

**OLD BUSINESS:**

VetConnect was a success. Over 500 people attended, and most were very appreciative of the services provided. The location and layout were great. A lot was learned, and changes will be implemented to make the next VetConnect even better.

Executive Director Reiss reviewed design plans for the new headquarters with the Board. Suggested changes will be brought to the designers.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

The Executive Director was invited to tour Swagelock on Tuesday.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Chris Grau to go into Executive Session to discuss certain personnel matters – compensation and matters to be kept confidential.

YES: Baher, Grau, Pocci, Potts, Riley. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (10:20 a.m.)

The Board came out of Executive Session and returned to the regular order of business at 11:36 a.m. In Executive Session the Board certain personnel matters – compensation and matters to be kept confidential.

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Bob Potts to defer certain personnel matters – compensation for a future meeting.

AYES: Baher, Grau, Pocci, Potts, Riley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

With no further business, a motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Bob Potts to adjourn the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

AYES: Baher, Grau, Pocci, Potts, Riley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.



Frank Pocci, President



Mel Baher, Secretary

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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