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COMMISSIONER



American Veterans  
**FRANK POCCHI**  
COMMISSIONER



Disabled American Veterans  
**CHRISTOPHER GRAU**  
COMMISSIONER



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COMMISSIONER



Vietnam Veterans of America  
**BOB POTTS**  
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR

### MINUTES

DATE/TIME: November 9, 2022 9:30 a.m.

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

EXCUSED: None

VISITORS: None.

PURPOSE: GENERAL MEETING AND TO DISCUSS LEVEL III BOARD APPEALS

The meeting was called to order by Frank Pocci, President and stated that the Board would be hearing three (3) client appeals today.

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Commissioner Baher reminded everyone that Post 91 will be serving lunch and dinner on Veterans Day.

Frank Pocci is meeting with Whitney School to prepare for his presentation on Veterans Day. Close to 60 veterans will be attending the presentation and Commissioner Pocci will present them with challenge coins.

Commissioner Grau announced the Rick Healey has resigned from heading the Memorial Day events. A replacement is being sought.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Bob Potts and seconded by Chris Grau to go into Executive Session to discuss appeals and certain personnel matters - employment and compensation.

YES: Baher, Grau, Pocci, Potts, Riley. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (9:51 a.m.)

The Board came out of Executive Session and returned to the regular order of business at 11:35 a.m.

The votes for further assistance, recorded by the Secretary, of the client appeal that was discussed in Executive Session, is attached. The Executive Director and Deputy Director were instructed on how to proceed.

Executive Session the Board the board discussed certain personnel matters regarding employment and compensation. The Executive Director and Deputy Director were advised how to proceed.

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Bob Potts to accept the adjustments in compensation, as discussed, for Jeanne Bell and Mary Kitko.

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

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Bob Potts to post a new position for IT Manager.

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

The Board met with Mr. Fuentes regarding his application for financial assistance. Mr. Fuentes was advised to go through the financial assistance process.

With no further business, a motion was made by Bob Potts and seconded by Mel Baher to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

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



Frank Pocci, President



Mel Baher, Secretary

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Deputy Director:

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