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MINUTES

DATE/TIME: January 25, 2023 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Bob Potts, President
Mel Baher, Vice President
James Riley, Secretary
Frank Pocchi, President
Jon Reiss, Executive Director
Feronne Williams, Deputy Director
Mary Kitko, Executive Secretary

EXCUSED: None.

VISITORS: None.

PURPOSE: TO DISCUSS LEVEL III BOARD APPEALS/GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Bob Potts, President.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Commissioner Baher attended the American Legion mid-winter conference. Deborah Ashenhurst, Director of the Ohio Department of Veterans Services, was the speaker. Ms. Ashenhurst spoke about the importance of patriotism and teaching protocols during the National Anthem in schools. VOA representative LaRaun Clayton spoke about a home for homeless female veterans and mothers with children in Cleveland.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mel Baher to go into Executive Session to discuss client cases and appeals, matters to be kept confidential, and certain personnel matters regarding employment. Motion seconded by Frank Pocchi. AYES: Baher, Pocchi, Potts, Riley. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (9:43 a.m.)

The Board came out of Executive Session and returned to the regular order of business at 11:06 a.m. In Executive Session the Board discussed client cases and appeals, matters to be kept confidential, and certain personnel matters regarding employment. The Deputy Director and the Executive Director were advised on how to proceed.

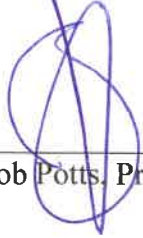
The votes for further assistance, recorded by the Secretary, of the client appeal that were discussed in Executive Session, are attached. The Executive Director and Deputy Director were instructed on how to proceed.

. motion was made by Mel Baher to proceed with the dismissal of a probationary employee effective immediately. Motion seconded by Jim Riley. Discussion: None.

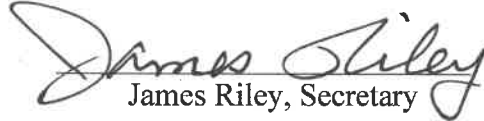
AYES: Baher, Poggi, Potts, Riley. Abstain: None. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

With no further business, a motion was made by James Riley to adjourn the meeting at 11:09 a.m. Motion seconded by Mel Baher.

AYES: Baher, Poggi, Potts, Riley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.



Bob Potts, President



James Riley, Secretary

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