

Veterans Assistance Commission of Winnebago County
Hiring Special Committee
August 25-26, 2025 – Meeting Minutes
Veterans Memorial Hall, 211 N. Main Street, Rockford, IL

Attendees:

<u>Hiring Special Committee Members</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Nancy Clark – Acting President – Delegate – VFW Post #5149	Francesca Montanez – Secretary Pro Tem
Eric Willard – Finance Chair – Delegate – VVA Post #984	Maryna Misiewicz – Interim VACWC Superintendent
Ken VanLandeghem – Delegate – American Legion Post #288	Debi Hoover – Assistant VACWC Superintendent
Ruben Hernandez – Delegate – VFW Post #295	Gene Schaefer – Delegate – VFW Post #9759
Dave Davis – Delegate – American Legion Post #1207	Michael Phillips - Attorney
Gerome Egilske – Alternate – VVA Post #984	

Monday – August 25, 2025 – Meeting Opened at 9:02 am

- Opening Ceremonies
- Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda as submitted: Motion: Gerome Egilske 2nd: Ruben Hernandez – Voice Vote - Approved
- Public Comments – No Public Comments
- 9:08 am - Vote to go into Executive Session for Personnel Reasons pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act and to allow Maryna Misiewicz, Gene Schaefer, Michael Phillips and Debi Hoover to remain in Executive Session - Roll Call Vote – 6 yes votes – Unanimous - Approved
- 9:30 am – Interviewed Candidate – Colton Gallagher
- 11:00 am – Interviewed Candidate – Timothy Hotchkiss
- 12:10 pm – Recess – called to reconvene at 1:30 pm
- 1:30 pm – Reconvened
- 2:00 pm – Interviewed Candidate – Daniel Baggio
- 3:26 pm Recess – called to reconvene Tuesday August 26, 2025 at 9:00 am

Tuesday – August 26, 2025 – Meeting Reconvened at 9:01 am

- 9:01 am – Reconvene – Remained in Executive Session
- 9:30 am – Interviewed Candidate – Willie Borden Jr.
- 10:44 am – Recess – called to reconvene at 1:30 pm
- 1:40 pm – Reconvened
- 1:45 pm - Interviewed Candidate – Deborah Jones
- 2:15 pm – Candidates were scored by Hiring Special Committee
- 3:20 pm – Motion to end Executive Session and return to Open Session – Motion: Gerome Egilske 2nd: Dave Davis – Voice Vote – Approved
- 3:21 pm – Open Session
- Motion to complete background check on scored candidate – with approval from candidate – Motion: Eric Willard 2nd: Ruben Hernandez – Voice Vote – Approved
- Meeting Adjourned 3:21 pm