VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
OF
WINNEBAGO COUNTY

VACWC Commission Meeting Minutes
555 N. Court Street, Room 115, Rockford, IL 61103
May 13, 2026
5:30 PM CST
Nancy Clark, Vice President

Meeting Called to Order at 5:30 PM CST

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Ken VanLandegham

Moment of Silence lead by Vice President Nancy Clark

Roll Call Secretary Dana Verfuerth

Roll Call Attendance			
American Legion Post #288	VanLandeghem, Ken	Delegate	Present
American Legion Post #288	Butram, Scott	Alternate	Not in attendance
American Legion Post #1207	Davis, Dave	Delegate	Present
American Legion Post #1207	Meissen, George	Alternate	Not in attendance
VFW Post #342	Holmes, Gary	Delegate	Not in attendance
VFW Post #342	Metheny, Jeff	Alternate	Present
American Legion Post #332	Draeger, David	Delegate	Present
American Legion Post #332	Greer, Jeff	Alternate	Not in attendance
Blackhawk DAV Chapter #29	Weis, Julie	Delegate	Not in attendance
Blackhawk DAV Chapter #29	Cummings, Darryl	Alternate	Not in attendance
Navy Club Ship #1	Lamay, Robert	Delegate	Not in attendance
Navy Club Ship #1	Reyes, Juan	Alternate	Present
Vietnam Veterans of America #984	Egilske, Jerome	Delegate	Present
Vietnam Veterans of America #984	Willard, Eric	Alternate	Not in attendance
VFW Post #2955	Hernandez, Ruben	Delegate	Present
VFW Post #2955	Graves, Bill	Alternate	Not in attendance
VFW Post #5149	Clark, Nancy	Delegate	Present
VFW Post #5149	Tate, FS	Alternate	Present
VFW Post #9759	Schaefer, Gene	Delegate	Present
VFW Post #9759	Puckett, Jim	Alternate	Not in attendance
American Legion Post #340	Richmond, Ray	Delegate	Present
American Legion Post #340	Evans, Willie	Alternate	Not in attendance

Additional Attendees: Interim Superintendent Willie Borden, VAC Secretary Dana Verfuerth, VAC Office Manager Michaela Kelliher, Attorney Michael Phillips.

Quorum Established: 11 attendees, representing 10 MVSO's

Zoom Attendees: None

Motion to Approve Agenda for May 13, 2026: Davis, 2nd: Egilske; No discussion, no amendments, **Roll Call Vote Yes Unanimous. Motion Passes. Yes 10, No 0, Abstain 0.**

Motion to approve April 8, 2026 Commission Meeting Minutes: Egilske, 2nd Schaefer; No discussion, no amendments, **Voice Vote Yes Unanimous. Motion Passes. Yes 10, No 0, Abstain 0.**

Public Comments:

- Commissioner Jeff Metheny from VFW Post 342 spoke about the need for fiduciary transparency and commission responsibility.
- Commissioner Ray Richmond from American Legion Post 340 spoke about opposition to a proposed ethics resolution.

President's Report: Vice President Nancy Clark

- Commission reminder of the need to complete OMA training

Vice President's Report: Nancy Clark

- **Clark asked for a Motion to Suspend the rules to eliminate the second reading of the Proposed Amendments to the VACWC Bylaws: Article V – Membership. Metheny asks for Point of Information. Discussion.**
- **Motion to send Proposed Amendments to the VACWC Bylaws: Article V – Membership back to the Bylaws Committee for Review to allow alternates to be included in debate:** Metheny, 2nd Reyes; Discussion, No amendments, **Voice Vote Yes Unanimous. Motion Passes. Yes 10, No 0, Abstain 0.**
- Bylaws Committee – Monday, June 08, 2026, at 1:00 PM CST, Veterans Memorial Hall, First Floor Conference Room.

Finance Officer's Report: Jerome Egilske

- Fiscal year to date budget review done by Jerome Egilske.
- **Motion to have the Finance Committee Review the presentation of the Monthly Finance Report and research if names of Veterans are allowed to be presented in Open Session:** Davis, 2nd Hernandez; Discussion, no amendments, **Voice Vote Yes Unanimous. Motion Passes. Yes 10, No 0, Abstain 0.**
- **Motion to Approve Resolution 2026-01 Approving the Budget of the Veterans Assistance Commission of Winnebago County for Fiscal Year 2027:** Davis, 2nd Hernandez; Discussion
- **Motion to Amend Previous Motion to Approve Resolution 2026-01 Approving the Budget of the Veterans Assistance Commission of Winnebago County for Fiscal Year 2027 and Omit Section 3:** Metheny, 2nd Davis; **Voice Vote Yes Unanimous. Motion Passes. Yes 10, No 0, Abstain 0.**
- **Motion to Approve Resolution 2026-01 Approving the Budget of the Veterans Assistance Commission of Winnebago County for Fiscal Year 2027 as Amended: Role Call Vote Yes Unanimous. Motion Passes. Yes 10, No 0, Abstain 0.**
- Finance Committee – Next Meeting will be Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at 2:00PM CST, Veterans Memorial Hall, First Floor Conference Room.

Services Chairperson's Report: Dave Davis

- Services Committee – Next Special Meeting will be Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 2:00 PM CST, Veterans Memorial Hall, First Floor Conference Room.

Personnel Chairperson's Report: Rueben Hernandez

- Personnel Committee – Next Meeting will be Monday, Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 1:00 PM CST, Veterans Memorial Hall, First Floor Conference Room.

Superintendent's Report: Interim Superintendent Willie Borden, Jr.

- Mr. Borden reported on the state of the VAC, including transportation, general assistance and staffing
- **Motion to Establish a Temporary Audit Oversight Committee:** Richmond
- Motion is determined as out of order.
- **Vice President Nancy Clark announces a Special Commission Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 5:30PM.**
- Interim Superintendent, Willie Borden Jr. introduced new VAC Staff Members: Michaela Kelliher, Shara Ibalio, Marlo Slaughter, and Jessica Taylor.

Correspondence: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business

- Vice President Nancy Clark presented a proposal for a VACWC Ethics Resolution

Announcements: Secretary Dana Verfuerth

- Rock the Block – June 20, 2026 American Legion Post 340
- American Legion Scholarship Dinner – 3rd Monday of each month – American Legion Post 1207
- VA/SheVets - Every Tuesday, 9:00AM-11:00AM – Breakfast at Johnny Pamcakes
- Rockford Memorial Day Parade – May 25, 2026 at 9:00AM

The Next VACWC Meeting will be on June 10, 2026 at 5:30 PM CST. 555 N. Court Street, Room 115, Rockford, IL 61103

Motion to Adjourn: Metheny, 2nd Egilske, no discussion, no amendments, **Voice Vote Yes Unanimous, Motion Approved at 7:46 PM CST. Yes 10, No 0, Abstain 0**

Minutes Approved:

By: Attest:

Eric Willard, President
Veterans Assistance Commission of Winnebago County, IL

Dana Verfuerth, Secretary
Veterans Assistance Commission of Winnebago County, IL