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SPECIAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 25, 2022

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Prayer / Roll Call of Executive Board Members

At the call of the President of the Commission the notice and agenda of this Special Executive Board Meeting having been posted and published in accordance with section 2.02 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, in the office of the Veterans' Assistance Commission of Madison County in the Madison County Administration Building located at 157 North Main Street, Suite 115, Edwardsville, IL and on the Veterans Assistance Commission's Website on August 22, 2022.

Special Executive Board Meeting called to order at 6:47 p.m. at the VAC in Edwardsville, IL by President Ronnie Hicks. The Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer were completed. President Hicks then directed the Secretary to call the roll of Executive Board Members to determine the presence of a quorum to do business.

Members Present: Ronnie Hicks, Earl Watts, Kate Broadhurst, Mark Nelson, Ron Swaim, Mike Harbison, Vernon LeClaire, Larry Meisenheimer, Donald Scheyer, Wayne Able and Ken Morales

Members Virtual: None

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

VAC Office Present: Superintendent Brad Lavite

In accordance with Art. VI, §2 of the by-laws, there being 6 or more Executive Board Members attending, President Hicks declared a quorum was present. President Hicks then announced that the reason he called this special meeting was to discuss the ratification of the retention of legal counsel to represent the VAC, and called for a motion to go into closed session.

In approving these minutes, the Board notes that the Agenda for this special meeting expressly includes: "Closed session to discuss ratification of retention of legal counsel". The Board is advised that the statutory citation in the Agenda is incorrect and should have been to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

2. Special Meeting Business

Motion was made by Ron Swaim, seconded by Mike Harbison to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the ratification of the retention of legal counsel. President Hicks asked if there was any discussion. There being none, he directed the Secretary to take a roll call vote on the motion. Upon roll call the vote was 11 in favor and 0 against. President Hicks announced the motion carried and directed

that the room be cleared of all visitors other than attorney Thomas Burkart who was there to make his presentation. With the room secured, President Hicks directed that an audio recording be made of the closed session and the same was activated by Superintendent Lavite.

At 7:30 p.m., Mike Harbison made a motion to come out of closed session and Ron Swain seconded that motion. President Hicks asked if there was any discussion. There being none, he directed the Secretary to take a roll call vote on the motion. Upon roll call the vote was 11 in favor and 0 against. President Hicks announced the motion carried and directed that the room be re-opened for any visitors who remained.

3. Re-opened Meeting

Motion was made by Larry Meisenheimer and seconded by Ken Morales to ratify the retention of Thomas W. Burkart and Burkart Law Offices as legal counsel for the VAC in accordance with, and to permit the President to execute, the retainer agreement tendered to the Board. President Hicks directed the Secretary to take a roll call vote on the motion. Upon roll call the vote was 11 in favor and 0 against. President Hicks announced the motion carried

4. Adjournment

Motion was made by Ron Swaim and seconded by Larry Meisenheimer to adjourn. By unanimous Aye/No Voice Vote, the motion carried to adjourn the meeting. A salute was made to the U.S. Flag. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Kate Broadhurst / Recording Secretary / August 25, 2022