

VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION OF COOK COUNTY

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

22 August 2024

Location:

American Legion Post 36

1291 Oakwood Ave, Des Plaines, IL 60016

(Executive Board Members): Frank Gutierrez (*President*), William Browne (*1st Vice President*), Dutch DeGroot (*2nd Vice President*), Robert Arciola (*Treasurer*).

At Large Board Members: Greg Jacobs, Wayne Kern, John Steciw. Non voting **Appointees** Jim Parker (*Secretary*), Kevin Ake (*Chaplain*), Gina A. LoGalbo (*Judge Advocate*), Lorenzo Fiorentino (*Sargent at Arms*). Elizabeth Soto (*Superintendent*)

I. Welcome – President Frank Gutierrez.

a. Call to order at 1802 hrs.

b. Roll Call/Quorum – 2nd VP DeGroot called the roll of Board

Members and announced that six elected members present in person (Frank, Dutch, Robert, Wayne, Greg and John) (quorum met) and one elected member attended via Zoom (William). Also, appointed members Parker, Kevin (tardy arrival), Lorenzo and Elizabeth attended in person and Gina attended via Zoom.

c. President Gutierrez announced there were two guests in attendance: Josh Herman, our attorney, and Pat Flannigan Commander of American Legion Post 36

II. Opening

a. Prayer/ Reflection – Chaplain Kevin Ake.

b. Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Consent Agenda –President Gutierrez.

a. Approval of Minutes of July 15, 2024 E B meeting was tabled until the next meeting..

IV. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda.

a. None

V. Concerns about hiring new employees.

a. There was some discussion but it was decided that we would any serious discussion to a future meeting where we should have more time.

VI. Approval of revised Budget – Superintendent Elizabeth Soto.

a. Frank made a motion, duly seconded, to approve the revised budget proposed by Superintendent Soto for 2025 in the amount of \$2,918,141.00 After some discussions regarding the allocations of certain budget items and the total budget amount, the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. That budget is attached hereto as Exhibit A and is a part of these minutes.

VII. New Business – President Gutierrez. None.

VIII. Good of the Order – President Gutierrez.

a. Joshua Herman requested the floor to discuss certain matters appropriate for discussion in Executive Session.

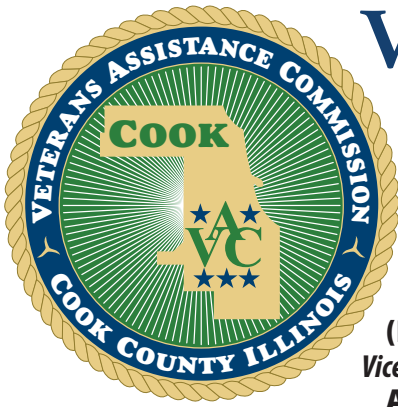
b. Upon a proper Motion by 2nd VP DeGroot, duly seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote, the meeting went into Executive Session.

IX. Adjournment

a. Next VACCC Membership Meeting – Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at Post 1941, 900 La Grange Road, La Grange, IL.

b. Upon a proper Motion by 2nd VP DeGroot duly seconded, and approved by unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 1950hrs.

Submitted by *Jim Parker, Secretary*



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- I. Welcome - Gutierrez
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call / Establish Quorum – DeGroot
 - c. Recognition of Guests -Gutierrez
- II. Opening Reflection - Chaplain Kevin Ake
 - a. Prayer / Reflection
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Consent Agenda - Gutierrez
 - a. Approval of any Minutes
- IV. Public Comment for any items Not on The Agenda - Gutierrez
- V. Addressing concerns of hiring of employees
- VI. Approval of revised budget - Superintendent Elizabeth Soto
- VII. New Business - Gutierrez
- VIII. Good of the order
- IX. Adjournment
 - a. Next VACCC Membership Meeting - Tuesday, 24 September 2024 1900 Location Post 1941, 900 La Grange Rd, La Grange, IL 60525