

April 09, 2025 The Veterans Assistance Commission of Adams County met at 3701 East Lake Center 1800 Hours.

Chairman Schrage called the meeting to order at 1800

Members Present: Girouard, Schrage, Schafer, Spurrier, Jacobs, Geise, Delgado

Quorum Declared by Schrage

County Board Liaison Present: None

Commanders/Commandants & Guest: No Commanders or Guest

Staff: Paul Havermale, Penny Perrine, Emily Watkins, Dallas English

Schrage led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance

Spurrier led the invocation

Public/open Comments – English did a brief introduction to the Delegate Board

The minutes of the March 12, 2025 Meeting were distributed. Havermale read the minutes. On a motion by Geise and second by Delgado the 03/12/25 minutes were approved, all aye

Financial Report – Havermale stated that the monthly budget report is not available until tomorrow or Friday from the County. He will send a copy to all delegates when available. Havermale reported that we are trending below budget for the year. The Vouchers from last meeting to today were presented for Delegate review. All Delegates reviewed the vouchers, all vouchers are in order. On a motion by Delgado and seconded by Geise the report was received, all aye

Superintendent report by Havermale: New clients were reported at 130 new since 01/01/25. The VACAC has seen an uptick due to weather conditions and additional client need. Havermale reported that HB1352 passed the House and will start working to expand the VAC. The office space was discussed all ok no action. Havermale presented the idea for remote site and remote client visits as well as visits by VACAC VSOs to other counties. Havermale stated that he would like to work to get donations for a vehicle for VACAC staff use. Havermale addressed some rumors about his leaving the VACAC and updated the VACAC Board that he is staying as long as you will have me. Havermale introduced all the staff present and gave a brief update on the office status and performance. The report was received on a motion Delgado and Second by Spurrier motion approved, all aye

On a separate motion by Delgado and second by Spurrier, Havermale was instructed to seek donations do what was necessary to secure a VACAC vehicle, all aye

New business: Havermale presented the details on HB1352- Multi County VAC. On a motion by Geise and Second by Delgado Havermale was instructed to pursue the multi county VAC issue. All aye.

On a motion by Geise and Second by Delgado it as moved to go into executive session, per 5 ILCS 120.2 to discuss employee job performance and employment. Girouard, Schrage, Schafer, Delgado, Geise, Spurrier and Jacobs voted aye.

The VACA Board resumed open session Girouard, Schrage, Schafer, Delgado, Geise, Spurrier and Jacobs are present in open session

On a motion by Geise and Second by Schafer the 04/09/25 meeting of the VACAC adjourned at 1915, all aye.

Executive Session for job performance 04/09/25

The VACA reconvened in executive session, Member present were Girouard, Schrage, Schafer, Delgado, Geise, Spurrier and Jacobs, Staff Present was Havermale, English, Perrine and Watkins. Havermale updated the board on real or perceived threats to his employment due to his political support on personal time of a local candidate. The board expressed full support of Havermale and found that at no time did Havermale engage in any prohibited or any political action on VACAC time or in his capacity as VACAC Superintendent.

On a motion by Geise and second by Delgado the VACAC Executive session was adjourned and the VACAC Board resumed sitting as the Delegate Board in open session Girouard, Schrage, Schafer, Delgado, Geise, Spurrier and Jacobs voted aye