

Minutes of the March 11, 2026, Delegate Board Meeting

March 11, 2026 The Veterans Assistance Commission of Adams County met at 3701 East Lake Center 1800 Hours.

Chairman Schrage called the meeting to order at 1800

Schrage led the Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation or Reflection: Spurrier

Seating of Delegates Per Support Letters From Commanders:

American Legion Post 37 – Barb Girouard (P) George Newbanks (A)

VFW Post #5410 – Darrell Schrage (P) Larry Schafer (A)

ROA -Dave Spurrier (P) Steve Williams (A)

DAV Ch 32 – Leslie Geschwandner (P) Richard Altheide (A)

Marine Corp League #790 Steve Cane (P) Luke Doellman (A)

VFW Post #5129 Greg Benson (P) Luke Jacobs (A)

Members Present: AL #37 Girouard, Newbanks VFW #5410 - Schrage, Schafer, ROA – Spurrier, Williams

ML Detachment 790- Doellman, Cane VFW #5129- Benson, DAV Ch. 32 – Geschwandner, Altheide

Election of Officers: The outgoing Chair, Schrage, opened floor for nominations for officers of the new Delegate Board

AL 37, nominated Schrage as Chairman. Second by ROA, all in favor

VFW 5410 nominated Williams as Vice-Chair, second by AL 37, all in favor

VFW 5410, nominated Girouard as Treasurer, second by ROA, all in favor

ROA nominated Spurrier as Chaplain, second by AL 37, all aye

Officers; Schrage – Chair

Williams – Vice Chair

Girouard – Treasurer

Spurrier – Chaplain

Quorum Declared by Schrage

County Board Liaison Present: Barbara Fletcher

Commanders/Commandants & Guest = Jason Watkins

Staff: Paul Havermale

Public Comment; Schrage asked for public comments three times: None

The minutes of the January 14, 2026 meeting were emailed to all member organizations and physically available for inspection. On a motion by ROA and Second by VFW 5129, the minutes were approved as presented.

Financial Report – Havermale presented the budget status spread sheet no extraordinary expenditures noted, the budget is slightly over budget at this time, assistance levels may have to be adjusted if the trend continues. The payment vouchers from last meeting to 03/11/2026 were presented for delegate review. All Vouchers were in order and approved. On a motion by DAV and second by AL37 the vouchers and financial report was approved to be received and filed, all aye.

Superintendent report by Havermale: Havermale updated the Board on the VACAC status and clients served, there were 101 clients to date, and the VA benefit dollar amount is over 3.5 million to date. HB 5085 and the MVAA revisions both at the Illinois general

Assembly were presented and discussed. On a motion by ROA and second by MCL 790, Havermale was instructed to oppose HB 5085 and keep the Delegate Board posted and the report was received, all aye.

Board/travel Action: Havermale requested approval to attend the annual NACVSO conference in Reno May 31, 2026 through June 6 2026 and expend travel funds as needed. Havermale will represent the VACAC at the NACVSO meeting at this time as well. Additionally, Havermale will obtain the required CEUs at the NACVSO convention. Havermale also discussed the IACO conference in April and requested travel approval on a motion by ROA and second by VFW 5410 the travel to the NACVSO conference and the IACO conference was approved, all aye

Old Business/Board Discussion: Jason Watkins presented the plans for a Veteran Memorial project at 6th and Payson., No action at this time. Bar Girouard reminded the group about an endowed scholarship for Veteran education, no action.

There was no executive session

The next meeting will be 1800 May 13, 2026, at 3701 East Lake Center Drive, Large Conference room

The meeting adjourned at 1850 on a motion by AL 37 and second by ROA, all aye