



## Veterans Commission

### Meeting Minutes

**Date:** May 7, 2026

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Location:** Board Chambers, McCoart Building

Jesse J. Citizen, Chair (Chair-at-Large)  
Donnell E. Johns Sr., Vice Chair (Neabsco District)  
Christopher Mayers, Secretary (Coles District)  
VACANT (Brentsville District)  
Larry Zilliox (Gainesville District)  
Nancy Jean-Louis (Occoquan District)  
Cheryl S. H. Lamar (Potomac District)  
Melanie Bell-Carter (Woodbridge District)

### **Voting Member Attendees: - Quorum Yes No**

1. Chair-at-Large– Jesse J. Citizen
2. Gainesville District– Larry Zilliox
3. Neabsco District– Donnell E. Johns Sr.
4. Potomac District– Cheryl S.H. Lamar

### **Other Attendees**

1. Criminal Justice Services–Amal Hajjami (*Guest Speaker*)
2. Prince William County DSS Administrative Support– Kylie Phillips
3. Prince William County DSS Administrative Support– Tony Turnage

#### **I. Call to Order:**

Chair Citizen called the meeting to order at 7:08pm

#### **II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Citizen called for all attendees to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **III. Administrative Remarks**

Chair Citizen advised the commission of the need to defer the Strategic Plan agenda item to the June meeting.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Zilliox made a motion to approve the amended agenda, deferring the Strategic Plan to June. Commissioner Lamar seconded the motion. The motion was passed with no abstentions.

#### **IV. Public Comment**

Chair Citizen opened the floor for public comment.

#### **V. Consent Agenda/Approval of Minutes**

March 5, 2026, Minutes

April 2, 2026, Minutes

**MOTION:** Commissioner Lamar made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Commissioner Zilliox seconded the motion. The motion was passed with no abstentions.

**VI. Guest Speaker**

Amal Hajjami with Criminal Justice Services provided a presentation on the Prince William County Community Resource Map (*attachment*).

**VII. Work Session**

The Commission began the work session.

- **Guest Speaker Presentation Time-** The committee discussed the time allowance for guest speakers and agreed upon fifteen minutes for a presentation and five minutes for questions, recommending speakers provide materials in advance for the commission to prepare questions.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Lamar made a motion to approve a total of twenty minutes for Guest Speakers. Vice Chair Johns seconded the motion. The motion was passed with no abstentions.

- **White Paper-** Vice Chair Johns inquired about the next steps for the “White Paper” recognition. DSS Administrative Support Tony Turnage informed the commission of the process to complete a proclamation and encouraged the commission to develop a criteria, decide what will be provided as recognition, and where/how this recognition will be given.
- **Length of Meeting-** The commission discussed possible extending the meeting to 8:30pm. This discussion will be extended to the June meeting for all commissioners to be able to participate.

**VIII. Commission Members Time**

- Commissioner Zilliox- discussed a program that covers the cost of veterans glasses.
- Commissioner Lamar- discussed the Low Vision Clinic at the DC Veteran Affairs location and the Controversial Disability Rating Rule being paused.
- Chair Citizen- provided a draft list of VSOs encouraging the commissioners to review and add to it. Chair Citizen also discussed the commissions participation in the upcoming Poppies for Patriots Memorial Day Service.
- Vice Chair Johns- encouraged the commission to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Vet Connect, taking place on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

**IX. Develop May Agenda**

The Commission Developed next month’s agenda.

**X. Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Lamar made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Johns seconded the motion. The motion was passed with no abstentions. Chair Citizen declared the meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, June 4th, 7:00 p.m.  
Board Chambers, McCoart Building**