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**Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Location:** Board of 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. Coles District– Christopher Mayers
3. Gainesville District– Larry Zilliox
4. Neabsco District– Donnell E. Johns Sr.
5. Occoquan District– Nancy Jean-Louis
6. Potomac District– Cheryl S.H. Lamar
7. Woodbridge District– Melanie Bell-Carter

**Other Attendees**

1. Prince William County DSS Administrative Support– Kylie Phillips
2. Prince William County DSS Administrative Support– Tony Turnage

**I. Call to Order:**

Chair Citizen called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**III. Consent Agenda/Approval of Minutes**

October 1, 2025, Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2025, Meeting Minutes- Motion deferred, no minutes were presented.

February 5, 2026, Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** Commissioner Jean-Louis made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted deferring the November 5, 2025, Minutes. Commissioner Lamar seconded the motion. The motion was passed with no abstentions.

**IV. Public Comment**

Chair Citizen opened the floor for public comment.

- Vonzel Maddox with the Northern Virginia Regional Commission discussed the commission structure, his role in the commission, and steps the commission has taken to serve Veterans.

**V. Administrative Remarks**

DSS Administrative Support Tony Turnage provided administrative remarks, discussing updates to meeting structure, meeting recording, and transcripts.

## VI. Work Session

The Commission began the work session.

- **Annual Meeting Items:**

- Nominate and vote for Chair: Commissioner Jean-Louis was nominated for the role of Chair. Commissioner Jean-Louis declined the nomination. Commissioner Citizen was nominated.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Citizen was elected Chair by unanimous vote with no abstentions.

- Nominate and vote for Vice Chair: Commissioner Johns was nominated as Vice Chair.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Johns was elected Vice-Chair by unanimous vote with no abstentions.

- Nominate and vote for Secretary: Commissioner Mayers was nominated as Secretary.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Mayers was elected Secretary by unanimous vote with no abstentions.

- **Review List of Guest Speakers:** The commission has decided to limit guest speakers unless they are requested by the commission.
- **2026-2028 PWC Veterans Commission Strategic Plan:** Chair Citizen sought feedback from the commission regarding the strategic plan.

## VII. Commission Members Time

- Commissioner Zilliox- Shared information regarding a suicide prevention program.
- Commissioner Johns- Shared upcoming events with Veterans Connect.
- Commissioner Mayers- Discussed the upcoming 1775 Marine Corps Run and the upcoming Veteran Treatment Docket Graduation on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026.
- Commissioner Bell-Carter- Discussed sharing a document regarding the CRC.
- Commissioner Lamar- Provided legal updates regarding consultants that have a cost associated with assisting veterans with disability claims.
- Commissioner Jean-Louis- Took a moment to recognize the hardships of active military and their families.

- Chair Citizen- Encouraged the commission to consider who may be willing to serve in the role as chair in the next election as he will have reached the limit on serving as Chair.

**VIII. Develop May Agenda**

The Commission Developed next month's agenda.

**IX. Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Chair Citizen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mayers seconded the motion. The motion was passed with no abstentions. Chair Citizen declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, 7:00 p.m.  
Board of Chambers, McCoart Building**