PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

Veterans Commission

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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)

Meeting Minutes

Date: June 4, 2026
Time: 7:00pm
Location: Board Chambers, McCoart Building

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 7:04pm

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

III. Agenda Approval
MOTION: Commissioner Jean- Louis made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Lamar seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously with no abstentions.

IV. Approval of Minutes
The Commission reviewed the May 7th, 2026, meeting minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner Lamar made a motion to approve the May 7th,2026 meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Zilliox seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously with no abstentions.

V. Public Comment
Chair Citizen opened the floor for public comment.

VI. Administrative Remarks
There were no administrative remarks.

VII. Work Session

The Commission began the work session.

- List of Veteran Service Organizations (VSO)
  - Chair Citizen provided a list of VSOs to the outgoing Commander of the local VFW for review. The commander indicated it was a usable list.
  - Commissioner Lamar spoke about the loss of 40,000 VA Employee's causing a strain on VSOs.

- Length of Meeting
  - The commission discussed extending the meeting from 7:00pm- 8:00pm to 7:00pm-8:30pm. The commission had questions about the necessity of having an end time. Administrative Support Tony Turnage advised the commission he will follow up with the Clerk to the Board, Andrea Madden, regarding the need to have an end time listed for public meetings.

- Website- The commission reviewed the Veterans Commission website and found it to be outdated.
  - Commission Zilliox would like to explore including press release or statements on the commissioner's work.
  - Commission Mayers suggested making a newsletter to the county. Commissioner Jean-Louis suggested including VSO information and quarterly.
  - The county attorney should be asked if we need to be briefed on the commissioners' limitations on what can be included in a newsletter.

VIII. Commission Members Time

- Commissioner Mayers- Would like to invite Virginia Department of Veteran Services to speak to the Commission
- Commissioner Jean-Louis- No comment.
- Commissioner Lamar- Major Richard Star Act- Veterans should pay attention for partitions.
- Commissioner Johns- Veterans Connect will have claims clinic; Veteran Affairs will be there 6-8pm at Veterans growing America.
- Zilliox- Expressed admiration for the Veterans Treatment Docket Graduation and the Poppies for Patriots event.
- Commissioner Bell- Carter- No comment.
- Administrative Support Tony Turnage- provided an update regarding number of homeless veterans per the 2026 Annual Point in Time count.

IX. Develop July Agenda

Option to list discussed agenda items or just note The Commission Developed next month's agenda.

- **MOTION:** Commissioner Jean-Louis- Motioned that July 2, be canceled. Commissioner Lamar seconded the motion.
  - Commission Mayers opposed the motion and proposed meeting July 9th, 2026.
- **MOTION:** Commissioner Mayers motioned to amend the motion by rescheduling the meeting to July 9th, 2026. Commissioner Jean- Louis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with no abstention.

- Agenda:
  - Speaker: Department of Veteran Services
  - Work Session
    - Length of meeting
    - Discussion on Meeting with county
    - Discussion on strategic plan

X. **Adjourn**

MOTION: Commissioner Lamar made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mayers seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously with no abstentions. Chair Citizen declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 9, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
McCoart Building -Powells Creek A & B