Thursday, October 1, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Minutes - Veterans Service Foundation Board Meeting
Atlanta, Georgia

GEORGIA
VETERANS SERVICE FOUNDATION

Present: Mr. Joe Higgins, Chair
Mr. Alan Danzig, Member
Mr. Chuck Roberts, Member
Mr. Destry Rogers, Member
Ms. Amy Sillmon, Attorney General's Office
Mr. Pete Peterson, Veterans Service Board
Ms. Raven Holstick, Foundation COO, Transition and Employment Coordinator, GDVS
Ms. Jarelle Thompson, Foundation CEO, Homeless Coordinator, GDVS
Ms. Kaitlin Little, Business Support Analyst, GDVS
Ms. Cecilia Miller, Georgia Veterans Day Association

On Thursday, October 1, 2026, the Veterans Service Foundation Board meeting was held by video/tele-conference. The members and visitors listed above were present.

Mr. Higgins called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

There was not a quorum present for the meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS

Ms. Hammond sent out the report below for members to review before the meeting.

The funds in the accounts are allocated as follows:

General Funds	$66,207.81
Annual Training	$ 171.42
Glennville Cemetery	$ 1,263.00
Homelessness	$ 106.21
New Homes (Roswell)	$ 1,135.00
State Benefit Book Ads	$14,478.28
Suicide Prevention Hardware	$ 1,383.06
Suicide Prevention Summit	$ 3,299.47
Women & Diversity	$ 26.43
TOTAL	$88,070.68

DIRECTOR ACTIVITY REPORTS

Mr. Danzig asked about the Kumho Tire process and the lack of documentation the Board receives when reviewing the applications. Mr. Higgins stated that the Department has a process that they go through to verify income. The application is sent to the Board after the Department has done the due diligence and verified income and need. The Board was satisfied with the process.

Mr. Danzig asked if the application for the Kumho Tire program is available on the Foundation's website. It is not. It has been sent to American Legion and VFW. Ms. Thompson will send one to Mr. Danzig so that he can give it to the veteran he knows in need.

Mr. Rogers asked about the VA grants for the homeless community. Ms. Thompson replied that they haven't been trickled down yet. We have no guidance on how to apply for these grants.

Mr. Roberts reported that they had a red carpet dinner at Ocean Pond with all the commanders of Moody Air Force Base. They have a lot of deployments out of Valdosta.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Higgins announced that the next meeting will be on November 5 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting date was changed shortly after the meeting because that is the date and time of the Governor's Veterans Day Proclamation Ceremony. The next meeting will be on November 4 at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Higgins adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

SIGNED:

Joe Higgins, Chair

ATTEST:

Bob McMahon, Secretary