Thursday, September 4, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes - Veterans Service Foundation Board Meeting
Atlanta, Georgia



Present: Mr. Wyatt Batchelor, Vice-Chair

Mr. Chuck Roberts, Treasurer Mr. Alan Danzig, Member Mr. Andy Hilmes, Member Mr. Kevin Loncher, Member Mr. John Phillips, Member

Ms. Patricia Ross, Commissioner

Ms. Shelley Seinberg, Attorney General's Office Ms. Amy Sillmon, Attorney General's Office

Ms. Takosha Swan, Veterans Service Board Member

Ms. Jarelle Thompson, Foundation CEO, Homeless Coordinator, GDVS

Ms. Raven Holstick, Foundation COO, Transition and Employment Coordinator, GDVS

Ms. Julie Hammond, Foundation CFO, Commissioner's Executive Assistant, GDVS

Ms. Charlotte May, Director, Public Information and External Affairs, GDVS

Ms. Irene Mackson, Business Support Analyst, GDVS

On Thursday, September 4, 2025, the Veterans Service Foundation Board meeting was held by video/tele-conference. The members listed above were present.

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Mr. Batchelor called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Mr. Batchelor made a motion to approve the minutes from the August meeting, which were previously distributed to members to review. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OFFICER REPORTS

Ms. Thompson did not have any updates to share.

Ms. Holstick did not have any updates to share.

Ms. Hammond stated that she had sent out the report below for members to review before the meeting. There were no questions.

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The funds in the account are allocated as follows:

General Funds	\$38,178.26	
Annual Training	\$	171.42
Homelessness	\$	106.21
New Homes	\$	1,025.00
State Benefit Book Ads	\$	59.23
Suicide Prevention Hardware	\$	1,700.00
Suicide Prevention Summit	\$	4,662.07
Women & Diversity	\$	314.53
TOTAL	\$46,216.72	

DIRECTOR ACTIVITY REPORTS

Mr. Roberts gave an update on the veterans' breakfast they sponsor each month. 99% of the people in attendance were all retired Moody Air Force Base.

Mr. Batchelor clarified that the backpacks mentioned in the previous meeting were donated to the Plummer Home and not the Foundation.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Ross discussed the creation of materials on the homelessness fund-raising efforts, which will be designed and sent to the board for approval. Mr. McMahon had relayed to her that various community groups are interested in supporting the priority of helping the homeless.

Commissioner Ross discussed the new benefits book currently being put together. An external organization designs the book for us, and we have the funding for that. She asked the board to consider putting an ad in the book. Mr. Phillips suggested a one-page quick reference guide in the book that can be torn out and placed on a refrigerator.

Commissioner Ross explained to the board that the Foundation is not allowed to accept real estate. The Veterans Service Board can do so.

Mr. Batchelor announced that the next meeting will be on October 2nd at 10:00 a.m.

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Mr. Roberts made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hilmes seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

SIGNED:

Joe Higgins, Chai

ATTEST: