

January 2, 2025

Board Chambers

**Veterans Commission**

**MINUTES**

**Members**

**Ted Bull**  
**Jesse J. Citizen**  
**Dr. Vanessa M. Gattis**  
**Nancy Jean-Louis**

**Donnell E. Johns, Sr.**  
**Cheryl Lamar**  
**Joshua Quill**  
**Dean Woodard**

Present: Commissioners Ted Bull, Jesse J. Citizen, Vanessa Gattis, Donnell Johns Sr., Cheryl Lamar, and Dean Woodard; Director of Human Resources Joseph Gilkerson and Admin Stacy Anderson. Chair Vanessa Gattis called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Minutes

- Minutes of October 3, 2024, meeting were approved (Quill-motion/Citizen-seconded/Unanimous).

Public Comment Time

- None

Administrative Remarks

- None

Work Session

- Chair Carl B. Bedell and Commissioner from the Virginia Board of Veterans Services (BVS) presented information on their organization’s program.
- Supervisor Angry from the Board of County Supervisors attended and provide remarks regarding his appreciation for the presentation from the BVS, his history with the Virginia Board of Veterans Services, as well as some history pertaining to the creation of the PWC Veterans Commission.

New Business

- Chair Gattis requested the Commissioners send their future goals that they have discussed with their Supervisor. These items will be discussed at the February 2025 meeting.

Commissioner’s Time

- **Commissioner Johns** – Discussed that he would like to

- **Commissioner Johns** – Stated the presentation from BVS was great information. Let the Commission know he would like to look further into which non-profits in the local area support the items that were discussed.
- **Commissioner Lamar** – Discussed a proposal regarding removing copays for the Veterans Affairs for telehealth services. Inquired if the Commission can do anything to push this item through.
- **Commissioner Quill** – Let the Commission know that Willing Warriors that their new building and meeting room is available, and the Veterans Commission is welcome to use the space.
- **Commissioner Gattis** – Let the Commission know that the conversation regarding a Veterans expo will continue.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. (Quill-motion/Woodard-seconded/unanimous)