

# Veterans Empowerment Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 18, 2024 1pm

Meeting Recording:

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## Call to Order/Welcome

- The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brown-Parks at 1:01pm

## Roll Call

- **Members Present:** Dr. Samantha Brown-Parks, Rick White, Patricia Lewis (Quorum not met)
- **Members Absent:** Michael Moore, Stephen Leake, Shawn Hanley, Rev McGhee, Anthony Merritt
- **Staff Present:** Stanley Wilson and Ann Isaac, (Community Development)

Invocation by Rick White

Pledge led by Trish Lewis

## Approval of January 18, 2024 Meeting Agenda

- Not approved due to unattained quorum

## Ratification of December 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes

- Not approved due to unattained quorum

## Old Business

- As Dr. Brown-Parks has been elected to the position of Chairman, we will need the secretary position filled as she is covering both roles.
- Awaiting the Board of Commissioners meeting next Wednesday to confirm funding for the VEC in the budget.
  - If approved, the RFP will be released next month.

## New Business

- Mr. Stan Wilson reviewed the VEC work plan.
- We have an additional opening on the VEC due to Mr. Mike Mizell's absence.
- We will invite the Grant Writer to come back to a future meeting to assist us with procuring outside funding.

## Announcements

- We will keep Rev. McGhee in our prayers as he is recovering from surgery.

Meeting Adjourned 1:38