VERONA MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING 7:00 P.M. APRIL 15, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by Chairwoman Manis via zoom call.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairwoman Manis read Open Public Meeting Act statement, and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL/APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Members in Attendance: Colin Boyle (Community), Katie Cuartas (Laning), Ann Jocelyn (Coordinator), Officer Kirby-Pinto (as VPD designate for Chief Kiernan), Rachel Klansky (Community Member), Kimberly Manis (Chair – Community Member), Verena Mikhael (Community Member), Carol Lynn Moy (Secretary - VHS), Staci Puleo (Brookdale), Mayor Christopher Tamburro (Township of Verona Municipal Government), Regina Tully (FNBrown).

Members Not in Attendance: Diane DiGiuseppe (Superintendent of Verona Schools), Kevin O'Sullivan (Town Manager-or designee), Tim Schmidt (Forest)

Members were reminded of the VMAC vision, mandate, and the mission to celebrate and cultivate the compassion, character, and confidence it takes to make good choices.

With a quorum of members in attendance, Chairwoman Manis proceeded with the business of the meeting. Ms. Manis called for approval of the minutes from the January 21, 2026 meeting as circulated to members prior to the meeting. Mayor Tamburro abstained as he was not in attendance at the January meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved by the remaining members in attendance.

FINANCIAL & PROGRAM REVIEW
An overview of the Committee finances and program initiatives was provided, confirming that funding, allocation of funds, and program initiatives are all proceeding according to the fiscal year 2026 plan.

FY2026 (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026)
FY26 grant totals $22,625 ($18,100 from the State through GCSUD and a 25% match of $4,525 from the Township) plus in-kind match of $13,575. Through the 3rd quarter of the fiscal year, a total of $18,536.13 has been expended. Funding and programing are progressing according to the plan.

3rd quarter activities (Jan-Mar) & Planned 4th quarter activities (Apr-Jun)
- Art & Meditation at Verona Public Library
- BABES – 5 lessons at each of the elementary schools-very successful, explored possibility of revisiting the lessons in middle school.
- Family Night – March 12th, 17 restaurants. Fall date is October 8, reignited activity sheets & crayons
- Elementary Peer Mediators – support of uniforms
- HBW Peers – welcome of 4th graders, preparing to enter 5th grade, folders & pencils purchased
- Heroes & Cool Kids – support AwareAwakeAlive. Heroes will be held to a smaller group in 25-26.

- Success Street – Risking Rejection to Gain Acceptance: March 26 social settings & April 23 auditions, applications, etc (discussed ways to gain better attendance for future events)
- DEA Take Back Day – April 25th and any day, working closely with VPD. Dropoff in town hall or police dispatch. VPD attend senior club meetings twice a year. Outreach to Hillwood.

Ann Jocelyn confirmed that, as previously approved by the Committee, additional funds of $51.12 that are available following the completion of all programs will be added to the original planned support of $100 toward Project Graduation. Given that no member of the Committee now objects, Ann Jocelyn will submit a plan modification to the County to officially move $51.12 prior to the end of the fiscal year.

ANNUAL MEETING – April 15, 2026
At the VMAC meeting in January and again in the notice of this meeting, it was announced that the officer positions Chair, Vice-Chair (optional), and Secretary would be appointed or reappointed at this meeting. The Grant Coordinator appointed by the Township Council serves as Treasurer for VMAC.

Kim Manis has indicated that she will be stepping down as Chair effective July 1, 2026. Being that no members indicated interest in the position, Ms. Manis agreed to stay in the position through the July 2026 meeting at which time a member will be appointed.

Following a motion by Regina Tully, which was seconded by Colin Boyle, Members unanimously agreed to forego the optional position of Vice-Chair.

Carol Lynn Moy was unanimously reappointed to a second terms as Secretary of VMAC following the motion by Katie Cuartas which was seconded by Regina Tully.

Members were asked to make it known if they anticipate leaving their membership roles at the end of the fiscal year 2026 (June 30, 2026) so that we can work to fill the seat. Members are appointed to a three-year term. While members are encouraged to stay for the full-term, we recognize that conflicts do arise. Regina Tully previously indicated that she will move from representing FNBrown to HBW.

APPROVAL OF MEETING DATES
Following the quarterly meeting schedule currently in place of the third Wednesday following quarter-end, Chairwoman Manis proposed the following schedule for FY27: Wednesdays - July 15, October 21, January 20, April 21. A motion to approve these dates was made by Carol Lynn Moy and seconded by Regina Tully and unanimously approved. Ann Jocelyn will provide these dates to the Municipal Clerk for posting on the official township calendar as required by the Open Public Meetings Act.

April is volunteer appreciation month. Ann Jocelyn thanked everyone for supporting VMAC's mission.

There being no other business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Carol Lynn Moy
ROLL CALL VOTE: taken at 10/21/26 meeting
AYES: Boyle, Jocelyn (for O'Sullivan), Kirby-Pinto, Klansky, Manis, Mikhael, Moy, Puleo, Tamburro
NAYS: none
ABSENT: Cuartas, DiGiuseppe, O'Sullivan, Tully
ABSTAIN: Schmidt