



Meeting of the Board of Directors  
August 27, 2025 - Anthem Way Foundation Open Session  
Following the ACC Board Open Session Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

**Members Present:**

Dino Cotton, Chair  
Cody Curl, Vice Chair  
Laura Hartman, Secretary  
David Duckworth, Treasurer  
Bob McKenzie, Director  
Barb Patterson, Director  
Carolynn Hiron, Director  
Mark Barbee, Director

**Members Absent:**

**Others Present:**

Aaron Baker, Executive Director  
Steven Dinkoski, Communications Director  
Jennifer Chappelle, Staff Accountant  
Jonathan Ebertshauser, Legal Counsel  
Gay Johnson, Recording Secretary

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Cotton called the meeting to order at 8:57 p.m. and recognized those in attendance.

**2. ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Chair Cotton established a quorum with seven Board members present.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA/APPROVAL**

**Director McKenzie made a motion to adopt the consent agenda including the approval of February 26, 2025 meeting minutes. Director Curl seconded. Voting took place; the motion passed unanimously.**

**4. OPEN DISCUSSION**

None

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Anthem Way Foundation Financial Update**

Executive Director Baker reviewed the Anthem Way Foundation’s YTD 2025 Financials, with assets of \$123,308.05, with no debt. Paver donations were \$5,550 or 37 pavers sold, compared to 86 pavers sold in 2024, and total YTD donations of \$1,100. Expenses were the cost of pavers, with the order placed in August, so it is not reflected in the July financials. Other expenses were for the 2025 Jim Martin STEM Scholarship for three recipients, each awarded \$1000 checks, for a total of \$3,000. This year, the 2026 Budget Rollout is in process, scheduled for the September and October sessions. The Anthem Way financials are done on a cash basis.

**B. Anthem Way Foundation Veterans Day Program Update**

Communications Director Dinkoski presented the Foundation’s Veterans Day Ceremony budget of \$25,000, with grants and other donations received that help offset the total cost, plans for keynote speakers, presentation of the annual Veterans Service Award, flyover courtesy of the US Air Force, veteran support organizations at the event providing information with staff also working with Youth for Troops on a possible veterans-related service project, live music provided by the Musical Theatre of Anthem, breakfast for purchase from Tennessee Grill will be available and a special wreath presentation.

**C. Anthem Way Foundation AVM Activities Update**

Communications Director Dinkoski provided a summary of activities at the Anthem Veterans Memorial for 2025, highlighting events surrounding the Memorials picturesque setting for scheduled and unscheduled special occasions and private ceremonies honoring our military heroes.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Hartman, Secretary  
On Behalf of the Anthem Community Council Board of Directors