



TEXAS VETERANS LAND BOARD
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
Tuesday, June 25, 2024, 11:00 A.M.
1700 Congress Avenue, Room 170, Austin, TX 78701

1. Opening
 - a. Chairwoman Dawn Buckingham, M.D. called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M.
 - b. The Chair declared a quorum present.

Members present were:

Chairwoman Dawn Buckingham, M.D.
Board Member James Rothfelder
Board Member Judson Scott

Also present:

Executive Secretary Tony Dale
Assistant Executive Secretary Darren Fitz Gerald
General Land Office General Counsel Jeff Gordon
 - c. Invocation was led by Chaplain Rabbi Cantor Marie Betcher.
 - d. The Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags.
 - i. Presentation to Chaplain by the Board of a flag flown over the Alamo in honor of her contributions to Veterans.
 - ii. Presentation to Mark Havens for his service to the agency and Texas Veterans.
2. Approval of the minutes from the regular Board meeting of April 30, 2024. Approved with no objections.
3. Citizen Communications. No members of the public testified during citizen communications.
4. Chair and Board Member Opening Comments. No comments were made.
5. Veterans Land Board Bond Funds Management.
 - a. Consideration and possible action on the adoption of a resolution authorizing interest rate swap transactions relating to bonds issued, or to be issued, in connection with the Veterans Land Program or the Veterans Housing Assistance Program and other related matters.

Motion was made by Mr. Rothfelder and seconded by Mr. Scott, to approve, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Consideration and possible action on the adoption of a resolution authorizing liquidity facilities relating to bonds issued, or to be issued, in connection with the Veterans Land Program or the Veterans Housing Assistance Program and other related matters. Motion was made by Mr. Rothfelder and seconded by Mr. Scott, to approve, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Consideration and possible action on the adoption of a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of State of Texas Veterans Bonds, Taxable Series 2025, in one or more series and installments, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$250,000,000, and providing for other matters relating to the subject. Motion was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rothfelder, to approve, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.
 - d. Consideration and possible action on the adoption of a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of State of Texas Veterans Bonds, Tax-Exempt Series 2025, in one or more series and installments, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$250,000,000, and providing for other matters relating to the subject. Motion was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rothfelder, to approve, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.
 - e. Consideration and possible action on a resolution of the Veterans Land Board of the State of Texas authorizing the redemption of certain outstanding bonds, and other related matters. Motion was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rothfelder, to approve, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.
 - f. Consideration and possible action on a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of State of Texas Veterans Bonds, Taxable Refunding Series 2024 in one or more series in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$200,000,000. Motion was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rothfelder, to approve, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.
6. Texas State Veterans Homes
- a. Consideration and possible action to delegate authority to the Executive Secretary to negotiate and execute a management and operations contract for the Ussery-Roan Texas State Veteran Home in Amarillo. Motion was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rothfelder, to approve, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Consideration and possible action on a contract renewal for the pharmaceutical services provider for Texas State Veterans Homes. Motion was made by Mr. Rothfelder and seconded by Mr. Scott, to approve, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.

- c. Consideration and possible action on resident room rates in the Texas State Veterans Home program. Motion was made by Mr. Rothfelder and seconded by Mr. Scott, to approve, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Legal Services

- a. Consideration and possible action on proposed amendments to 40 Texas Administrative Code §178.5, concerning burial eligibility criteria in Texas State Veterans Cemeteries. Motion was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rothfelder, to approve, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.
- b. Consideration and possible action on granting an easement to the City of Lubbock to maintain a water line on West Texas State Veterans Cemetery property. Item was removed from the agenda by the Chair and placed on the July 30, 2024, meeting agenda.
- c. Consideration and possible action on accepting property from the City of Abilene for future expansion of the Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene. Motion was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rothfelder, to approve, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.
- d. Consideration and possible action on general review of VLB rules in Texas Administrative Code, Title 40, Part 5, Chapters 175 – 178. Motion was made by Mr. Rothfelder and seconded by Mr. Scott, to approve, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Construction Service

- a. Report on Construction Services. This is a non-action item; therefore, no action was taken.

9. Executive Secretary Report

- a. Report on Veterans Land Board operations. This is a non-action item; therefore, no action was taken.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION 11:48 A.M. – 12:05 P.M.

In accordance with Chapter 551, Government Code, the Texas Veterans Land Board convened in Executive Session pursuant to the following provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code:

- a. Section 551.071 - Consultation with attorney regarding issues concerning construction and warranty at the Richard A. Anderson Texas State Veterans Home in Houston, Texas.
- b. Section 551.071 - Consultation with attorney regarding issues concerning construction at the Tuskegee Airmen Texas State Veterans Home in Fort Worth, Texas.

III. RECONVIENE REGULAR AGENDA 12:11 P.M.

- 10. Consider Action, If Any, On Items Discussed in Executive Session.
No action was taken on executive session items. Chair Buckingham called item 11.
- 11. Chair and Board Member Closing Comments.
- 12. Adjournment. 12:11 P.M.

ATTEST:



Anthony Dale
Executive Secretary

APPROVED:



James Rothfelder
Board Member