



TEXAS VETERANS LAND BOARD  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
Tuesday, July 30, 2024, 10:00 a.m.  
1700 Congress Avenue, Room 170, Austin, TX 78701

1. Opening
  - a. Chairwoman Dawn Buckingham M.D. called the meeting to order at 10:00 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
  - c. Invocation was led by Chaplain Lead Pastor Chris Plekenpol.
  - 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.
2. Approval of the minutes from the regular Board meeting of June 25, 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. Quarterly Veterans Land, Housing and Home Improvement Program Production Update for Fiscal Year 2024 3rd Quarter. This is a non-action item, there for no vote is required.
  - b. Consideration and possible action on delegation of authority to the Executive Secretary to adjust resident room rates to match changes in State Home Per Diem Program 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.

## 6. Veterans Land Board and Housing

- a. Consideration and possible action to set aside bids received from the Online Bidding Forfeited Land Sale held July 18, 2024, on any tract where the account holder is making an appeal. No appeals were made so this became a non-action item, there for no vote is required.
- b. Consideration and possible action to accept and award all qualified high bids received from the Online Bidding Forfeited Land Sale held July 18, 2024. Motion was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rothfelder, to approve, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. Consideration and possible action on request to forfeit VLB delinquent land accounts and accounts involved in tax suits. 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 request to Order for Sale land tracts that may be included in the next Online Bidding Forfeited Land Sale and to set the next Quarterly Electronic Forfeited Land Sale bidding period to begin September 3, 2024, through October 17, 2024. Motion was made by Mr. Rothfelder and seconded by Mr. Scott, to approve, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.

## 7. Texas State Veterans Cemeteries

- a. Report on cemetery operations. This is a non-action item, there for no vote is required.
- b. Consideration and possible action on delegation of authority to the Executive Secretary to execute a contract related to engineering services, design, and related matters for the expansion of the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen. Motion was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rothfelder, to approve, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. Consideration and possible action on delegation of authority to the Executive Secretary to execute contracts for the management and operations of the Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Abilene, the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen, the Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery in Mission, the Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery in Corpus Christi, and the West Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Lubbock. Motion was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rothfelder, to approve, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.

## 8. Texas State Veterans Homes

- a. Report on State Veterans Homes Operations. This is a non-action item, there for no vote is required.

## 9. Legal Services

- a. Consideration and possible action to delegate authority to the Executive Secretary on granting an easement to the City of Lubbock to maintain a water line on West Texas State Veterans Cemetery property. 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 a request to assign financial services related to swap transactions under a contract with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc. Motion was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rothfelder, to approve, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. Consideration and possible action on the final adoption of the proposed amendment to the Texas Administrative Code, Title 40, Part 5, Chapter 175, Subchapter B, §175.72. 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 maximum loan amount for qualified dual spouse veterans related to the land loan program. Motion was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rothfelder, to approve, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.

## 10. Construction Services Update

- a. Report on Construction Services. This is a non-action item, there for no vote is required.

## 11. Executive Security Report.

- a. Consideration and possible action on a resolution authorizing the transfer of Veterans Land Board funds to the General Land Office for direct and indirect administration expenses for FY 25. Motion was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rothfelder, to approve, according to staff recommendations. The item carried unanimously.
- b. Report on Veterans Land Board Operations. This is a non-action item, there for no vote is required.

**II. EXECUTIVE SESSION 11:00 A.M. – 11:22 A.M.**

*In accordance with Chapter 551, Government Code, the Texas Veteran 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. RECONVENE REGULAR AGENDA 11:23 A.M.**

12. Consider Action, If Any, On Items Discussed in Executive Session. There were no action items.
13. Chair and Board Member Closing Comments. No comments were made.
14. Adjournment. 11:24 A.M.

**ATTEST:**

Anthony Dale  
Executive Secretary

**APPROVED:**

James Rothfelder  
Board Member