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TEXAS VETERANS LAND BOARD

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

The Texas Veterans Land Board will conduct a special called meeting to be held in person on October 19, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. at the Stephen F. Austin Building, 1700 N. Congress Ave., Room 170, in accordance with the Texas Government Code §551 (Open Meetings Act).

Access to the meeting by members of the public will be published in advance in the Texas Register in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. A link to access the meeting via video conference call will be posted on the Texas General Land Office's website on the morning of the meeting.

Any member of the public who wishes to address the Veterans Land Board on a matter within the authority of the Veterans Land Board should indicate so at the start of the meeting or during any public comment period.

AGENDA

I. OPEN MEETING

to commence at 10:00 a.m.

1. Call to order
 - a. Roll call/quorum established
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance to United States and Texas
 - c. Invocation
 - d. Presentation to Chaplain by Chair
2. Approval of minutes from the Special Called meeting of July 24, 2023.
3. Citizen communication (Three Minutes each. No deliberations with the Board. The Board may respond only with factual statements, recitation of existing policy, and requests for an item to be placed on a future Agenda.)
4. Chair and Board Member Opening Comments.
5. Veterans Land Board Land and Housing
 - a. Consideration and possible action to set aside bids received from the Online Bidding Forfeited Land Sale held October 12, 2023, on any tract where the account holder is making an appeal.
 - b. Consideration and possible action to accept and award all qualified high bids received from the Online Bidding Forfeited Land Sale held October 12, 2023.

- c. Consideration and possible action on request to forfeit Veterans Land Board delinquent land accounts and accounts involved in tax suits.
 - d. Consideration and possible action to set the next Quarterly Electronic Forfeited Land Sale bidding period to begin December 11, 2023, through January 25, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.
 - e. Consideration and possible action on delegation of authority to the Executive Secretary to raise home loan maximum amount to match the Veterans Administration (VA) and Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) limits.
6. Veterans Land Board Bond Funds Management
- a. Quarterly financial report.
 - b. Consideration and possible action on revision of Investment Policy Statement and providing for other matters relating to the subject.
 - c. Consideration and possible action on loan rates in the Veterans Housing Assistance Program and Veterans Land Program, and other matters in connection therewith.
7. Texas State Veterans Cemeteries
- a. Report on cemetery operations and introduction of program staff.
 - b. Consideration and possible action on eligibility for cemetery services to members of the Texas Military Forces killed on state active duty or during state training or other duty.
 - c. Consideration and possible action on delegation of authority to the Executive Secretary to execute a contract with the City of Killeen for an operations and management contract for the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery.
8. Texas State Veterans Homes
- a. Report on state veteran home operations to include status of construction and pending opening of the Tuskegee Airmen State Veterans Home in Fort Worth.
9. Internal Audit
- a. Report on results of Texas State Veterans Cemetery Operations Contract Management audit.
 - b. Consideration and possible action to delegate authority to the Executive Secretary to issue a solicitation for audit services and execute a contract for audit services and notification to the Board of FY2024 Audit Plan.
10. Construction Services
- a. Consideration and possible action on an amendment to the major contract policy.
 - b. Consideration and possible action on delegation of authority to the Executive Secretary to execute job order contracts for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) upgrades at Texas State Veterans Homes.
 - c. Consideration and possible action on a job order contract on Project #121008-COV4, in the amount of \$2,303,000 with Basic SDV for HVAC Upgrade/Isolation Wing & HEPA Filtration at Watkins-Logan Home in Tyler, Texas.

11. Executive Secretary Report

- a. Report on Veterans Land Board operations.
- b. Consideration and possible action on board policies.
- c. Consideration and possible action to select Robert Miri as Board Secretary.
- d. Consideration and possible action to select Darren Fitz Gerald as Assistant Executive Secretary.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with Chapter 551, Government Code, the Texas Veteran Land Board will now convene 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.

The Board Reconvenes into Open Meeting.

12. Chair and Board Member Closing Comments.

13. Adjournment

An unscheduled Closed Executive Session may be called to discuss any item on this posted agenda provided it is within one of the permitted categories under Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

The above agenda schedule represents an estimate of the order for the indicated items and is subject to change at any time. All agenda items are subject to final action by the Board. Separate agenda items may be combined and discussed together at the discretion of the Chair. Any final action, decision, or vote on a matter deliberated in Closed Executive Session shall be made in an open meeting pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Certain information may be presented to and by the Board, under the headings of "Citizen Communications", and "Board Comments" however, by law, the Board shall not discuss, deliberate, or vote upon such matters except that a statement of specific factual information, a recitation of existing policy, and deliberations concerning the placing of the subject on a subsequent agenda may take place. The General Counsel has approved the Executive Session Item on this agenda.

The Texas Veterans Land Board meeting room is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spots are available. Requests for accommodation or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact (800)998-4456 for further information.

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Executive Secretary