

TEXAS VETERANS LAND BOARD  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 10:00 A.M.  
1700 Congress Avenue, Room 170, Austin, TX 78701

1. Opening

- a. Chief Clerk Mark Havens called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.
- b. The Chair declared a quorum present.

Members present were:

Chief Clerk Mark Havens  
Board Member Judson Scott  
Board Member James Rothfelder

Also present:

Executive Secretary Tony Dale  
Assistant Executive Secretary Darren Fitz Gerald  
General Counsel Jeff Gordon

- c. Invocation was led by Chaplain Amanda Williams, Texas Army National Guard.
  - 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 and service members.
2. Approval of the minutes from the regular Board meeting of October 19, 2023. Approved with no objections.
3. Citizen Communications. No members of the public testified during citizen communications.
4. Chair and Board Member Opening Comments. Members Rothfelder and Scott made comments thanking everyone for attending and taking part in the meeting.
5. Veterans Land Board Bond Funds Management.
  - a. Quarterly Veterans Land, Housing and Home Improvement Program Production Update for Fiscal Year 2024 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter. No action required; therefore, no action was taken.
6. Veterans Land Board Land and Housing.
  - a. Consideration and possible action to set aside bids received from the Online Bidding Forfeited Land Sale held January 25, 2024, on any tract where the account holder is making an appeal. No action required; therefore, no action was taken.

- b. Consideration and possible action to accept and award all qualified high bids received from the Online Bidding Forfeited Land Sale held January 25, 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 March 4, 2024, through April 18, 2024. Motion was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rothfelder, to approve, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.
  - e. Report on the Veterans Administration pause on foreclosures of VA-guaranteed loans and extension of the COVID-19 Refund Modification program through May 31, 2024. No action required; therefore, no action was taken.
7. Texas State Veterans Cemeteries.
- a. Report on State Veterans Cemetery operations. No action required; therefore, no action was taken.
  - b. Presentation of Operational Excellence Award from the National Cemetery Administration. No action required; therefore, no action was taken.
8. Texas State Veterans Homes.
- a. Report on State Veterans Homes. No action required; therefore, no action was taken.
  - b. Consideration and possible action to set resident room rates for the Tuskegee Airmen Texas State Veterans Home in Fort Worth 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.
9. Contract Management.
- a. Presentation and discussion on the Annual Report of VLB Contracts & Major Contracts. No action required; therefore, no action was taken.

## 10. Executive Secretary Report.

- a. Consideration and possible action on Board policies. Motion was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rothfelder, to approve, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.
- b. Report on Veterans Land Board operations. No action required; therefore, no action was taken.

**II. EXECUTIVE SESSION    10:56 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    11:27 AM**

11. Consider Action, If Any, On Items Discussed in Executive Session. No action required; therefore, no action was taken.
12. Chair and Board Member Closing Comments.
13. Adjournment.    **11:28 A.M.**

**ATTEST:**

  
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Anthony W. Dale  
Executive Secretary

**APPROVED:**

  
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James Rothfelder  
Board Member