

TEXAS VETERANS LAND BOARD SPECIAL CALLED MEETING Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 10:00 A.M. 1700 Congress Avenue, Room 170, Austin, TX 78701

1. Opening

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

Members present were:

Chief Clerk Jennifer Jones 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 of the Day Lieutenant Colonel David Little.
- 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 his contributions to veterans.
- 2. Approval of the minutes from the regular Board meeting of July 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. Presentation by Texas Workforce Commission of "We Hire Veterans" designation for General Land Office and Texas Veterans Land Board. Presented by Commissioner Joe Esparza for the Texas Workforce Commission and Executive Director Tom Palladino of the Texas Veterans Commission.
- 6. General Land Office Contract Management
 - Presentation and discussion on the Annual Report of VLB Contracts & Major Contracts. This is a non-action item, therefore no action taken.
- 7. Veterans Land Board Bond Funds Management
 - a. Quarterly update. This is a non-action item, therefore no action taken.

- b. Consideration and possible action on the adoption of a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of State of Texas Veterans Land Bonds, Taxable Series 2025, in one or more series and installments, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$100,000,000, and 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.
- 8. 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 17, 2024, on any tract where the account holder is making an appeal. This is a non-action item, therefore no action taken.
 - b. Consideration and possible action to accept and award all qualified high bids received from the Online Bidding Forfeited Land Sale held October 17, 2024. 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 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. 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 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. 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 approving continued payments to CoreLogic Credco and CoreLogic Solutions under GLO Contract No. 21-048-000-C605 to ensure loan processing services for the VLB's Land and Housing Program. Motion was made by Mr. Rothfelder and seconded by Mr. Scott, to approve, according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.

g. Recognition of top lenders and loan officers for the 2024 Veterans Housing Assistance Loan Program. This is a non-action item, therefore no action taken.

9. Texas State Veterans Cemeteries

a. Report on Texas State Veteran Cemetery Operations. This is a non-action item, therefore no action taken.

10. Texas State Veterans Homes

a. Report on Texas Veterans Home Operations. This is a non-action item, therefore no action taken.

11. Legal Services

a. Consideration and possible action on the final adoption of 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.

12. Internal Audit

- a. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2025 Audit Plan, and postponement of action for issuance of a solicitation and subsequent award of a contract for audit services to audit the VLB Bond Program. This is a non-action item, therefore no action taken.
- 13. General Land Office Construction Services.
 - a. Update on construction projects. This is a non-action item, therefore no action taken.

14. VLB Marketing

a. Annual Report on Texas Veterans Call Center Operations. This is a non-action item, therefore no action taken.

15. Executive Secretary Report.

- a. Report on Veterans Land Board Operations. This is a non-action item, therefore no action taken.
- b. FY 24 Annual Report and FY 25 Operational Plan. This is a non-action item, therefore no action taken.
- 16. Chair and Board Member Closing Comments. General comments by the Chair and Board Members.
- 17. Adjournment. 11:27 A.M.

ATTEST:

Anthony Dale

Executive Secretary

APPROVED:

James Rothfelder Board Member