TEXAS VETERANS LAND BOARD
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
Tuesday, August 5, 2025, 10:00 A.M.
1700 Congress Avenue, Room 170, Austin, TX 78701

1. Call to order
   a. Chairwoman Buckingham called the meeting to order at 10:03 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 Counsel Jeff Gordon
   c. Invocation was led by Chaplain of the Day Tony Dale.
2. Approval of the minutes from the regular Board meeting of May 13, 2025. Approved by unanimous consent.
3. Citizen Communications. No members of the public testified during citizen communications.
4. Chair and Board Member Opening Comments. General comments made by the board.
5. Veterans Land Board Bond Funds Management
   a. Quarterly Veterans Land, Housing and Home Improvement Program Update for Fiscal Year 2025 3rd Quarter. This is a non-action item, therefore no action taken.
   b. Consideration and possible action on a resolution authorizing the transfer of funds from the Veterans Land Board to the General Land Office for direct and indirect administration expenses for Fiscal Year 26. 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 and delegation of authority to the Executive Secretary to adjust resident room rates in Texas State Veterans Homes, 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. Veteran Land Board Land and Housing.

    a. Consideration and possible action to set aside bids received from the Online Bidding Forfeited Land Sale held June 2, 2025, to July 17, 2025, on any tract where the account holder is making an appeal. No appeals made item removed by Chair.

    b. Consideration and possible action to accept and award all qualified high bids received from the Online Bidding Forfeited Land Sale held June 2, 2025, to July 17, 2025. 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. Rothfelder, and seconded by Mr. Scott, 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 2, 2025, through October 16, 2025. 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 to delegate authority to the Executive Secretary to execute a credit reporting service agreement for the Texas Veterans Land and Home Improvement Loan Programs. Motion was made by Mr. Scott, and seconded by Mr. Rothfelder, to approve according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Texas State Veterans Cemeteries.

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

    b. Consideration and possible action on delegation of authority to the Executive Secretary to amend a contract for the management and operation on the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen. 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 to execute a contract for management and operations of 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.

d. Consideration and possible action on the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Veterans Administration's National Cemetery Administration for the development and construction of the sixth Texas State Veterans Cemetery in east Texas in the vicinity of Longview. 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 Cemeteries.
   a. Report on Texas State Veterans Home Operations. This is a non-action item, therefore no action taken.

9. Legal Services
   a. Consideration and possible action to renew the management and operations agreement for the Richard A. Anderson Texas State Veterans Home in Houston. Motion was made by Mr. Rothfelder, and seconded by Mr. Scott, to approve according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Construction Service
    a. Update of construction projects. This is a non-action item, therefore no action taken.

11. Executive Secretary Report
    a. Report on Fiscal Year 26 Operational Plan. This is a non-action item, therefore no action taken.

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

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION 11:06 A.M. – 11:34 A.M.

In accordance with Chapter 551, Government Code, the Texas Veterans 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. Government Code §551.071 - Consultation with attorneys regarding issues concerning construction and warranty at the Richard A. Anderson Texas State Veterans Home in Houston, Texas.
b. Government Code §551.071(2) – Consultation with attorneys regarding issues related to the operations and management contract and construction of the

Tuskegee Airmen Texas State Veteran Home in Fort Worth, Texas, pursuant to the Board authority under Texas Natural Resources Code, §164.005.

III. RECONVENE REGULAR AGENDA

12. Consideration and possible action, if any, on items discussed in Executive Session.

13. Chair and Board Member Closing Comments.

14. Adjournment. 11:35 A.M.

ATTEST:

Anthony Dale
Executive Secretary

APPROVED:

James Rothfelder
Board Member