



TEXAS VETERANS LAND BOARD  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 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 10:00 A.M.
  - b. The Chair declared a quorum present.

Members present were:

Chairwoman Dawn Buckingham, M.D.  
Board Member James Rothfelder  
Board Member Jud Scott

Also present:

Chief Clerk Jennifer Jones  
Assistant Chief Clerk Adrian Piloto  
Executive Secretary Tony Dale  
Assistant Executive Secretary Darren Fitz Gerald  
General Counsel Jeff Gordon

2. Invocation was led by Chaplain of the Day Chaplain Richmond Stoglin.
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flag.
4. Presentation to the Chaplain of the Day of a flag flown over the Alamo.
5. Presentation of a resolution on behalf of the Veterans Land Board honoring the 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the United States Space Force.
6. Presentation of a resolution on behalf of the Veterans Land Board in memory of Veterans Land Board Executive Secretary Bill McLemore.
7. Recognition of VLB Employees.

Unanimous approval of the Consent agenda, items 8-10

8. Approval of minutes from the special called meeting of November 13, 2025  
Approval of the minutes from the work session on November 13, 2025
9. Consideration and possible action to set aside bids received from the Online Bidding Forfeited Land Sale held December 2, 2025, to January 15, 2026, on any tract where the account holder is making an appeal.

10. 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 3, 2026, through April 16, 2026.

Motion was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rothfelder, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Regular Agenda Continued**

11. Citizen Communications. No members of the public testified during citizen communications.
12. Chair and Board Member Opening Comments. General comments made by the board.
13. Veterans Land Board Bond Funds Management
  - a. Quarterly Veterans Land, Housing Division update for Fiscal Year 2026 1st Quarter. This is a non-action item, therefore no action taken.
  - b. Consideration and possible action on increasing the maximum allowable loan amounts in the Veterans' Land Program, and other related matters. 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 the adoption of a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of State of Texas Veterans Bonds, Tax-Exempt Series 2026, in one or more series and installments, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$250,000,000, and providing for 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.
  - d. Consideration and possible action on the adoption of a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of State of Texas Veterans Bonds, Taxable Series 2026, in one or more series and installments, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$250,000,000, and providing for 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.
  - e. Consideration and possible action on the adoption of a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of State of Texas Veterans Bonds, Taxable Refunding Series 2026, in one or more series and installments, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$200,000,000, and providing for other matters relating to the subject. Motion was made by Mr. Rothfelder and seconded by Mr. Scott, to approve according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.

- f. Consideration and possible adoption of resolution authorizing the sale of loans in the Veterans' Land Program and Veterans' Housing Assistance Program, and other matters relating to the subject. Motion was made by Mr. Rothfelder and seconded by Mr. Scott, to approve according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.
  - g. Consideration and possible action on redemption of outstanding bonds. Motion was made by Mr. Rothfelder and seconded by Mr. Scott, to approve according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.
  - h. Consideration and possible adoption of resolution authorizing liquidity facilities relating to bonds issued or to be issued in connection with the Veterans' Land Program or the Veterans' Housing Assistance Program and providing for 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.
  - i. Consideration and possible action on the adoption of a resolution authorizing interest rate swap transactions relating to bonds issued, or to be issued, in connection with the Veterans Land Program or the Veterans Housing Assistance Program and other related matters. Motion was made by Mr. Rothfelder and seconded by Mr. Scott, to approve according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.
14. Veterans Land Board Land and Housing
- a. Consideration and possible action to accept and award all qualified high bids received from the Online Bidding Forfeited Land Sale held December 2, 2025, to January 15, 2026. Motion was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rothfelder, to approve according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.
  - b. Consideration and possible action on request to forfeit VLB delinquent land accounts. 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 proposed amendments to Texas Administrative Code, Title 40, Part 5, Chapter 175, Subchapter A, Rule §175.3: Land Selection and Rule §175.4: Land Description. Motion was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rothfelder, to approve according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.
15. Texas State Veterans Cemeteries
- a. Report on State Veterans Cemetery operations. This is a non-action item, therefore no action taken.

16. Texas State Veterans Homes
  - a. Report on State Veterans Home operations. This is a non-action item, therefore no action taken.
17. Construction Service
  - a. Report on Construction Services activities in state veteran homes and state veteran cemeteries. This is a non-action item, therefore no action taken.

**THE BOARD MET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION FROM 11:09 A.M. TO 11:23 A.M.**

**11:26 A.M. THE BOARD RECONVENED THE REGULAR AGENDA WITH GENERAL LAND OFFICE CHIEF CLERK JENNIFER JONES SERVING AS THE CHAIR DUE TO THE CHAIRWOMAN BEING CALLED AWAY ON STATE BUSINESS.**

18. Executive Secretary Report
  - a. Report on State Veterans Land Board operations. This is a non-action item, therefore no action taken.
19. Chair and Board Member Closing Comments. General comments made by the board.
20. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned in honor of those for which we conducted unaccompanied veteran burials in our cemeteries.

**US Army Veterans:**

Jeffery Jones  
Edward Taylor  
David Acosta  
John Bowers  
Mark Moore

**US Navy Veteran:**

David Dunn

**US Marine Corp Veterans:**

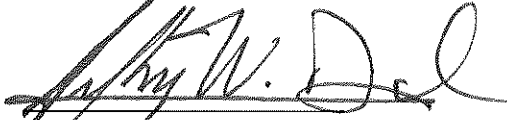
Richard Banks  
Michael Bucklin

**US Air Force Veterans:**

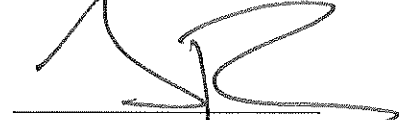
Leslie Gunnarson  
Joseph Martin

**May they Rest in Peace.**

**ATTEST:**

  
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Anthony Dale  
Executive Secretary

**APPROVED:**

  
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James Rothfelder  
Board Member

