TEXAS VETERANS LAND BOARD
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
Tuesday, October 28, 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 10:00 A.M.
   b. The Chair declared a quorum present.

      Members present were:

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

      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

   c. Invocation was led by Chaplain of the Day Chaplain (Major) Joe Reffner.
2. Approval of the minutes from the regular Board meeting of August 5, 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. Recognition of the 79th Anniversary of the Texas Veterans Land Board.
6. Consideration and possible action on adopting a resolution commemorating the Semiquincentennial 250th Anniversary of the Founding of the United States of America. Approved by unanimous consent.
7. Veteran Land Board Bond Fund Management.
   a. Quarterly Veterans Land, Housing and Home Improvement Program Update for Fiscal Year 2025 4th Quarter. This is a non-action item, therefore no action taken.

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 September 2, 2025, to October 16, 2025, on any tract where the account holder is making an appeal. No appeals made, withdrawn by the Chair.

    b. Consideration and possible action to accept and award all qualified high bids received from the Online Bidding Forfeited Land Sale held September 2, 2025 to October 16, 2025. Motion was made by Mr. Rothfelder, and seconded by Chair Buckingham, 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 Chair Buckingham, 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 December 2, 2025, through January 15, 2026. Motion was made by Mr. Rothfelder, and seconded by Chair Buckingham, 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 the home loan maximum amount to match the Veterans Administration (VA) and Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) limits. Motion was made by Mr. Rothfelder, and seconded by Chair Buckingham, to approve according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.

    f. Recognition of top lenders and loan officers for the 2025 Veterans Housing Assistance Loan Program. This is a non-action item, therefore no action was taken.

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

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

b. FY25 annual report on collaboration with the Texas Veterans Commission on assisting Texas State Veterans Home Residents with VA Disability Claims. This is a non-action item, therefore no action was taken.

c. Consideration and possible action to designate a location in Bexar County as the site of a Texas State Veteran Home Contingent upon a donation of land and delegation of authority to the Executive Secretary to accept a donation of land that is suitable for that purpose. Motion was made by Mr. Rothfelder, and seconded by Chair Buckingham, to approve according to staff recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.

11. General Land Office Contract Management.
    a. Presentation and discussion on the Annual Report of VLB Contracts & Major Contracts. This is a non-action item, therefore no action taken.

12. VLB Marketing
    a. Annual Report on VLB Marketing and Outreach Activities and Texas Veterans Call Center operations. This is a non-action item, therefore no action taken.

13. Internal Audit
    a. Presentation of Fiscal Year 2026 Audit Plan and related matters. This is a non-action item, therefore no action taken.

14. Construction Services
    a. Report on warranty issues related to the Tuskegee Airmen Texas State Veterans Home in Fort Worth. This is a non-action item, therefore no action taken.

15. Executive Secretary Report
    a. Annual Report on the FY25 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 was taken.

16. Chair and Board Member Closing Comments. General comments made by the board.

17. Adjournment. 11:08 A.M.

ATTEST:

Anthony Dale
Executive Secretary

APPROVED:

James Rothfelder
Board Member