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MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY
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DIRECTOR

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 8, 2025

Board of Trustees and Staff

Chairperson James Dempsey, present
Vice Chairperson Paul McIvor, present
Trustee Ray Lopez, present
Trustee John Gardner, present
Trustee Rodney Loonsfoot, present
Trustee Gregory Spight, present
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Lindell Holm, Director, present
Carolyn Harden, Departmental Supervisor, present

Chairperson Dempsey called the meeting to order at 11:14 a.m.

Notice of Open Meetings Act Compliance

Chairperson Dempsey received confirmation that the meeting notices were posted pursuant to Public Act 267 of 1976, the Open Meetings Act

Introduction of Guests

None

Accounting Reports

Presented

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Gregory Spight) to approve the Public Minutes of June 10, 2025, passed and carried.

A total of 20 appeals/reviews were reviewed in a closed case discussion for July 8, 2025.

Case TFGA 1587

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$14,039.98.

Case TFGA 1611

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$58,724.74.

Case TFGA 1624 – Appeal

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$9,495.00.

Case TFGA 1627

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$10,974.56

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Case TFGA 1649

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$4,900.00.

Case TFGA 1667

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$9,882.00.

Case TFGA 1690 - Appeal

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of \$8,000.00.

Case TFGA 1699

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$22,300.00.

Case TFGA 1705

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$21,960.00.

Case TFGA 1707

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$16,750.00.

Case TFGA 1739

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$15,112.92.

Case TFGA 1740

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$15,103.00.

Case TFGA 1741

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$11,900.00.

Case TFGA 1747

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$12,625.59.

Case TFGA 1772

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$8,295.00.

Case TFGA 1776

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$5,914.69.

Case TFGA 1777

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of \$8,473.38.

Case TFGA 1797

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$3,173.68.

Case TFGA 1826

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$9,681.53.

Case TFGA 1828

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$10,736.71.

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved: was ten for **\$102,619.57**.

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The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved for 65+ Peacetime was zero.

A MOTION (Rodney Loonsfoot/Paul McIvor) to accept the emergency grant approvals presented during July 8, 2025, case discussion, passed and carried in the amount of **\$102,619.57**.

County & District Committees--Committee Appointments

Presented.

A MOTION (Rodney Loonsfoot/John Gardner) to approve the County/District Committees appointments and reappointments, passed and carried.

Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration

None.

Unfinished Business

Director Holm and Vice Chairperson McIvor are scheduled to tour the United We Smile facility in Traverse City with State Representatives and Congressman LtGen. Bergman on July 25, 2025. Holm invited anyone who would like to attend the tour to do so. A brief discussion followed. Director Holm reported on the possibility of a Strategic Program Subcommittee presentation in August, along with VRAD and MVE lab updates. MVAA Director Love and MVTF Director Holm had a meeting with the Texas Veterans Land Board discussing the possibility of a loan program for Michigan veterans. Holm also reported that during the meeting with Texas VLB it was suggested that Michigan could start a pilot program using available funds. A brief discussion followed. Director Holm will gather more information and will update Treasury to discuss options. Holm reported that Treasury will be providing their semi-annual corpus update at our MVTF Board meeting in August. Director Holm will be exploring collaboration opportunities with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to seek a “win, win” for the DNR and veterans. Director Holm reported that he is hopeful that the last MVTF board vacancy should be filled by the Governor this month. MVTF Chairperson Dempsey inquired about the status of the 2026 Congressional Medal of Honor donation request. A brief discussion followed.

New Business

MVTF Director Holm suggested to the MVTF Board that the October board meeting be held in Traverse City and is hopeful that the VFW in Traverse City will allow us to hold our meeting there.

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Rodney Loonsfoot) to hold the October board meeting in Traverse City with the flexibility of a date change within the same week, passed and carried.

Strategic Programs Sub-Committee Reports

None.

MVTF Board Activities

None.

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MVTF Staff Activities

Director Holm reported on his attendance at the Montford Point Marines Award Ceremony which was held on June 22nd in Detroit. A brief discussion followed. Director Holm reported that he will be traversing the state this month meeting with Gladwin, Clare, Baldwin, Midland and Bay Counties. Holm added that he and MVTF Outreach Analyst Erik Naperialski will be doing training in Lapeer County as well. Erik Naperialski reported that he attended the VFW National Home 100-year celebration adding that it was well attended by the local veteran community in the Eaton Rapids area.

Good of the Order

MVTF Trustee Spight reported that he may have a person who would be willing to serve on the Wayne County Committee. Trustee Loonsfoot reported that September 28 through October 1 of next year will be the first Tribal Honor Flight. 75 veterans and guardians will have a chance to go, adding that the Tribes will be able to bring their Eagle staff to D.C. for this trip, which has never been done before. Applications are currently being submitted. Vice Chairperson McIvor reported that he has a veteran friend who just turned 100 years old, adding that he was a glider pilot for the D-Day invasion.

Public Comments

None.

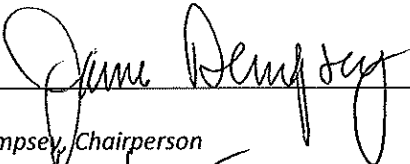
Executive Session

None

Adjourn

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Rodney Loonsfoot) to adjourn, passed and carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Approved: 

James Dempsey, Chairperson

8/12/25

Date