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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
December 9, 2025
Board of Trustees and Staff

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

Chairperson Dempsey called the meeting to order at 11:06 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

Michael DeLaRosa, Habitat for Humanity of Michigan

Accounting Reports

Presented.

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Gregory Spight) to approve the Public Minutes of November 12, 2025, passed and carried.

A total of 19 appeals/reviews were reviewed in a closed case discussion for December 9, 2025.

Case TFGA 1988

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of $22,704.38.

Case TFGA 2016

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $10,726.84.

Case TFGA 2018

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of $24,987.00.

Case TFGA 2043

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of $9,682.28.

Case TFGA 2045

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $9,957.02.

Case TFGA 2048

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of $15,173.61.

Case TFGA 2136

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved of your application in the amount of $8,250.00.

Case TFGA 2138

- The MVTF Board of Trustee approved your application in the amount of $17,520.00.

Case TFGA 2148

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of $6,975.00

Case TFGA 2159

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $15,075.00.

Case TFGA 2163

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved of your application in the amount of $3,595.00.

Case TFGA 2173 - APPEAL

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $3,500.00.

Case TFGA 2188

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $25,000.00.

Case TFGA 2191

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $10,874.79.

Case TFGA 2200

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $14,250.00.

Case TFGA 2215

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $7,000.00.

Case TFGA 2223

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $5,302.38.

Case TFGA 2235

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $6,680.00.

Case TFGA 2249

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of $1,597.58.

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved: was thirteen for **$137,731.03.**
The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved for 65+ Peacetime was zero.

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Ray Lopez) to accept the emergency grant approvals presented during December 9, 2025, case discussion, passed and carried in the amount of **$137,731.03.**

County & District Committees--Committee Appointments

None.

Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration

None.

Unfinished Business

Director Holm gave an update on the Congressional Medal of Honor Society annual conference scheduled for the Fall of 2026 in Detroit. Holm reported that he was appointed to serve on the host committee, adding there will be more information forthcoming in the upcoming months. A brief discussion followed. MVTF Director Holm reported that the VRAD at the National Home is developing a more comprehensive and detailed curriculum with the intent of partnering with a school where credit is earned towards a bachelor's degree. Director Holm gave an update on the potential Veterans Land Loan Program modeled after Texas. Holm reported that the goal is not to utilize the trust fund corpus but to get state monies from other sources to seed the program. Holm gave an update on the status of the Salesforce application stating that to avoid delays, DTMB would consider hiring an additional programmer to work on the MVTF project if funds are available. Holm stated that he had set aside funds in the budget for additional projects like this. He requested that the Board approve a motion to utilize these funds for this Salesforce project. A brief discussion followed.

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Gregory Spight) for MVTF to fund up to $200,000.00 to be allocated for the Salesforce online application program, passed and carried.

New Business

MVTF Director Holm asked the board to consider approving the proposed 2026 MVTF meeting dates (handout provided) with one proposed change for the April meeting from the 14th to April 7, 2026. Director Holm reported that the MVTF has committee training coming up after the first of the year for some select counties. Outreach Analyst, Erik Napieralski reported on his meeting with Capital Area Habitat for Humanity, adding that he is anticipating some potential cases may come from that meeting.

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Ray Lopez) for the MVTF to approve the MVTF 2026 meeting dates with the amendment of April 14, 2026, meeting date move to April 7, 2026, passed and carried.

Strategic Programs Sub-Committee Reports

None.

MVTF Board Activities

None.

MVTF Staff Activities

None.

Good of the Order

Chairperson Dempsey wished Happy Holidays to all.

Public Comments

None

Executive Session

None

Adjourn

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Gregory Spight) to adjourn, passed and carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Approved: James Dempsey

James Dempsey, Chairperson

1/12/26

Date