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DIRECTOR

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
June 9, 2026
Board of Trustees and Staff

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

Chairperson McIvor called the meeting to order at 10:55 a.m.

Notice of Open Meetings Act Compliance

Chairperson McIvor 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 (Ray Lopez/Jerry Gorski) to approve the Public Minutes of May 11, 2026, passed and carried.

A total of 30 appeals/reviews were reviewed in a closed case discussion for June 9, 2026.

Case TFGA 2395 – Appeal

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of $500.00.

Case TFGA 2463 – Appeal

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of $24,988.09.

Case TFGA 2476

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of $7,800.00.

Case TFGA 2487 – Appeal

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

Case TFGA 2520

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

Case TFGA 2522

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of $6,590.50.

Case TFGA 2542

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved of your application in the amount of $10,000.00.

Case TFGA 2544

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of $12,750.00.

Case TFGA 2575

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $12,908.51.

Case TFGA 2580

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $8,990.94.

Case TFGA 2583

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $10,962.91.

Case TFGA 2589

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of $10,203.98.

Case TFGA 2595

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $12,997.25.

Case TFGA 2599

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $9,753.25.

Case TFGA 2630

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of $16,785.00.

Case TFGA 2632

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $14,806.48.

Case TFGA 2634

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $5,600.00.

Case TFGA 2636

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $6,500.00.

Case TFGA 2637

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $1,707.68.

Case TFGA 2651

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $11,950.00.

Case TFGA 2664

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $6,105.00.

Case TFGA 2676

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of $18,356.27.

Case TFGA 2682

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of $16,000.00.

Case TFGA 2683

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $4,169.00.

Case TFGA 2688

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of $5,000.00.

Case TFGA 2689

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of $13,236.47.

Case TFGA 2693

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of $4,175.00.

Case TFGA 2697

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $4,398.99.

Case TFGA 2708

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of $9,000.00.

Case TFGA 2713

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $5,952.00.

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved: was nineteen for **$153.680.99.**
The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved for 65+ Peacetime was zero.

A MOTION (Jerry Gorski/Gregory Spight) to accept the emergency grant approvals presented during June 9, 2026, case discussion, passed and carried in the amount of **$153,680.99.**

County & District Committees--Committee Appointments

A MOTION (Kimberly Napoleon/Ray Lopez) to approve the County/District Committees appointments and re-appointments, passed and carried

Ineligibles/Administrative Errors

None.

Unfinished Business

MVTF Director Holm reported that he is still awaiting a response from the Attorney General's office regarding clarification of the MVTF Board's constitutional authority. A brief discussion followed.

Director Holm reported last week he attended VVA Chapter 9 in Detroit, also in attendance was Valde Garcia. At the VVA Chapter 9 meeting they agreed to provide a $10,000.00 contribution for the Medal of Honor event with potential for further donations. Holm reported that the Medal of Honor main event is scheduled for October 3, 2026, at the Greek Town Casino with an additional event planned for October 1, 2026, at the War Memorial, intended to be free for all veterans. Holm added that seats for the October 1st event are limited to 150-200 people due to Medal of Honor recipients, spouses and attendants, with allocations for veteran organizations like the American Legion, VFW, and DVA. MVTF Director Holm reported that MDARD has committed three years of contributions to the National Home, with two years remaining. Director Holm stated that he had communicated to the VFW National Home that the board intends to continue their current commitment for at least two more years, as well. A brief discussion followed.

New Business

Director Holm reported that Department Tech Donnell Thomas is leaving the MVTF. June 19, 2026, will be his last day.

Strategic Programs Sub-Committee Reports

None.

MVTF Board Activities

Trustee Gorski reported that he traveled to his convention in Traverse City and stated that it went well and he was awarded State Senior Vice Commander for DAV. Trustee Lopez reported that he received VSO accreditation through the VFW last week. Chairperson McIvor reported that he is attending his conference in Kalamazoo next week.

MVTF Staff Activities

MVTF Director Holm reported that he, Outreach Analyst Erik Napieralski, and Departmental Supervisor Carolyn Harden will be traveling for committee member scheduled training classes in Wexford and Osceola counties adding that they will be traveling to Manistique and Marquette in July for more committee training.

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None.

Public Comments

None.

Executive Session

None.

Adjourn

A MOTION (Gerald Gorski/Gregory Spight) to adjourn passed and carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

MVTF Board Meeting
June 9, 2026

Approved:

Paul McIvor, Chairperson

Paul McIvor

Date 7/14/26