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TERRY SABO
DIRECTOR

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 7, 2026
Board of Trustees and Staff

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

Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:47 a.m.

Notice of Open Meetings Act Compliance

Chairperson 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 (Rodney Loonsfoot/Gregory Spight) to approve the Public Minutes of March 10, 2026, passed and carried.

A total of 20 appeals/reviews were reviewed in a closed case discussion for April 7, 2026.

Case TFGA 2344 - Interim

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $5,200.00.

Case TFGA 2500 - Interim

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $10,227.63.

Case TFGA 2342

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of $22,225.00.

Case TFGA 2375

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of $13,812.58.

Case TFGA 2390

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of $12,999.00.

Case TFGA 2404

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $5,237.30.

Case TFGA 2413

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved of your application in the amount of $9,032.10.

Case TFGA 2426

- The MVTF Board of Trustee disapproved your application in the amount of $15,915.80.

Case TFGA 2428

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $8,468.09.

Case TFGA 2449

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of $947.48.

Case TFGA 2456

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved of your application in the amount of $5,000.

Case TFGA 2463

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

Case TFGA 2469 - 65+ Peacetime

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of $693.16.

Case TFGA 2477

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of $22,375.00.

Case TFGA 2481

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $18,841.16.

Case TFGA 2500 – Interim

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $10,227.63.

Case TFGA 2506

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $4,700.00.

Case TFGA 2516

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of $17,592.00.

Case TFGA 2519

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

Case TFGA 2520

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of $29,728.80.

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The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved: was twelve for $124,440.29.
The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved for 65+ Peacetime was none.

A MOTION (Gregory Spight/Rodney Loonsfoot) to accept the emergency grant approvals presented during March 10, 2026, case discussion, passed and carried in the amount of $124,440.29.

County & District Committees--Committee Appointments

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

Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration

None.

Unfinished Business

MVTF Director Holm reported that the recommendations and voting for MVTF officer nominations are due. MVTF Trustees gave nominations and votes for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. Director Holm reported that SalesForce project has been delayed until the next fiscal year. Holm also reported that after some conversations with MVAA Director Sabo, regarding the Board's authority, it was determined that a letter to the Attorney General's office will be sent requesting clarification on the authority of the Board over expenditures as stated within the language of the Constitution. A brief discussion followed. Holm added that an attempt will be made to increase the current grant appropriations to $3.5 million and $1.8 million for administrative spending. A brief discussion followed.

A Motion (Jerry Gorski/Rodney Loonsfoot) to nominate Paul McIvor to serve as Chairperson, passed and carried.

A Motion (Paul McIvor/Gregory Spight) to nominate Rodney Loonsfoot to serve as Vice Chairperson, passed and carried.

A Motion (Ray Lopez/Gregory Spight) to suspend MVTF bylaw article VI to conduct voting the day of nominations, passed and carried.

New Business

None

Strategic Programs Sub-Committee Reports

None.

MVTF Board Activities
The MVTF Board of Trustees welcomed their new Trustee Gerald J. Gorski. Trustee Lopez reported that he spent many hours working on upgrades to a sound system in the auditorium at the VFW National Home. A brief discussion followed.

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MVTF Staff Activities

Outreach Analyst, Erik Napieralski reported that he participated in the Habitat for Humanity roadshow which highlighted their partnership with the MVTF and provided information about H4H activities and construction methods. Napieralski gave an overview of the costs associated with home maintenance (specifically the cost of roofs and types of shingles currently being used). Napieralski reported that he attended a VA town hall in Clare and Berrien counties. Napieralski reported that he toured the Peckham office to take tour of their farm program. A brief discussion followed. Director Holm reported that he attended the Congressional Medal of Honor Society events in DC for Medal of Honor Day. Director Holm reported that he will be traveling with MVAA Director Sabo to visit Kalamazoo and VanBuren Counties. Holm reported that he will be attending the MACVC Conference scheduled for April 21, 2026, in Shanty Creek.

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MVTF Director Holm reported that MVTF Departmental Supervisor, Carolyn Harden, received a 15-year service plaque from the State of Michigan. The MVTF Trustees thanked Chairperson Dempsey for his leadership, dedication, and service during his tenure on the MVTF Board of Trustees. MVTF Director Holm gave a reminder that the next MVTF Board Meeting is Monday, May 11, 2026.

Public Comments

None.

Executive Session

None.

Adjourn

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

Meeting Adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Approved: Paul McIvor

Paul McIvor, Chairperson

May. 11, 2026

Date