

## MEETING OF THE VETERANS' BONUS APPEAL BOARD

January 9, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

One Ashburton Place  
12<sup>th</sup> Floor – Robert Q. Crane Conference Room  
Boston, MA 02108

### MINUTES (OPEN SESSION)

**Attendees:** Matthew Landry, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Designee  
Shannon McLaughlin, State Judge Advocate, Adjutant General's Designee  
Crystal Matthews, Deputy General Counsel, Treasurer's Designee

**Also Present:** Steve Croteau, Supervisor of Veterans' Bonus Division of the Treasurer's Office

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Matthews at approximately 10:20 a.m.

#### Open Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Landry, seconded by Ms. McLaughlin, the Veterans' Bonus Appeal Board ("Board") voted (2-0) to approve the minutes from the open session of the meeting on June 28, 2018. Ms. Matthews abstained because she was not the Treasurer's designee at the time of the June 28, 2018 meeting.

#### Amendment to Standing Order 2017-1

On a motion by Mr. Landry, seconded by Ms. McLaughlin, the proposed amendments to Standing Order 2017-1 were approved (2-0). The amendments reflected a change in the Treasurer's designee and also to include Chapter 218, §2 of the Acts of 2018 in the list of authorities.

#### Executive Session to Discuss Litigation (Machado et al. v. Goldberg et al.)

Pursuant to M.G.L c. 30A, section 21, the Board sought to meet in executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to the Machado et al. v. Goldberg et al. litigation. Discussing in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Board's litigating position.

On a motion by Ms. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Landry, the Board voted (2-0) to enter into executive session at approximately 10:40 a.m.