

## VETERANS' BONUS APPEAL BOARD

March 26, 2019 at 11:00 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:** Suzanne Murray, Legal Office Manager, Office of the State Treasurer

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Matthew's at approximately 11:03 a.m.

#### Open Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Landry, seconded by Ms. McLaughlin, the Veterans Bonus Appeal Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the open session of the previous meeting on January 17, 2019.

#### New Appeal Requests

Ms. Matthews presented three (3) new appeal requests to the Board for scheduling of hearings.

Joseph Vezina – assigned docket number 2019- VB-03. Failure to timely file his appeal within 60 days of Division's denial. Mr. Landry will draft an order of dismissal but will also inform Mr. Vezina of his ability to submit additional information to the Division for reconsideration of his application.

Paul Flaherty – assigned docket number 2019-VB-01. Scheduled for May 7, 2019 at 10:00 AM.

Ricardo Giron-Chamul – assigned docket number 2019-VB-02. Scheduled for May 7, 2019 at 11:00 AM.

#### 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 as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Board's litigation position.

On a motion by Ms. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Landry, the Veterans' Bonus Appeal Board voted unanimously to enter into executive session at approximately 11:10 a.m.

#### Documents Reviewed

Appeal requests