

VETERANS' BONUS APPEAL BOARD

Friday, May 29, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
Meeting is being held remotely. No public members present.

MINUTES (OPEN SESSION)

Attendees: Jeff Collins, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Designee
Shannon McLaughlin, Lt. Colonel, State Judge Advocate, Adjutant General's
Designee
Sarah Kim, General Counsel, Treasurer's Designee

Also Present: Suzanne Murray, Office Manager, Office of the State Treasurer
Maryanne Reynolds, Assistant Attorney General

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Kim at 10:05 a.m. Ms. Kim stated, "Pursuant to the Commonwealth's Open Meeting Law, Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 30A, section 20, as the chair of the Veterans' Bonus Appeal Board and the Treasurer's Designee, I would like to advise that any person may make a video or audio of this open meeting. However, I am obligated to inform attendees of any recording at the beginning of the meeting, so I ask that those who are making any recording identify themselves now as doing so".

This meeting is being held remotely in accordance with the provisions of the Governor's March 12, 2020 Order that allows remote participation by all members of a public body and suspends the requirement that a quorum and the chair be physically present, provided that the public has access to the meeting through technology that enables the public to clearly follow the proceedings while they are occurring.

Accordingly, all members of this Board will participate in today's meeting via telephone and/or internet enabled audio and video conferencing, and all votes in today's meeting will be taken by roll call. Public access to the deliberations of the open portion of the meeting today will likewise be provided via telephone.

The Board members participating remotely are Lt. Colonel McLaughlin; Attorney General's Office designee, Jeffrey Collins; Assistant Attorney General, Maryanne Reynolds, and Treasury designee, Sarah Kim.

The Open Meeting Law requires anyone wishing to record a meeting to first notify the Chair so that the Chair can inform the other attendees, so accordingly I am informing you that Suzanne Murray, participating by telephone, is taking minutes of this meeting.

If anyone else intends to record today's meeting, please first notify the chair by emailing me at sgkim@tre.state.ma.us

Board Members please let us know if you have any sort of technical difficulty. The Board Members may participate in any votes scheduled to take place at today's meeting.

For those members of the public accessing the open portion of the Board meeting, that access will conclude when the Board enters Executive Session. The Board will adjourn today's meeting from Executive Session.

First item:

On a motion by Sarah Kim, seconded by Mr. Collins and Lt. Colonel, Shannon McLaughlin the Veteran's Bonus Appeal Board voted unanimously (3-0) by roll call vote to approve the minutes from the open session of the meeting on March 10, 2020.

Second item:

Ms. Kim advised the Board that Christina Medina, Associate General Counsel, left the Treasury to go to D.O.R. and a new attorney will be appointed to represent the Veterans' Bonus Division.

Third item:

Ms. Kim made a motion, pursuant to the Commonwealth's Open Meeting Laws, chapter 30A, section 21, for the Board to meet in executive session for the purpose of:

1. Discussing the reputation, character, physical condition to mental health, rather than professional competence of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual: and
2. Discussing strategy with respect to litigation as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Board's litigating position.

Ms. Kim advised that the Board would not reconvene in open session at the end of the executive session.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Collins and Lt. Colonel, Shannon McLaughlin. After the roll call vote, the Board voted unanimously (3-0) to enter into executive session.

List of Documents and Exhibits Used:

- Open Session Agenda.
- Open Session draft minutes, March 10, 2020.