

VETERANS' BONUS APPEAL BOARD

Tuesday, June 30, 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
Sarah Kim, General Counsel, Treasurer's Designee.

Absent: Shannon McLaughlin, Lt. Colonel, State Judge Advocate, Adjutant General's Designee.

Also Present: Suzanne Murray, Office Manager, Office of the State Treasurer
Steve Croteau, Veterans' Bonus Manager
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 Jeffrey Collins, Attorney General's office designee and Sarah Kim, General Counsel, States Treasurer's designee.

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.

First item:

Ms. Kim requested a motion or the Board to enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation where discussion in open session may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Board.

Ms. Kim advised that the Board will not reconvene in Open Session at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

On a motion by Ms. Kim, seconded by Mr. Collins, the Board, voted unanimously (2-0) by roll call vote, to enter into executive session.

List of Documents and Exhibits Used:

- Open Session Agenda.