



MFA Board Minutes
21 April 2020, 10:00 am

The meeting was called to order by Holly Talley at 10:04 am. *Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the meeting was held by phone.*

The following board members were in attendance:

- Secretary Joey Strickland
- Dustin Guy, LDVA Designee
- Sulanda Lonnette
- Dennis Andras
- Maj. Ebony Carter
- Sarah Mulhern
- Rep. Raymond Crews
- Homer Rodgers
- Roland Doucet

Non-board members present included:

- Holly Talley, Third Party Administrator
- Julie Baxter Payer, LDVA Chief of Staff

The board confirmed that a quorum was present and the meeting continued with introductory remarks from Secretary Strickland thanking the Board members for their attendance before he and Mrs. Payer exited the call.

The minutes from the last meeting were read. Raymond Crews made a motion to accept the minutes, Dennis Andras seconded the motion, and it passed without objection.

The MFA Fund Committee has not met since the previous MFA Board Meeting. No actions were presented for review by the Board.

Holly Talley presented the fund balance report to discuss where the MFA Fund currently stands. Homer Rodgers made a motion to accept the balance report, Sulanda Lonnette seconded the motion, and it passed without objection.

The MFA Board discussed the anticipated upcoming costs associated with the bus trips home for members of the Louisiana Army National Guard in FY21. Trips cost estimates were based on previous year's average cost per soldier. Of the MFA Fund remaining \$464,976.75 balance, it was recommended by Secretary Strickland and LDVA to allocate \$350,000 for the estimated costs of the upcoming bus trips to allow the availability of funds for Louisiana Veterans and their families that may face undue financial hardship. Raymond Crews made a motion to accept the recommendation to allocate \$350,000 for the upcoming bus trips, Roland Doucet seconded the motion, and it passed without objection.

The following applications were considered by the Board:

1. VSCH 0220 requesting \$6,286.00. Raymond Crews made a motion to deny the application, Homer Rodgers seconded the motion, and it was denied without objection.



2. LCMCM 0220 requesting \$5,023.67. Dennis Andras made a motion to table the application to request additional information from the Veteran, Roland Doucet seconded the motion, and it was tabled without objections. Holly Talley will make contact with the Veteran to obtain additional information requested by the board.
3. LTER 0320 requesting \$2,214.60. Dennis Andras made a motion to deny the application, Roland Doucet seconded the motion, and it was denied without objection.

A motion was made to adjourn by Roland Doucet, and seconded by Dennis Andras. It passed without objection. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.