



MFA Board Minutes
17 November 2022, 1:00 pm

The meeting was called to order by Holly Talley at 1:05 pm at the LA Department of Veterans Affairs in Baton Rouge.

The following board members were in attendance:

- Dustin Guy
- Sulanda Lonnette
- LTC Ebony Carter
- Renee Free
- William Tilley
- Sen. Gerald Boudreaux
- Mike Cushman
- Roland Doucet

Non-board members present included:

- Holly Talley, Third Party Administrator
- Lani Durio, Executive Council

The board confirmed that a quorum was present and the meeting continued.

The minutes from the October 20, 2022 meeting of the Board were reviewed. Sen. Boudreaux made a motion to accept the minutes. Roland Doucet seconded the motion, and it passed without objection.

Holly Talley presented the fund balance report to discuss where the MFA Fund currently stands. Dustin Guy made a motion to accept the balance report, Renee Free seconded the motion, and it passed without objection.

The following applications were then considered by the Board:

1. CFRA 1022 requesting \$8,310.34 was tabled by the Board at the October meeting. Application was reconsidered. Roland Doucet made a motion to approve the application for \$7,030.36 for the amount verified as currently owed on the past due mortgage. Sulanda Lonnette seconded the motion. The application was approved without objection.
2. RLOR 1122 requesting \$8,429.12. Sen. Boudreaux made a motion to approve the application for \$8,072.53 for amounts verified as owed to mortgage company and electricity. Roland Doucet seconded the motion. The application was approved without objection.
3. JaBEN 1122 requesting \$1,872.23. Mike Cushman made a motion to approve the application for \$1,155.03 as verified for amounts owed for rent and electricity. Renee Free seconded the motion. The application was approved without objection.
4. JHEI 1122 requesting \$3,819.00. Sen. Boudreaux made a motion to table the application with the conditions that the veteran pay all current balances due on her accounts, plus made additional payments towards past due balances as able; veteran must seek financial counseling to get on a sustainable budget; must provide all supporting documents for requests made. Dustin Guy seconded the motion. Mike Cushman and Sulanda Lonnette abstained from voting. The motion passed to table with 6 votes and 2 abstentions.
5. SHAN 1022 requesting \$5,761.11. Roland Doucet made a motion to approve the application for \$3,100 for assistance with electricity deposit, rental deposit and first month's rent, and assistance to veteran for moving expenses, etc.
6. CBEC 1022 requesting \$11,189.00. Dustin Guy made a motion to approve the application for \$1,050.00 for medical expenses, with the condition that we speak to the veteran directly since only contact has been with the spouse to this point. Renee Free seconded the motion. The application was approved without objection.

A motion was made to adjourn by Renee Free and seconded by Roland Doucet. It passed without objection. The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm.