



MFA Board Minutes
30 September 2021, 1:00 pm

The meeting was called to order by Holly Talley at 1:03 pm. *Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the meeting was held via Zoom.*

The following board members were in attendance:

- Dustin Guy
- Sulanda Lonnette
- Dennis Andras
- Lt. Col. Ebony Carter
- Sarah Mulhearn
- William Tilley
- Homer Rodgers
- Mike Cushman

Non-board members present included:

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

Guests in attendance:

- Brandee Patrick, LDVA Communications Director

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

Secretary Joey Strickland greeted members of the Board and thanked them for their service on the Board to ensure that we can continue to assist veterans and their families when they face undue financial hardships.

The minutes from the September 21, 2021 meeting of the Board were reviewed. Dennis Andras made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Sulanda Lonnette seconded the motion, and it passed without objection.

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

Due to applications discussed remaining confidential, unless approved by the Board, a motion was made for the Board to go into a closed executive session of Board members, the MFA Administrator and LDVA's Executive Counsel present. A motion was made by William Tilley. Dennis Andras seconded the motion. The motion passed without objection. Brandee Patrick was placed back in the waiting room for the meeting.

During the Executive Session, the MFA Board discussed 12 applications requesting assistance. Once the discussion concluded for these applications, the Board exited Executive Session and Brandee Patrick was readmitted to the meeting from the waiting room.

The following applications were then considered by the Board:

1. JPIT 0921 (36) requesting \$1,919.88. Dennis Andras made a motion to deny the application due required documents not being provided as requested. Dustin Guy seconded the motion. The application was denied without objection.
2. SCAR 0921 (40) requesting \$10,000. Dennis Andras made a motion to approve the application for \$400 for immediate Hurricane Ida Assistance, but to table the application for the veteran to reassess need since home was totaled by insurance company. Sulanda Lonnette seconded the motion. The application was approved without objection.



3. BCRU 0921 (45) requesting \$10,000. Dennis Andras made a motion to deny the application due required documents not being provided as requested. Mike Cushman seconded the motion. The application was denied without objection.
4. PWAL 0921 (53) requesting \$3,500. Homer Rodgers made a motion to approve the application for requested installation/repairs needed for septic tank system. Dustin Guy seconded the motion. The application was approved without objection.
5. BBEA 0921 (59) requesting \$4,496. Dennis Andras made a motion to deny the application due required documents not being provided as requested. Dustin Guy seconded the motion. The application was denied without objection.
6. JWIL 0921 (5) requesting \$5,000. Sulanda Lonnette made a motion to approve the application for \$5,000 as requested assistance with insurance deductible to be paid directly to insurance company and/or contractor upon invoice presented for payment. Payment is to be made directly to creditor, not veteran. Mike Cushman seconded the motion. The application was approved without objection.
7. TBEN 0921 (16) requesting \$3,000. Dustin Guy made a motion to approve the application for \$2,712.76 for requested assistance with mortgage and tarping of home's roof. Homer Rodgers seconded the motion. The application was approved without objection.
8. DLOU 0921 (52) requesting \$5,178. Dennis Andras made a motion to approve the application for \$400 for Hurricane Ida assistance. Dustin Guy seconded the motion. The application was approved without objection.
9. LCRA 0921 (60) requesting \$8,000. Dennis Andras made a motion to approve the application for \$400 for Hurricane Ida assistance. Mike Cushman seconded the motion. The application was approved without objection.
10. RBEL 0921 (9) requesting \$3,500. Dennis Andras made a motion to table the application until the veteran provides clearer/complete documents, including a DD214. Dustin Guy seconded the motion. The application was tabled without objection.
11. JCHA 0921 (10) requesting \$10,799. Dennis Andras made a motion to approve the application for \$400 for Hurricane Ida assistance. Dustin Guy seconded the motion. The application was approved without objection.
12. EFLU 0921 (49) requesting \$21,289. Sulanda Lonnette made a motion to approve the application for \$10,000 as requested assistance with insurance deductible to be paid directly to contractor upon invoice presented for payment. Payment is to be made directly to creditor, not veteran. Mike Cushman seconded the motion. The application was approved without objection.

A motion was made to adjourn by Dennis Andras and seconded by William Tilley. It passed without objection. The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 pm.