



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
Board of Veterans' Appeals  
Washington, DC

September 20, 2023

Gordon Alexander Graham  
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In Reply Refer To: 01C21878  
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GRAHAM, Gordon A

Dear Mr. Graham:

This correspondence is in reference to your July 12, 2023, Board of Veterans' Appeals hearing with Veterans Law Judge Lauren Cryan. It is the decision of the Board to act on its own motion and recuse Judge Cryan from further participation in your appeal.

Your appeal was received at the Board on September 9, 2019. On July 12, 2023, you participated in a Board videoconference hearing, during which you provided testimony to a Veterans Law Judge in Washington, DC. A transcript of this hearing has been made a part of the record, and an audio recording of the hearing has been reviewed. After review, and with agreement from Judge Cryan, the Board finds that recusal of Judge Cryan is warranted. See 38 C.F.R. § 20.107(b); see *also* 38 U.S.C. §§ 7102, 7104.

Consequently, you have the right to request another Board hearing. Please check **one** of the statements on the attached page, sign and date the form, and then return it to us within **30 days** from the date of this letter. **If you do not respond within 30 days from the date of this letter**, the Board will assume that you do not want another hearing and proceed accordingly. Please remember, a request for a hearing, especially an in-person hearing at a VA Regional Office, can significantly delay the issuance of a decision by the Board. Please also note that the Board cannot pay for your travel to get to a hearing.

If you have any questions about this correspondence or wish to obtain a status update on the appeal, you may log in to <https://www.va.gov/claim-or-appeal-status/> or call VA's Status Line at 1-800-827-1000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "T. Rodrigues", is positioned above the typed name.

Thomas M. Rodrigues  
Deputy Vice Chairman  
Board of Veterans' Appeals

## Hearing Options

\_\_\_\_\_ **I do not wish to appear at another Board hearing. Please consider my case on the evidence of record.** This is often the fastest option.

\_\_\_\_\_ **I want another Board hearing, and I would like it to be a video teleconference hearing.** I understand that selecting this option may delay issuance of the Board's decision in my appeal.

\_\_\_\_\_ **I want another Board hearing, and I would like the hearing to be at the Board's offices in Washington, DC.** I understand that selecting this option may delay issuance of the Board's decision in my appeal.

\_\_\_\_\_ **I want another Board hearing, and I would like the hearing to be an in-person hearing at my local VA Regional Office.** I understand that selecting this option may **significantly** delay the issuance of the Board's decision in my appeal.

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Signature

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Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

Please return form  
by mail or facsimile to:

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