

Orange County Government

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201 S Rosalind Ave.
Orlando, FL 32802-1393*



Draft Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, June 12, 2025

10:00 AM

County Commission Chambers

Value Adjustment Board

2025 Organizational Meeting

Call to Order

VAB Chair Maribel Gomez Cordero called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Present 4 - Commissioner Maribel Gomez Cordero, Member Stephanie Vanos, Member Robert Caldwell, and Member E. Laverne Williams

Absent 1 - Commissioner Mayra Uribe

Others Present:

VAB Legal Counsel Aaron Thalwitzer

Comptroller Deputy Clerk of the VAB David Rooney

Comptroller Assistant Deputy Clerk of the VAB Jennifer Lara-Klimetz

VAB Supervisor Anissa Mercado

VAB Coordinator Lucas Cerqueira

VAB Coordinator Ishama Medilien

Pledge of Allegiance**I. Public Comment**

No one addressed the Board for public comment.

II. Consent Items**A. VAB-25-001 REQUEST:**

Approve the ratification of the extended contract for Aaron Thalwitzer as VAB Legal Counsel.

A motion was made by Member Vanos, seconded by Member Caldwell, to approve the ratification of the extended contract for Aaron Thalwitzer as VAB Legal Counsel. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Maribel Gomez Cordero, Member Stephanie Vanos, Member Robert Caldwell, and Member E. Laverne Williams

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Mayra Uribe

B. VAB-25-002 REQUEST:

Approval and execution of the minutes of the April 17, 2025, Final Meeting of the 2024 VAB.

A motion was made by Member Caldwell, seconded by Member Williams, to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2025 Final Meeting of the 2024 VAB. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Maribel Gomez Cordero, Member Stephanie Vanos, Member Robert Caldwell, and Member E. Laverne Williams

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Mayra Uribe

C. VAB-25-003 REQUEST:

Approval and execution of Resolution adopting filing fees for the 2025 VAB tax cycle.

A motion was made by Member Vanos, seconded by Member Williams, to approve the Resolution adopting filing fees for the 2025 VAB tax cycle. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Maribel Gomez Cordero, Member Stephanie Vanos, Member Robert Caldwell, and Member E. Laverne Williams

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Mayra Uribe

D. VAB-25-004 REQUEST:

Approval of Special Magistrate fees; and further, approval of guaranteed minimum hours for Special Magistrates.

A motion was made by Member Caldwell, seconded by Member Vanos, to approve the Special Magistrate fees; and further, to approve guaranteed minimum hours for Special Magistrates. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Maribel Gomez Cordero, Member Stephanie Vanos, Member Robert Caldwell, and Member E. Laverne Williams

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Mayra Uribe

E. VAB-25-005 REQUEST:

Adoption of Request for Reconsideration Procedures.

A motion was made by Member Caldwell, seconded by Member Williams, to approve the Adoption of Requests for Reconsideration Procedures. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Maribel Gomez Cordero, Member Stephanie Vanos, Member Robert Caldwell, and Member E. Laverne Williams

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Mayra Uribe

F. VAB-25-006 REQUEST:

Adoption of Local Administrative Procedures and Forms.

A motion was made by Member Vanos, seconded by Member Williams, to approve the Adoption of Local Administrative Procedures and forms. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Maribel Gomez Cordero, Member Stephanie Vanos, Member Robert Caldwell, and Member E. Laverne Williams

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Mayra Uribe

III. Discussion Items**A. VAB-25-007 REQUEST:**

Overview of Florida's property tax system.

VAB Legal Counsel Thalwitzer addressed the Board.

The Board took no action.

B. VAB-25-008

REQUEST:

Introduce and provide contact information of VAB Members and Comptroller Clerk of the VAB.

VAB Members and Clerk of the VAB contact information was announced as the following:

VAB Clerk

Phone: 407-836-5447

Email: vab@occompt.com

BCC Members:

Commissioner Maribel Gomez Cordero

Phone: 407-836-5140

Email: District4@ocfl.net

Commissioner Mayra Uribe

Phone: 407-836-5916

Email: District3@ocfl.net

School Board Member:

Stephanie Vanos

Phone: 407-317-3236

Email: stephanie.vanos@ocps.net

BCC Citizen Member:

Robert Caldwell

Phone: 321-228-4564

Email: caldrealty@aol.com

School Board Citizen Member:

E Laverne Williams

Phone: 407-267-0063

Email: elaverne77@gmail.com

The Board took no action.

C. VAB-25-009 REQUEST:

Announce a tentative schedule for the 2025 VAB.

VAB Chair Gomez Cordero read the tentative 2025 VAB schedule into the record.

The Board took no action.

D. VAB-25-010 REQUEST:

Appoint Attorney Special Magistrates for exemption/classification hearings.

1. Asima M. Azam
2. Matthew Frey
3. Todd M. Hoepker
4. David Schmidt
5. Thomas Tukdarian
6. Karen Wonsetler

A motion was made by Member Caldwell, seconded by Member Williams, to appoint Asima M. Azam, Matthew Frey, Todd M. Hoepker, David Schmidt, Thomas Tukdarian and Karen Wonsetler to serve as Attorney Special Magistrates for exemption/classification hearings. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Maribel Gomez Cordero, Member Stephanie Vanos, Member Robert Caldwell, and Member E. Laverne Williams

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Mayra Uribe

E. VAB-25-011 REQUEST:

Appoint Special Magistrates for tangible personal property valuation hearings.

1. Pamela Andrea
2. Carl Chrappa
3. Mario de la Guardia
4. John Robinson
5. Alex Ruden
6. Robert Sutte

A motion was made by Member Vanos, seconded by Member Williams, to appoint Pamela B. Andrea, Carl Chrappa, Mario de la Guardia, John Robinson, Alex Ruden, and Robert Sutte to serve as Special Magistrates for tangible personal property valuation hearings. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Maribel Gomez Cordero, Member Stephanie Vanos, Member Robert Caldwell, and Member E. Laverne Williams

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Mayra Uribe

F. VAB-25-012 REQUEST:

Appoint Special Magistrates for real property valuation hearings.

1. Camille Bassil
2. Robert Busler (Residential 1-4 Units only)
3. Roger Crews (Residential 1-4 Units only)
4. Kathryn Edmundson
5. Lawrence J. Golicz, Ph.D.
6. Robert Gelman
7. Harvel Grey

8. William Hafner
9. Kelly Johnson (Residential 1-4 Units only)
10. Lori Kogan (Residential 1-4 Units only)
11. Glen Kemp
12. Douglas B. Lawson
13. Diego Lopez
14. Robert Mauer (Residential 1-4 Units only)
15. Terrie Peltier (Residential 1-4 Units only)
16. Thomas Riddle
17. John Robinson
18. William C. Rodgers
19. Richard Steeves
20. Robert Sutte
21. David Taylor
22. David Troncoso (Residential 1-4 Units only)
23. Scott H. Watson
24. Jose Wong

A motion was made by Member Caldwell, seconded by Member Williams, to appoint Camille Bassil, Rober Busler (Residential 1-4 Units only), Roger Crews (Residential 1-4 Units only), Kathryn Edmundson, Lawrence J. Golicz, Ph.D., Robert Gelman, Harvel Grey, William Hafner, Kelly Johnson (Residential 1-4 Units only), Lori Kogan (Residential 1-4 Units only), Glen Kemp, Douglas B. Lawson, Diego Lopez, Robert Mauer (Residential 1-4 Units only), Terrie Peltier (Residential 1-4 Units only), Thomas Riddle, John Robinson, William C. Rodgers, Richard Steeves, Robert Sutte, David Taylor, David Troncoso (Residential 1-4 Units only), Scott H. Watson, and Jose Wong to serve as Special Magistrates for real property valuation hearings. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Maribel Gomez Cordero, Member Stephanie Vanos, Member Robert Caldwell, and Member E. Laverne Williams

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Mayra Uribe

G. VAB-25-013 REQUEST:

Update regarding 2025 legislation and potential VAB impacts.

VAB Legal Counsel Thalwitzer addressed the Board.

The Board took no action.

H. VAB-25-014 REQUEST:

Update from VAB Clerk and/or Legal Counsel.

The Board took no action.

Announcement

Commissioner Gomez Cordero announced the next Board meeting will be the VAB Interim meeting, tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 20, 2025 to complete the first certification

of the tax roll. For information regarding the Interim meeting, please monitor the VAB webpage or contact the VAB Clerk at vab@occompt.com for important updates. Further, the VAB's Local Administrative Procedures, 2025 VAB Tentative Schedule, the Department of Revenue's Uniform Policies and Procedures Manual, and the Government-in-the-Sunshine Manual are available on the Comptroller's website at www.occompt.com

There being no further business to conduct, VAB Chair Gomez Cordero adjourned the meeting.

- MEETING ADJOURNED, 10:28 a.m.

ATTEST:

Phil Diamond

County Comptroller as Clerk of the VAB

VAB Chair

Date

Anissa Mercado

Clerk of the VAB

Date

Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, states that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by a board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

La Sección 286.0105 de los Estatutos de la Florida establece que si una persona decide apelar cualquier decisión tomada por una junta, agencia o comisión con respecto a cualquier asunto considerado en una reunión o audiencia, necesitará un registro de los procedimientos y que, para tal fin, es posible que deba asegurarse de que se haga un registro literal de los procedimientos. cuyo expediente incluye los testimonios y las pruebas en que se basará la apelación.

Seksyon 286.0105, Lwa Florida, deklare ke si yon moun deside fè apèl kont nenpòt desizyon ki te pran pa yon tablo, ajans, oswa komisyon ki gen rapò ak nenpòt pwoblèm konsidere nan yon reyinyon oswa yon odyans, li pral bezwen yon dosye sou pwosedi yo, e ke, pou rezon sa yo, li ka bezwen asire ke yon dosye vèbal nan pwosedi yo fèt, ki dosye gen ladan temwayaj ak prèv ki montre apèl la dwe baze.

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Orange County pa fè diskriminasyon sou baz ras, koulè, orijin nasyonal, sèks, laj, relijyon, andikap oswa sitiyasyon fanmi. Moun ki gen kesyon oswa enkyetid konsènan non diskriminasyon, moun ki bezwen asistans espesyal dapre Lwa Ameriken andikape

yo (ADA), ak moun ki bezwen asistans nan lang (gratis) ta dwe kontakte Kowòdonatè Tit VI/Nondiscrimination nan access@ocfl.net oswa lè yo rele 3-1-1 (407-836-3111).

Si w gen pwoblèm pou tande oswa pou w pale, ou ka kontakte nimewo telefòn ki anwo yo lè w konpoze 711.