

Orange County Government

*Orange County Administration Center
201 S Rosalind Ave.
Orlando, FL 32802-1393*



Final Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 7, 2019

1:30 PM

County Commission Chambers

Value Adjustment Board

2019 Organizational Meeting

Call to Order

VAB Coordinator Lofton called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

Present 4 - Commissioner Christine Moore, Member David Robinson, Member Karen Castor Dentel, and Member Sean Murphy

Others present:

Alternate BCC Citizen Member Robert Caldwell
VAB Legal Counsel Aaron Thalwitzer
County Comptroller Phil Diamond
VAB Coordinator Anissa Mercado
VAB Coordinator Keondra Lofton
VAB Specialist Natasha Ramirez
Senior Minutes Coordinator Jennifer Lara Klimetz

Pledge of Allegiance**I. Appointments****A. VAB-19-001 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair.**

Member VanderLey nominated Member Moore as Chair.

No further nominations were made.

AYE votes cast by voice vote for Member Moore as follows: Members Castor Dentel, Murphy, Robinson, and VanderLey.

Member Moore received a majority vote to be elected as VAB Chair.

Member VanderLey nominated Member Castor Dentel as Vice-Chair.

Member Castor Dentel nominated Member Robinson as Vice-Chair. Mr. Thalwitzer announced that a citizen member could not be nominated as a Vice-Chair.

No further nominations were made.

AYE votes cast by voice vote for Member Castor Dentel as follows: Members Moore, Murphy, Robinson, and VanderLey.

Member Castor Dentel received a majority vote to be elected as VAB Vice-Chair.

B. VAB-19-002 Ratification of existing contract for Aaron Thalwitzer as VAB Legal Counsel.

Ms. Lofton addressed the Board.

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

Aye: 5 - VanderLey, Member Moore, Member Robinson, Member Castor Dentel, and Member Murphy

II. Public Comment

The following persons addressed the Board for public comment:

- Robert Grimaldi
- Terry Taylor

Mr. Thalwitzer addressed the Board regarding Special Magistrate Asima Azam, Special Magistrate Jack West, and Special Magistrate Terrie Peltier.

III. Consent Items

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Member VanderLey, seconded by Member Castor Dentel, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - VanderLey, Member Moore, Member Robinson, Member Castor Dentel, and Member Murphy

- A. VAB-19-003** Approval and execution of the minutes of the April 19, 2019 VAB Final Meeting.
- B. VAB-19-004** Approval and execution of Resolution adopting filing fees for the 2019 tax cycle.
- C. VAB-19-005** Adoption of Local Administrative Procedures and forms.
- D. VAB-19-006** Approval of Special Magistrate fees; and further, approval of guaranteed minimum hours for Special Magistrates.

IV. Discussion Items

- A. VAB-19-007** Introduce and provide contact information of VAB Members and Comptroller Clerk of the VAB.

Ms. Lofton addressed the Board.

BCC Member:
Christine Moore
Phone: 407-836-5850
Email: District2@ocfl.net

School Board Member:

Karen Castor Dentel

Phone: 407-929-7467

Email: Karen.CastorDentel@ocps.net

School Board Citizen Member:

Sean Murphy

Phone: 407-963-5981

Email: sean.murphy@bbandt.com

BCC Citizen Member

David Robinson

Phone: 407-696-8000

Email: david.robinson@floridamoves.com

BCC Alternate Member:

Betsy VanderLey

Phone: 407-836-7350

Email: District1@ocfl.net

Comptroller Deputy Clerk of the VAB:

Katie Smith

Phone: 407-836-7300

Email: katie.smith@occompt.com

The Board took no action.

- B. VAB-19-008** Approval of the VAB budget for the 2019 tax cycle; and further, authorization of expenditures.

1. Employment of temporary administrative assistants not to exceed \$16,000 with authorization to pay for background checks and drug testing
2. Software licensing and support not to exceed \$21,000
3. Office supply purchases not to exceed \$500
4. Advertising fees not to exceed \$2,000
5. Bank charges (for online petitions) not to exceed \$1,000

A motion was made by Member VanderLey, seconded by Member Castor Dentel, to approve of the VAB budget for the 2019 tax cycle; further, authorize the employment of temporary administrative assistants not to exceed \$16,000 with authorization to pay for background checks and drug testing; further, approve software licensing and support not to exceed \$21,000; further, approve office supply purchases not to exceed \$500; further, approve advertising fees not to exceed \$2,000; and further, approve bank charges (for online petitions) not to exceed \$1,000. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - VanderLey, Member Moore, Member Robinson, Member Castor Dentel, and Member Murphy

C. VAB-19-009 Appoint Attorney Special Magistrates for exemption/classification hearings.

1. Robert Borr
2. Todd Hoepker
3. Mary Solik
4. Thomas Tukdarian
5. Karen Wonsetler

Mr. Thalwitzer addressed the Board. Board discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member VanderLey, seconded by Member Castor Dentel, to appoint Robert Borr, Todd Hoepker, Mary Solik, Thomas Tukdarian, and Karen Wonsetler to serve as Attorney Special Magistrates for exemption/classification hearings. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - VanderLey, Member Moore, Member Robinson, Member Castor Dentel, and Member Murphy

D. VAB-19-010 Appoint Special Magistrates for tangible personal property valuation hearings.

1. Pamela Andrea
2. Mario de la Guardia
3. John Robinson
4. Robert Sutte
5. Edward Weinert
6. Jack West

Chair Moore announced that Jack West would be removed from consideration and moved for further discussion to a subsequent meeting.

A motion was made by Member VanderLey, seconded by Member Castor Dentel, to appoint Pamela Andrea, Mario de la Guardia, John Robinson, Robert Sutte, and Edward Weinert to serve as Special Magistrates for tangible personal property valuation hearings. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - VanderLey, Member Moore, Member Robinson, Member Castor Dentel, and Member Murphy

E. VAB-19-011 Appoint Special Magistrates for real property valuation hearings.

1. Edwin R. Barfield
2. Edgar Fleri
3. Kelly Johnson
4. Albert Leserra Jr.

5. Terrie Peltier
6. Thomas Riddle
7. John Robinson
8. Richard Steeves
9. Robert Sutte
10. David Taylor

Chair Moore announced that Terrie Peltier would be removed from consideration and moved for further discussion to a subsequent meeting.

A motion was made by Member VanderLey, seconded by Member Castor Dentel, to appoint Edwin R. Barfield, Edgar Fleri, Kelly Johnson, Albert Leserra Jr., Thomas Riddle, John Robinson, Richard Steeves, Robert Sutte, and David Taylor to serve as Special Magistrates for real property valuation hearings. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - VanderLey, Member Moore, Member Robinson, Member Castor Dentel, and Member Murphy

- F. VAB-19-012** Acceptance of Special Magistrate recommendations without further hearings, with the possibility of Final Decision Meetings prior to the Final Meeting of the 2019 VAB.

A motion was made by Member VanderLey, seconded by Member Castor Dentel, to accept the Special Magistrate recommendations without further hearings. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - VanderLey, Member Moore, Member Robinson, Member Castor Dentel, and Member Murphy

- G. VAB-19-013** Overview of Florida's property tax system.

Mr. Thalwitzer addressed the Board.

The Board took no action.

- H. VAB-19-014** Update regarding 2019 legislation and potential VAB impacts.

Mr. Thalwitzer addressed the Board. Discussion ensued.

The Board took no action.

Recognition

Orange County Comptroller Phil Diamond

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- MEETING ADJOURNED, 2:03 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

Phil Diamond
County Comptroller as Clerk of the VAB

Christine Moore 8/23/19
VAB Chair Date

Katie Smith
Katie Smith
Deputy Clerk of the VAB Date

Para mayor información en español, por favor llame al 407-836-3111.