

AT AN ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE
VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD HELD IN AND
FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON
SEPTEMBER 8, 2023 AT 10:00 AM, THE
FOLLOWING PROCEEDING WAS HAD, VIZ:

Present: ERIC HINSON, Commissioner
 KIMBLIN NESMITH, Commissioner
 CATHY JOHNSON, School Board Representative
 CHRISSY SHORTER-ARNOLD, Real Property Representative
 FREDERICA YOUNG, Commercial Property Representative
 LOUIS J. BAPTISTE, VAB Attorney
 MARCELLA BLOCKER, Deputy Clerk
 ADRIANA QUIJADA, Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Hinson called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.

2. Nominations and Election of Chairman to Value Adjustment Board (VAB)

(Must be a County Commissioner)

Mr. Baptiste asked for a motion to select a County Commissioner.

**UPON MOTION BY CATHY JOHNSON TO NOMINATE COMMISSIONER HINSON AS CHAIRMAN
FOR VAB AND SECOND BY CHAIR NESMITH, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO
APPROVE THIS NOMINATION.**

3. Rules of Uniform Procedure-Instructions from VAB Attorney

Mr. Baptiste stated their job was to hear petitions. Taxpayers have a right to file a petition to come before the VAB. He mentioned that lawyers could not vote on the Board. He stated he would have copies of 12-D-9 at the next meeting.

4. Rule Chapter 12-D-9; FAC

- Chair to announce that the Uniform Rules of Procedure are readily available on the Clerk's Website.
- Announce that any and all forms needed to participate in the hearing can be found at the Clerk's website.

Mr. Baptiste stated the above.

5. Florida’s Government in the Sunshine Law

- VAB meetings are subject to the Florida Sunshine Law.
- Copy of the Book is in the room.
- A copy of the book may be obtained from First Amendment Foundation at 336 E. College Avenue, Suite 300, Tallahassee, FL 32301 or by calling 850-222-3518.
- The book is available for review in the Clerk’s Office, Office of the County Administrator as well as the public library.

Mr. Baptiste stated the above

6. Discussion of Local Administrative Issues

- VAB Training, if not completed, is available on the Department of Revenue website.
- Members will need to become certified and turn in the certificate to the Clerk for the record before Petition Hearings.

Mr. Baptiste stated him and the Clerk would need to certify. He stated they need to be certified every year.

7. Adoption and Ratification of the Filing Fee of \$15.00

Mr. Baptiste asked for a motion to adopt and ratify the filing fee of \$15.00.

UPON MOTION BY CHRISSY SHORTER-ARNOLD AND SECOND BY CATHY JOHNSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE FILING FEE OF \$15.00.

8. Discussion and Direction of Late Filed Petition

Deputy Clerk stated the deadline is tomorrow and there are currently no late petitions.

Mr. Baptiste stated to table number 8 and asked for a motion.

UPON MOTION BY CATHY JOHNSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER NESMITH, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO TABLE NUMBER 8.

UPCOMING HEARING DATE

Petition Hearing date is scheduled for October 10, 2023 starting at 9:00 a.m. and a quorum will need to be present.

Chair Hinson read aloud the above.

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MOTION TO RECESS

Chair Hinson asked for a motion to recess this meeting.

UPON MOTION BY CHRISSY SHORTER-ARNOLD AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER NESMITH, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO RECESS THIS MEETING.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

KIMBLIN NESMITH, Chair

Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk