AT A MEETING OF THE VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2025 AT 2:00 PM, THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING WAS HAD, VIZ:

Present: ERIC HINSON, Commissioner

CATHY JOHNSON, School Board Representative CHRISSY SHORTER-ARNOLD, Real Property Representative LARRY

WHITE, VAB Attorney

ADRIANA QUIJADA, Deputy Clerk

# 1. Call to Order

Commissioner Hinson called the meeting to order at 2:17 p.m.

#### **Appoint Legal Counsel**

Board shall make a motion to appoint Attorney Larry White as the VAB attorney

CHRISSY SHORTER-ARNOLD MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT LARRY K. WHITE AS THE 2025 VAB ATTORNEY AND CATHY JOHNSON MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 3-0 TO APPROVE.

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

(Must be a County Commissioner)

CHRISSY SHORTER-ARNOLD MADE A MOTION TO NOMINATE COMMISSIONER HINSON AS THE CHAIRMAN AND CATHY JOHNSON MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 3-0 TO APPROVE.

### 3. Rules of Uniform Procedure-Instructions from VAB Attorney

#### 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.

Chair Hinson read 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.

Chair Hinson read the above.

### 6. Discussion of Local Administrative Issues

• VAB Training, if not completed, is available on the Department of Revenue website.

Chair Hinson read the above.

### 7. Adoption and Ratification of the Filing Fee of \$50.00

CATHY JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE FILING FEE OF \$50.00 AND CHRISSY SHORTER-ARNOLD MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 3-0 TO APPROVE.

### 8. Discussion and Direction of Late Filed Petitions

- The Clerk received 3 late petitions from the same representative. The property appraiser stated the petitions had insufficient information and they filed late.
- The Clerk received one petition that was filed late and had no filing fee attached. There was no good cause letter attached explaining why they filed late.
- Board to decide to accept or deny late petitions

CATHY JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO DENY ALL LATE PETITIONS AND CHRISSY SHORTER-ARNOLD MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 3-0 TO APPROVE.

### **UPCOMING HEARING DATE**

October 6, 2025 9:00 a.m. October 7, 2025 9:00 a.m.

• Excluding the late petitions, the Clerk has received 20 petitions with 5 already withdrawn.

Chair Hinson read the above.

## **MOTION TO RECESS**

CATHY JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO RECESS AND CHRISSY SHORTER-ARNOLD MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 3-0 TO APPROVE.