

Agenda
2024 Value Adjustment Board Organizational Meeting

Thursday, September 12, 2024
11:30 AM

City Hall at St. James, 1st Floor, Council Chambers

Council Member Will Lahnen, Chair
Council Member Joe Carlucci
Council Member Rahman Johnson, Alternate
School Board Member Darryl Willie
Council Citizen Member, Shirley Dasher
School Board Citizen Member, Dominic Cummings

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ROLL CALL

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Appoint or ratify the 2024 private Board Legal Counsel.

- Advertised in the Florida Bar, Florida Association of County Managers, Florida College Alumni Association (Handshake), Jacksonville Bar, Perkins Bar, Hispanic Bar, City of Jacksonville Web page, Indeed and sent an email to VAB Attorneys of record for the State of Florida (66 counties; excluding Duval County).
- Four Attorneys who had extensive Value Adjustment Board experience and who are also DOR certified for the 2024 VAB year, were interviewed by the VAB Chair, VAB Clerk and VAB staff.

Staff Recommendation – Based on the interviews conducted, it is recommended that the Board hire Aaron Thalwitzer as the 2024 VAB Attorney. The 2024 VAB Attorney will be paid an hourly rate of \$225, with a not to exceed amount of \$60,000 annually. The not to exceed amount will be inclusive of all legal services (including litigation), and mileage. There will be no cost for travel time.

2. Appoint or ratify Board designee to approve/deny late filed petitions, Good Cause reschedule requests, etc.

- The Assistant Chief of Legislative Services – VAB will be the designee for late filed petitions (Good Cause) matters at the request of the VAB Clerk.
- The Assistant Chief of Legislative Services – VAB had previously served as the Board designee for Good Cause reschedule request matters.

3. General information on Florida’s property tax system.

- Respective roles within this system, taxpayer opportunities to participate in the system, and property taxpayer rights.

4. Other Business

- Update – Number of petitions filed to date for 2024
- VAB Resolution supporting increase of petition filing fee

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