



Value Adjustment Board  
Organizational Meeting of 2023  
July 10, 2023

**MINUTES**

The Frank T. Bruno, Jr., County Council Chambers, Room 204  
Thomas C. Kelly Administration Center  
123 West Indiana Avenue, DeLand, FL 32720

**VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD MEMBERS**

Matt Reinhart  
David Santiago  
Anne Patterson  
Carl Persis  
Linda Cuthbert

**Staff**

Attorney Aaron Thalwitzer, Esq.  
Terri Pendarvis, Interim VAB Deputy Clerk  
Carrie Tayman, Minutes Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER - 8:30 A.M.**

Matt Reinhart called the July 10, 2023, Value Adjustment Board Organizational Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m., in the County Council Chambers of the Thomas C. Kelly Administration Center, 123 West Indiana Avenue, DeLand, Volusia County, Florida.

**ROLL CALL**

All Board Members were present.

**Item 1**

**Ratification of the VAB Attorney and Adoption of the Contract for Legal Services.**

A motion made by David Santiago and seconded by Carl Persis ratified the attorney and adopted the contract. The motion carried unanimous decision.

**Item 4**

**Elections of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Good Cause Designee.**

This item was advanced to elect a chairperson to continue the meeting.



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- A motion made by David Santiago and seconded by Carl Persis elected Matt Reinhart as Chairperson. The motion carried unanimous decision.
- A motion made by Carl Persis and seconded by Linda Cuthbert elected David Santiago as Vice-Chairperson. The motion carried unanimous decision.
- A motion made by David Santiago and seconded by Linda Cuthbert elected Attorney Aaron Thalwitzer as the Good Cause Designee. The motion carried unanimous decision.

**Item 2**

**Consent Agenda: Final Board Meeting Minutes of 2022.**

A motion made by David Santiago and seconded by Carl Persis approved the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimous decision.

**Item 3**

**Public Participation: None.**

Comments by Property Appraiser Larry Bartlett: welcomed board members and he is hoping for no storms this year. David Santiago made a motion to approve Item 3, A & B, seconded by Linda Cuthbert. The motion carried unanimous decision.

**Item 5**

**Activation of the Value Adjustment Board by Resolution 2023-001.**

A motion made by David Santiago and seconded by Anne Patterson adopted the resolution. The motion carried unanimous decision.

**Item 6**

**Value Adjustment Board Introductions and General Information:**

Chairperson, Matt Reinhart provided introductions and general information.

**Item 7**

**Board Meeting Schedule of 2023**

A motion made by Carl Persis and seconded by David Santiago adopted the schedule. The motion carried unanimous decision.



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**Item 8**

**Petition Hearing Schedule of 2023**

A motion made by David Santiago and seconded by Linda Cuthbert adopted the hearing schedule, telephonic procedures and form. The motion carried unanimous decision.

**Item 9**

**Remuneration and Conditions of Magistrate Services**

A motion made by Linda Cuthbert and seconded by David Santiago adopted the annual remuneration and conditions of magistrate services and contracts. The motion carried unanimous decision.

**Item 10**

**Appointment of Special Magistrates for 2023.** Discussion ensued regarding magistrate qualifications.

- **Appraiser Special Magistrates:** A motion made by David Santiago and seconded by Carl Persis appointed magistrates that qualified. Discussion ensued regarding allowing additional magistrates to submit required documentation, if missing. The motion carried unanimous decision. A motion made by David Santiago to approve the appraiser magistrates: Robert B. Gelman, Philicia Lloyd, Hamdy Orabi, Terrie Peltier, John Robinson, Richard Steeves, Robert Sutte and Mel G. Ward; seconded by Linda Cuthbert.
- **Attorney Special Magistrates:** Joseph Haynes Davis and Thomas Tukdarian. A motion made by David Santiago and seconded by Anne Patterson appointed qualified magistrates. The motion carried unanimous decision.
- **Tangible Personal Property Special Magistrates:** Pamela Andrea, John Robinson, Alex Ruden and Robert Sutte. A motion made by Carl Persis and seconded by Linda Cuthbert appointed four magistrates listed under this group. The deputy clerk interjected to note one of the magistrates did not qualify, Alex Ruden. The original motion was withdrawn. A second motion was made by Carl Persis and seconded by Linda Cuthbert appointed qualified magistrates. The motion carried unanimous decision.

**Item 11**

Memorandum regarding 2023 Legislative Updates. Attorney Thalwitzer discussed updates.



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**Item 12**

Other Business. Board Member Cuthbert discussed being citizen representative and inquired about additional opportunities for taxpayers to protest. Property Appraiser Larry Bartlett confirmed the requested information was listed on various websites.

**Adjournment**

Chairperson Reinhart adjourned the meeting at 8:51 A.M.