

**MINUTES
DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSORS
April 17, 2025**

A meeting of the DeKalb County Board of Assessors was held on Thursday, April 17, 2025. Present were the following:

**Joseph Kusmik, MA, Chair
Charlene Fang, Vice-Chair
Robert A. Burroughs, J.D., Assessor
Genet Hopewell, J.D., Assessor
Calvin C. Hicks, Chief Appraiser/BTA Secretary
Donna Rosser, Assistant Chief Appraiser
Vance Clements, Supervisor – Business Personal Property
Brian Jennings, Deputy Chief Appraiser – Residential
Brentnol Baker, Deputy Chief Appraiser – Commercial
Teresa Nealey, Recording Secretary**

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair stated that the Agenda for 4/17/25 had been received. He called for a motion to approve it, made by Charlene Fang and seconded by Genet Hopewell. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Chair called for a motion to approve the Minutes of 4/3/25. Genet Hopewell made a motion for Approval, seconded by Charlene Fang. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN TIME

The Chair welcomed Rick Garnitz to the meeting. Mr. Garnitz stated that he wanted to sit through a meeting only to observe. He further stated that he was going to apply for the open seat on the Board of Assessors. He thanked the Board for having him, and the Chair thanked him for coming.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE

The Chair welcomed Tashi Perkins to the meeting, and she introduced herself to the Board. Ms. Perkins is a Tax Appraisal Clerk/Receptionist for the Residential division. The Board welcomed her and thanked her for coming.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chair called for a motion to approve Staff Recommendations for batches 1 through 27. After the discussion, Genet Hopewell made the motion, which Charlene Fang seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE 2025 CUVA LAND TABLE

Calvin Hicks reviewed this table with the Board and after discussion, the Chair called for a motion to approve, made by Robert Burroughs and seconded by Genet Hopewell. The motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

See attached.

CHIEF APPRAISER'S REPORT

See attached.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:37 a.m., the Chair called for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation, made by Genet Hopewell and seconded by Charlene Fang. The motion carried. Following a discussion at 10:47 a.m., the Chair called for a motion to adjourn back into General Session – Robert Burroughs made a motion to adjourn out of Executive Session into General Session, seconded by Genet Hopewell. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened to the General session, and the Chair reported that no action was taken.

This session was conducted in accordance with O.C.G.A. 50-14-4 (The Open Meetings Act.)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair called for a motion. Charlene Fang motioned to adjourn, seconded by Genet Hopewell. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:06 am.

This meeting was conducted in accordance with O.C.G.A. 50-14-(1-6).

Signed by:



Calvin C. Hicks, Jr.
Chief Appraiser/BTA Secretary

Date Approved:

5-1-25