MINUTES DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSORS November 6, 2025

A meeting of the DeKalb County Board of Assessors was held on Thursday, November 6, 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
Kahlese Harris, Appraiser Supervisor - Residential
Brentnol Baker, Deputy Chief Appraiser – Commercial
Teresa Nealey, Recording Secretary

ABSENT

Brian Jennings, Deputy Chief Appraiser - Residential

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 11/06/25 had been received. The Chair called for a motion to approve, made by Robert Burroughs and seconded by Genet Hopewell. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Chair called for a motion to approve the Minutes of 10/23/25. Genet Hopewell made a motion for Approval, seconded by Robert Burroughs. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN TIME

Kevin Moran, who resides in Avondale Estates, thanked the Board for the opportunity to come and address them, and the Chair welcomed him to the meeting. Mr. Moran wanted to make a comment about the appeals process, and he had a question about a correspondence he received. Robert Burroughs and Charlene Fang answered him, and he thanked the Board for their time and the Board thanked him for coming.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chair called for a motion to approve Staff Recommendations for batches 1 through 35. The BOA Agenda Update showed parcel 18 274 01 040 pulled from batch 20. After discussion, Robert Burroughs made the motion, which Genet Hopewell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

See attached.

CHIEF APPRAISER'S REPORT

See attached.

Calvin Hicks made the Board aware that the owner of a building that was destroyed recently in a tragic fire on S. Stone Mountain Lithonia Road contacted him and asked that his property taxes be forgiven for 2025.

Also, on another issue, Mr. Hicks has concerns about a BOE hearing officer, Tony Hilton of The Hilton Tax Assessment Group. Mr. Hicks feels that Mr. Hilton presents a conflict of interest and he has addressed this issue with the appeal administrator.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Robert Burroughs made the motion to adjourn at 10:48 am, seconded by Genet Hopewell. The motion carried.

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

Signed by:

Chief Appraiser/BTA Secretary

Date Approved: <u>//26-25</u>