

MEETING MINUTES
SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY STATE BOARD
NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE
STATE BOARD OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

MEETING OF DECEMBER 10, 2020

A meeting of the State Board of Real Property Tax Services was held via teleconference, as authorized by Executive Order 202.1 and various successor Orders. The following members and staff were present:

Matthew Rand, *Chairman*
Scott Becker
Samuel Casella

Tim Maher, *Acting Secretary of the State Board and Director of Real Property Tax Services*
Joseph Gerberg, *Legal Advisor to the State Board, Office of Counsel*
Brittany Murphy, *2nd Assistant to the State Board, Office of Real Property Tax Services*

Geoffrey Gloak, *Communication Manager, Office of Real Property Tax Services*
Tobias Lake, *Senior Attorney, NYS Department of Taxation and Finance Office of Counsel*
Jonathan Lack, *Real Property Analyst 2, Office of Real Property Tax Services*
Maryellen Nagengast, *Tax Audit Administrator 1, Office of Real Property Tax Services*
Paul Miller, *Director of Regional Operations, Office of Real Property Tax Services*
Anetta Mazur, *Tax Information Aide, Office of Real Property Tax Services*

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Mr. Rand called the State Board of Real Property Tax Services meeting to order at 11:02 A.M. He introduced the Board members and various Tax Department staff members who were present on the call.

Agenda Item No. I - State Board Administration - Minutes of the November 10, 2020 State Board meeting

On motion of Mr. Casella, seconded by Mr. Becker, Mr. Rand stated that the minutes of the November 10, 2020 Board meeting stand approved and are, hereby, adopted as written.

Agenda Item No. II - Star Exemption Appeals - General Discussion

Mr. Maher referred to Mr. Gerberg to explain the executive session portion of the meeting.

Mr. Gerberg explained in order to enter executive session a motion must be seconded and passed, and the person making the motion needs to explain why executive session was necessary. He stated that the appeals contained confidential information that cannot be discussed publicly. He explained that, once in executive session, the board would go through the appeals one by one.

Mr. Rand then motioned to go into executive session to protect confidentiality of appellants. Mr. Becker confirmed that nobody else had joined the line since the start of the meeting, and then seconded the motion.

Mr. Rand stated the executive session can begin.

Agenda Item No. III - Executive Session - Discussion of Individual STAR Exemption Appeals

Mr. Maher explained resolutions 20-20 through 20-54 to the Board in executive session.

Agenda Item No. IV - STAR Exemption Appeals - Action on Resolutions

The meeting returned to public session.

Mr. Rand stated all the resolutions had been considered and that a vote can take place. He asked if the Board would like to group the resolutions together.

Mr. Becker made a motion to approve all resolutions as a block, which was seconded by Mr. Casella. Upon the affirmative votes of Messrs. Becker, Casella and Rand, the Board approved resolutions 20-20 through 20-54.

Mr. Rand thanked the Tax Department staff for preparing the meeting materials.

Agenda Item No. V - Privilege of the Floor

Mr. Rand asked if there was anyone else who would like to address the Board.

Mr. Casella asked what was next for the Board to review.

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Mr. Maher stated there are 23 appeals left to discuss and the goal was to discuss the remaining appeals at the February 2nd, 2021 Board meeting.

Mr. Casella asked if there were any other items that would need to be addressed at the next meeting.

Mr. Maher responded that there should only be the STAR appeals but there could possibly be Special Franchise complaints.

With no further questions or comments, on motion of Mr. Rand, seconded by Mr. Becker, the Board concluded its meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim J. Maher
Acting Secretary of the State Board