

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 JULY 24, 2025

A meeting of the State Board of Real Property Tax Services was held via videoconference. The following members and staff were present:

Scott Becker, *Acting Chair*
Robert Bick
David Moog

Geoffrey Gloak, *Acting Secretary of the State Board, and Real Property Analyst 3*
Joseph Gerberg, *Legal Advisor to the State Board, Office of Counsel*
Erica Foley, *Assistant to the State Board, Office of Real Property Tax Services*
Tobias Lake, *Associate Attorney, Office of Counsel*
Brinda Mendez-Sankrith, *Assistant to the State Board, Office of Real Property Tax Services*

ORPTS staff in attendance:

Laurie Albright, *Real Property Analyst 1, Office of Real Property Tax Services*
Dave Ange, *Real Property Services Administrator 2, Office of Real Property Tax Services*
Jason Banish, *Real Property Analyst 1, Office of Real Property Tax Services*
Karla Bartholomew-Lacen, *Associate Accountant, Office of Real Property Tax Services*
Rebecca Bellard, *Associate Accountant, Office of Real Property Tax Services*
Jonathan Carroll, *Real Property Analyst 1, Office of Real Property Tax Services*
Petrina Castracani, *Real Property Services Administrator 1, Office of Real Property Tax Services*
Patrick Dolen, *Real Property Analyst Trainee 1, Office of Real Property Tax Services*
Jennifer Dwire, *Real Property Analyst 3, Office of Real Property Tax Services*
Jayde Fatato, *Real Property Analyst Trainee 2, Office of Real Property Tax Services*
Emily Kenna, *Real Property Analyst 1, Office of Real Property Tax Services*
Jimson George, *Real Property Analyst Trainee 1, Office of Real Property Tax Services*
Kayla Goyer, *Business Systems Analyst 1, Office of Real Property Tax Services*
Brian Hart, *Real Property Analyst 1, Office of Real Property Tax Services*
Stephen Hartnett, *Real Property Services Manager 1, Office of Real Property Tax Services*
Zaid Hasan, *Real Property Analyst 3, Office of Real Property Tax Services*
Swetha Khatokar, *Senior Accountant, Office of Real Property Tax Services*
Hsinkuang Lin, *Real Property Analyst 2, Office of Real Property Tax Services*
Mary Malaty, *Principal Accountant, Office of Real Property Tax Services*
Jim McGovern, *Real Property Analyst 3, Office of Real Property Tax Services*
Mary Ellen Nagengast, *Real Property Services Administrator 2, Office of Real Property Tax Services*
Justin Quay, *Real Property Analyst Trainee 1, Office of Real Property Tax Services*

ORPTS staff in attendance (continued):

Courtney Schermerhorn, *Administrative Assistant 1, Office of Real Property Tax Services*

Daria Scholten, *Senior Accountant, Office of Real Property Tax Services*

John Wolham, *Real Property Analyst 3, Office of Real Property Tax Services*

Also in attendance:

Though the meeting was held by videoconference, the Board members were present in-person in one of the publicly accessible sites specified in the Meeting Notice, as follows:

- Mr. Becker was in the Tax Department's District Office in Buffalo, New York.
- Mr. Bick was in the ORPTS Central Regional Office in Syracuse, New York.
- Mr. Moog was in the ORPTS Southern Regional Office in White Plains, New York.

The staff members who were present in-person at the specified sites were as follows:

- Mr. Gloak, Mr. Gerberg, Ms. Foley, & Ms. Mendez-Sankrith were in the ORPTS Central Office in Latham, New York.
- Mr. Wolham, Mr. Hasan, and Mr. George were in the ORPTS Southern Regional Office in White Plains, New York.

The remaining attendees appeared remotely.

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Mr. Becker called the State Board of Real Property Tax Services meeting to order at 11:03 AM.

Before getting to the agenda. Mr. Becker advised that the governor appointed 2 new board members David Moog and Robert Bick. Each gave a brief introduction.

Agenda Item No. I – State Board Administration - Minutes of the June 4, 2025, State Board meeting

On motion of Mr. Becker, seconded by Mr. Bick, the approval of the minutes of June 4, 2025, meeting was tabled until the meeting of November 12, 2025, Mr. Becker explained that he would like to give Mr. Casella an opportunity to review them since he could not be in attendance today.

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

With the absence of Ms. Ingalsbe, Geoffrey Gloak will be serving as interim acting secretary of the Board. Mr. Becker introduced him, and Mr. Gloak gave a brief overview of the STAR program, eligibility into the program and the appeals process.

Mr. Gloak spoke briefly regarding the STAR cases before the Board including requirements for STAR exemption recipients for the 2023 and 2024 roll year.

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

Mr. Becker made a motion to go into executive session to discuss Individual STAR appeals. Mr. Moog seconded the motion and entered executive session at 11:13AM.

Mr. Gloak and Mr. Gerberg explained resolutions 25-30 through 25-44 to the Board in executive session.

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

The meeting returned to public session at 11:15PM.

Mr. Becker motioned to adopt Resolution 25-30 through 25-44. Mr. Moog seconded the motion. Upon affirmative votes of Mr. Becker & Mr. Moog, the Board approved and adopted Resolution 25- 30 through 25-44

Mr. Becker thanked everyone and asked for any further questions or comments.

Mr. Becker, wanted to go on the record, stating the July meeting is usually longer and has many rate complaints, this year we have none. For the record this is unusual, it's fantastic and a testament to the work the department does reaching out to individual towns and working with them on individual cases.

With no further questions or matters to discuss, Mr. Becker made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Moog and Mr. Bick. Upon its approval, the Board concluded its meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Ingalsbe

Acting Secretary of the State Board