

Board of Real Property Assessments and Appeals
Minutes of the Public Meeting held on
Friday, April 3, 2009

The Interim Chairperson, Towanda Paul-Bryant, called to order the Board's public meeting on April 3, 2009 at 2:05 p.m. in Conference Room 1107 at 441 4th Street NW. The quorum consisted of Terrence Boykin, May Chan, Cliftine Jones, John Mashie, Towanda Paul-Bryant, Henry Terrell, George Toll, James Walker and Sean Warfield.

Ms. Paul-Bryant opened the meeting by thanking the Board members for their continued hard work during this difficult season. She stated that Board had an enormous increase in its case load for Tax Year 2009 season, and the members have worked many nights and weekends to complete the caseload. Ms. Paul-Bryant noted that the Board completed more cases in Tax Year 2009 season by February 1st deadline than ever completed, and with fewer Board Members.

Ms. Paul-Bryant stated that the Board is in a transition period. Although the Board has done much this season to improve its operation, she noted that there is still much to be done. She stated the Board will be working on streamlining many administrative processes including scheduling appeals earlier in the season, developing a new process for scheduling appeals, streamlining the deliberation and decision writing process and continuing to enhance and utilize our website.

Ms. Paul-Bryant asked if any board members wished to make a statement. Mr. Mahshie stated that he was honored to serve on this important board and that he looking forward to continue to serving on the board.

Ms. Paul-Bryant asked the Administrative Officer, Renee McPhatter, to provide a report. Ms. McPhatter stated that for Tax Year 2009, the Board received 4280 appeals. This is an increased of over 840 cases which is a 19.6 percent increased from Tax Year 2008 which was 3,439 appeals. As of April 3, 2009, the Board has completed 3,452 appeals. Completion means that the Board heard, recommended a proposed assessed value of the property and prepared a detailed written statement of the basis for the recommendation that was signed by each member who participated in the hearing.

Ms. McPhatter stated that Board's proposed FY 2010 is \$698,313, 1.4% decrease from the approved FY 2009 of \$708,097 (\$9,784). The reductions come from the following areas: telecom budget with revised OCTO estimates and occupancy budget with revised OPM estimates services.

Ms. McPhatter stated that Title 7, Subtitle C of Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Support Act of 2009 pertains to the Board. Some of provisions provides: for single-member Board panels in the case of small assessment appeals; provides publication of Board's decisions on the internet; and provides that the Mayor may appeal a Board decision to the Superior court, except in the case of single family house or condominium unit.

Lastly, Ms. McPhatter announced the next public meetings which will be May 15, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. and July 17, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Paul-Bryant asked if the public had any comments, which there was none.

Ms. Paul-Bryant adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.