

**Real Property Tax Appeals Commission
Minutes of the Public Meeting held on
Tuesday, November 25, 2014**

Chairperson Gregory Syphax called to order the Commission's third public meeting for 2014 on November 25, 2014, at 11:44 a.m. in Hearing Room 1 in the Commission's suite of offices located at 441 4th Street NW. The quorum consisted of Gregory Syphax, Richard Amato, May Chan, Alvin Jackson, Cliftine Jones, Hillary Lovick, Neil Olliviera, Frank Sanders, Sean Warfield, and Trent Williams. Karla Christensen, Don Isaac, Jr., and James "Skip" Walker, were absent from the meeting. Executive Director, Carlynn Fuller was also in attendance.

The Chairman commended Wilkes Artis on their thorough presentation of their cases in the narrative format. Mr. Fuss from Wilkes Artis (WA) stated that he could tell the diligence that the Commission puts into the hearing process; that it is much better than prior years. Mr. Fuss also indicated that WA tries to tailor their arguments to the main points and not be verbose. Mr. Fuss also shared with the Commission the outcome of a case in DC Superior Court on a Homestead matter; in short, the Court ruled that G4 Visa holders can form intent to be domiciled in the District of Columbia and can therefore be eligible for the Homestead tax credit. Additionally, Mr. Fuss indicated that there was a FOIA request made to OTR seeking the basis for OTR's capitalization rate methodology. He indicated that this information should be made available because OTR did not use actual Income and Expense reports from specific properties so there was no confidentiality issue.

Carlynn Fuller gave a TY 2015 caseload status update; to date four thousand four hundred and ninety-five (4,495) appeals had received by the Commission. Also as of that date, one thousand two hundred eleven (1,211) cases had been heard and decided; and fifty-eight (58) cases had been withdrawn.

Mr. Syphax asked if the public had any comments. There were 2 members from the public in attendance; David Fuss and Alex Mitchell from Wilkes Artis. They had no additional comments.

Mr. Syphax thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.