

# **Public Board Meeting**

October 20, 2023 9:30 a.m. Board of Tax Appeals

#### **Minutes**

**Attendees:** Claire Hesselholt, Chair; Rosann Fitzpatrick, Member; Matt Randazzo, Member; Ross Petersen, Executive Director

**Identified Members of the Public:** Keri Lamb, Rebecca Smith, Trish Johnson, Jasmine Bruns, Rachel McDaniel, Neil Savage, Mark Pree, Michael Turner, Ashley Rivera, Tomas Goldsmith

#### Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m.
- Approved agenda
- Approved minutes for August 18, 2023, Meeting

## **Discussion Topics**

# Director Report

- Statistics
  - Statistics were provided to the Board for the month of August.
- Spartan
  - Spartan will be in our office to observer our processes and gather information on October 23 and 24.
- Document Update
  - The motion and statement of reliance documents are now available on our website.

### Retreat Debrief

- Scheduling
  - All staff met and discussed the backlog and ways to increase efficiency.
  - The Board discussed changing the amount of hearings assigned to Tax Referees per month and having a 'floating' hearing to help fill in schedules when cases withdraw and stipulate.
  - Motion to approve changes to Tax Referee hearing schedules starting January 1, 2024.
    - Passed.
- Decision Template
  - A new decision template has been created to help streamline the decision writing process.

- The new format has been designed to mirror templates used by other adjudicative agencies.
- Motion to approve a piolet program for the new template after edits from the legal editor have been completed.
  - Passed.
- Miscellaneous Business: None
- <u>Future Agenda Items</u>: Follow up on Spartan and decision piolet, Legislative session, Budget.
- Public Comments: Mr. Goldsmith thanked the Board.
- At 9:52 a.m. the meeting adjourned.