

Buncombe County Board of Equalization and Review

January 14, 2025

30 Valley Street, Asheville, NC 28801

The Buncombe County Board of Equalization and Review met on January 14, 2025, at 30 Valley Street, Asheville, NC. Board of Equalization and Review members who were present Randall Barnett, Phil Blake, Dr. Glenda Weinert, and Preston Edwards. Katerina Leeger was present virtually for the meeting.

Taking Oath

Randall Barnett, Phil Blake, Dr. Glenda Weinert, and Preston Edwards all took the oath of office and signed the oath. Katerina was not able to take oath because she was virtual.

Electing Chair and Vice Chair

A choice was provided to the Board to elect a Chair for the day because Katerina could not be present to vote, or permanently elect the Chair and Vice Chair without Katerina's vote. There was a question about what the position entailed, and Curt Euler explained the role and what a quasi-judicial board entails. A question was asked if there were any duties outside of the meetings and Curt Euler explained there would be no responsibilities outside of the meetings.

Randall Barnett was the only one nominated for Chair of the Board. A motion was made to close nominations. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

A motion was made to elect Randall Barnett Board Chair. It was seconded and passed unanimously

Dr. Glenda Weinert was the only person nominated for Vice Chair of the Board. A motion was made to close nominations. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

A motion was made to elect Dr. Glenda Weinert it was seconded and passed unanimously.

Meeting with North Carolina Department of Revenue

Stan Duncan and Lindsey Smith did an abbreviated NCDOR training on Property Tax Appeals.

New Business

Sybil Tate Assistant County Manager stopped in and thanked the board and explained her role. Sybil Tate explained if there was ever anything the Board needed for the County Managers office they should not hesitate to reach out.

The Board did not want to set a date for the first hearing for the remaining 2024 appeals or the adjourn and convene dates for 2025

Curt Euler explained open meeting laws and what would be acceptable and unacceptable communication.

Late Exemption Approvals

Dr Glenda Weinert asked when the cutoff date for exemption applications was. Whiney Meadows Exemption Supervisor explained the cut off for elderly, disabled, and disabled veteran exemptions the deadline was June 1st. Exempt properties and present use value applications deadline was January 31, 2024

Whitney Meadows explained some of the reasons for the late applications and that the lateness of the applications varies widely. She explained that income and documentation had all been verified by staff.

Someone asked about eligibility if someone else is on the deed. Whitney Meadows explained the process and use of General Statues.

Curt Euler explained the vote the board was making was to allow the Exemptions Department to consider the late applications.

Dr. Glenda Weinert motioned to approve late exemption applications. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and passed unanimously.