

# BOARD OF EQUALIZATION TRAINING MINUTES

April 25, 2024 at 5:30 PM

Zoom Webinar



*YouTube Recording of 4/25/2024 Training: <https://youtu.be/s0RMghqmi-4>*

A. **CALL TO ORDER** - Chair Epstein called the Board of Equalization to order at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

B. **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** David Epstein, Kenny Solomon-Gross, Gary Sonnenberg, Ben Durrant, Emily Haynes, Wayne Coogan and Douglas Salik

**Absent:** Thor Williams

**Staff:** Di Cathcart, Beth McEwen, Emily Wright, Mary Hammond, Aaron Landvik, Greg Morris, Jacob Clark, Levi Horner, Miranda Kellerhals, Nicole Lynch, Jason Sanchez, Sherri Layne

C. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** - Agenda approved as presented.

D. **AGENDA TOPICS**

**1. Office of the State Assessor BOE Training**

The State of Alaska is currently hiring for the vacant State Assessor's position, so BOE members were directed to watch last year's BOE Training [video](#) with then State Assessor Joseph Caissie. Mr. Caissie's 2023 PowerPoint is included as an additional reference.

Board members were reminded to review the State Assessor's presentation from last year prior to sitting for the first hearing.

**2. Presentation of CBJ Assessment Process - Assessor's Office Staff**

CBJ Commercial Assessor Greg Morris walked the board through the commercial assessment process, utilizing the PowerPoint presentation included in the packet.

**3. BOE Hearing Process - Reference Material**

Assistant City Attorney Emily Wright introduced herself to the new members and walked members through the helpful guide she created as well as the Law documents included in the packet.

**4. Election of BOE Chair/Vice Chair**

**MOTION:** by Mr. Solomon-Gross to nominate David Epstein as Chair of the Board of Equalization. *Hearing no objection, motion passed.*

**MOTION:** by Mr. Sonnenberg, to nominate Kenny Solomon-Gross as Vice Chair of the Board of Equalization. *Hearing no objection, motion passed.*

E. **NEXT HEARING DATE**

Placeholder Hearings set for every Thursday May - July at 5:30pm via Zoom Webinar

The Assessor's Office stated they will have the first appeals ready to move forward to the May 23, 2024 Board of Equalization Hearing.

F. **ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business to come before the board, meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.*