

# STATE TAX EQUALIZATION BOARD MINUTES

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April 19, 2023  
11:00 A.M.

In attendance:

Peter Barsz, STEB Board Chairman  
Brittany Mercadante, STEB Board Secretary  
Gary Baker, STEB Board Member  
Renee Reynolds, STEB Director  
Nicole Porr, STEB Administrator  
Susie Blanton, Counsel to STEB  
Sean Kern, Assistant Counsel  
Ted Martin, DCED/CLGS Deputy Director

Members of the Public:

None

Chairman Barsz called the scheduled meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

1. There were no corrections to be made to the meeting minutes of March 15, 2023. Chairman Barsz asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes as stated. Mr. Baker motioned to approve the meeting minutes and Ms. Mercadante seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Litigation Updates:**

1. Ms. Blanton presented the Board with an update on Boguslavsky v. N. Pocono Sch. Dist., et al., no. 348 MD 2021 (Pa. Cmwlth.), and stated that according to the court's docket, there has been no further activity since February 2022. As such, the matter remains in the discovery process.

2. Ms. Blanton presented the Board with an update on Gioffre, et al. v. STEB, Objections to Sales Data for 2020 CLR, no. 1100 CD 2021 (Pa. Cmwlth.) and stated that this litigation remains stayed. Ms. Blanton advised the Board that on April 18, 2023, there was a conference held by the Commonwealth Court with both parties' counsel. It is her understanding that counsel agreed to prepare a Proposed Order which may lift the stay. No action by the Board is to be taken until the Board is in receipt of the formal Court Order.

3. Ms. Blanton presented the Board with an update on Gioffre, et al. v. STEB, Objections to Sales Data for 2021 CLR, as follows; pursuant to the Final Order signed by Chairman Barsz at the conclusion of last month's meeting, wherein the proposed adjudication and order prepared by Chief Hearing Examiner Debra Rand for Case No 2022-0004 was adopted by the Board, the matter was transferred to the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County. Ms. Blanton also confirmed that information regarding the Final Order was published in the March 25 edition of the PA Bulletin.

4. Ms. Blanton presented the Board with an update on Vaysburd v. N. Pocono Sch. Dist., et al., Docket No. 40 MD 2023, and stated as follows: according to the Commonwealth Court docket, STEB's counsel, who are attorneys from the Attorney General's office, are still in the process of preparing a response to the Petition for Review. No further updates are available at this time.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. None.

#### **NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING:**

Governor's Center for Local Government Services  
State Tax Equalization Board  
Commonwealth Keystone Building  
May 17, 2023, at 11:00 A.M.

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Having attended to all matters of concern, Chairman Barsz asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Mercadante motioned to adjourn, and Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The Board concluded at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Brittany Mercadante*

Brittany Mercadante, STEB Secretary