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STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

CERTIFIED FLORIDA APPRAISER
ADMISSIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING

DATE: February 23, 2022

TIME: 2:00 p.m. to 2:11 p.m.

PLACE: Telephonic Teleconference

This meeting came on to be heard at the time and place
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P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 THE CHAIR: Good afternoon, everyone. Welcome
4 to the Certified Florida Appraiser Admissions and
5 Certifications Committee. My name is Rene Lewis.
6 I am the Deputy Director of the Property Tax
7 Oversight program and the Chair for today's
8 proceedings.

9 The committee, as a public board, is subject to
10 the Government in the Sunshine laws, and therefore
11 the committee's meetings are required to be open to
12 the public and properly noticed. This applies to
13 any gathering of two or more committee members
14 where there is discussion about a matter that could
15 come before the committee for action.

16 Ms. Rachel Goldstein, who is a Department
17 attorney, is here. Also here are staff from the
18 Property Tax Oversight program in the Florida
19 Department of Revenue. Will our staff members
20 please introduce themselves by stating their names
21 and titles?

22 MS. MILLER: Meghan Miller, Intradepartmental
23 Projects Administrator.

24 MS. McLANE: Kelly McLane, Intradepartmental
25 Projects Administrator.

1 (Inaudible.)

2 MS. HARPER: Jenna Harper, Compliance
3 Assistance Process Manager.

4 THE CHAIR: If you are part of the public
5 participating remotely and want to submit a written
6 comment pertaining to the material being presented
7 today, please send an email to
8 ptotraining@floridarevenue.com.

9 Please note that comments are to be limited to
10 the applicants and their designation materials that
11 are being presented to the committee today.

12 In the subject line of your email, please use
13 "February 23rd Committee Meeting." We are
14 monitoring that email account during the meeting
15 and will read aloud all comments that we receive
16 during the meeting.

17 If you prefer to speak, please state that in
18 your email and we will unmute the audio and
19 recognize you for comment.

20 Before calling roll, I would like to note that
21 we are in the process of filling a committee seat
22 and have it currently marked as "vacant" on the
23 agenda. Now, Meghan Miller, the secretary of the
24 committee, will you please call the roll?

25 MS. MILLER: Rene Lewis?

1 THE CHAIR: Here.

2 MS. MILLER: Akin Akinyemi?

3 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: He'll be here in
4 20 seconds.

5 MS. MILLER: Okay. Leigh Barfield? Leigh, you
6 might be muted.

7 MS. BARFIELD: I'm here.

8 MS. MILLER Thank you. Carey Baker?

9 (No response.)

10 MS. MILLER: Mitch Burke?

11 MR. BURKE: Here.

12 MS. MILLER: Tracy Drake? Was that a "here,"
13 Tracy?

14 (No response.)

15 MS. MILLER: Raymond McIntyre?

16 (No response.)

17 MS. MILLER: Rebecca Morris-Haid?

18 (No response.)

19 MS. MILLER: Tim Parker?

20 (No response.)

21 MS. MILLER: Akin Akinyemi?

22 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Just one moment,
23 please. He's right here. You're unmuted.

24 MR. AKINYEMI: Good afternoon. Present.

25 THE CHAIR: Good afternoon.

1 MS. MILLER: Tracy Drake did send a message in
2 the Chat that he is here.

3 THE CHAIR: Okay. According to Rule
4 12D-19.002(6) Florida Administrative Code, five
5 members of the Admissions and Certifications
6 Committee constitute a quorum. Meghan, do we have
7 a quorum?

8 MS. MILLER: Yes.

9 THE CHAIR: Great. Thank you. Our first order
10 of business today is the approval of the
11 December 9th, 2021, Certified Florida Appraiser
12 Admissions and Certifications Committee meeting
13 minutes.

14 Do I have a motion to approve the December 9th,
15 2021, committee meeting minutes? Please state your
16 name if you make a motion.

17 MS. BARFIELD: Leigh Barfield. I make a motion.

18 THE CHAIR: Thank you. I have a motion by
19 Leigh Barfield. Do I have a second?

20 MR. AKINYEMI: Akin Akinyemi. Second.

21 THE CHAIR: Thank you. With a second by Akin
22 Akinyemi. All those in favor, indicate by saying
23 "Aye."

24 (Ayes.)

25 THE CHAIR: All opposed, indicate by saying

1 "Nay."

2 (No response.)

3 THE CHAIR: Thank you. Our next item of
4 business is the presentation and recommendation of
5 applicants.

6 The program posted the list of applicants,
7 along with the completed applications, on the
8 Department's website and sent the meeting material
9 link to each of you.

10 Each application has a checklist at the front
11 to assist you in your review of the applicants.
12 This checklist has the certification criteria
13 required in Rule Chapter 12D-19, Florida
14 Administrative Code.

15 Meghan, will you please list the requirements
16 of the Certified Florida Appraiser, Certified
17 Florida Evaluator, and Certified Cadastralist of
18 Florida designations, please.

19 MS. MILLER: Yes. The qualifications for the
20 Certified Florida Appraiser and Certified Florida
21 Evaluator professional designations include at
22 least two years of experience with a Florida
23 property appraiser's or tax collector's office or
24 the Florida Department of Revenue, at least 120
25 hours of approved education, and current employment

1 with a Florida County property appraiser's or tax
2 collector's office or the Florida Department of
3 Revenue. The Certified Florida Appraiser
4 designation is reserved for the county official.

5 The qualifications for the Certified
6 Cadastralist of Florida include at least two years
7 of experience with a Florida property appraiser's
8 office or the Florida Department of Revenue, at
9 least 150 hours of approved education, and current
10 employment with a Florida property appraiser's
11 office or the Florida Department of Revenue.

12 THE CHAIR: Thank you, Meghan. Now I need for
13 each Committee Member to individually answer the
14 following question on the record. After I read the
15 question, Meghan, will you call the name of each
16 member. Please state your name -- please state
17 your answer of yes or no.

18 The question is: Are you aware of any facts,
19 situations, or reasons which you feel may
20 disqualify or otherwise make it improper for you to
21 hear and deliberate on any of the applicants
22 scheduled to be reviewed today?

23 MS. MILLER: Rene Lewis?

24 THE CHAIR: No.

25 MS. MILLER: Akin Akinyemi?

1 MR. AKINYEMI: I do have a question. One of
2 the applicants is my employee. Do I have to recuse
3 myself just for him, or can I say yes or no?

4 MS. GOLDSTEIN: This is Rachel Goldstein, Chief
5 Legal Counsel for Property Tax Operations. The
6 answer to that is no.

7 MR. AKINYEMI: Okay. Good. Then my answer is
8 no.

9 MS. MILLER: Leigh Barfield?

10 MS. BARFIELD: No.

11 MS. MILLER: Carey Baker?

12 (No response.)

13 MS. MILLER: Mitch Burke?

14 MR. BURKE: No.

15 MS. MILLER: Tracy Drake? Tracy indicated "no"
16 in the Chat. Raymond McIntyre?

17 MR. McINTYRE: No.

18 MS. MILLER: Rebecca Morris-Haid?

19 (No response.)

20 MS. MILLER: Tim Parker?

21 (No response.)

22 THE CHAIR: Do you -- do any committee members
23 have anything they wish to discuss about the
24 applicants' credentials?

25 (No response.)

1 THE CHAIR: Okay. Does the public have any
2 comments on any of the applicants? As a reminder,
3 please note that comments are limited to the
4 applicants and their designation materials that are
5 being presented to the committee today.

6 If you are attending remotely, please send us
7 an email so we can recognize you. Again, that
8 email address is ptotraining@floridarevenue.com.
9 Melissa, have we received any email comments?

10 MS. SINGLETON: No emails.

11 THE CHAIR: Thank you. Hearing no additional
12 comments or discussion of the credentials, the
13 committee will now vote on consideration of the
14 applicant list. Do I have a motion for a
15 recommendation of the applicants? Please state
16 your name when making your motion.

17 MR. AKINYEMI: Akin Akinyemi. I move that we
18 approve the applicants.

19 THE CHAIR: Thank you. Akin Akinyemi was a
20 motion. Do I have a second?

21 MR. McINTYRE: Raymond McIntyre. Second.

22 THE CHAIR: Thank you. A second by Raymond
23 McIntyre. All those in favor, please indicate by
24 saying "Aye."

25 (Ayes.)

1 THE CHAIR: All those opposed, indicate by
2 saying "Nay."

3 (No response.)

4 THE CHAIR: Thank you. Let the record reflect
5 that the committee has recommended all applicants
6 for certification. Congratulations to the new
7 Certified Florida Appraisers, Certified Florida
8 Evaluators and Certified Cadastralists of Florida.
9 The professional designees will receive
10 documentation of their certification from the
11 Department.

12 That concludes today's agenda for the Certified
13 Florida Appraiser Admissions and Certifications
14 Committee. Thank you very much for your
15 participation and leadership. We are adjourned.

16 (Proceedings adjourned at 2:11 p.m.)

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STATE OF FLORIDA)

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I, Peggy L. Ward, do hereby certify that I was authorized to and did stenographically report the foregoing proceedings, and that the transcript is a true and complete record of my stenographic notes.

DATED THIS 14th day of March, 2022, at Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

Peggy L. Ward
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