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	1	Thereupon, the following proceeding began at 10:00 a.m.:
	2	MS. FORRESTER: Good morning. My name is
	3	Janice Forrester. I'm the Revenue Program
	4	Administrator with the Property Tax Oversight
	5	Program. I will be the moderator for today's
	6	hearing. My role as moderator is to preside in a
	7	neutral fashion.
	8	Staff from the Department are here today to
	9	receive comments on the proposed amendments. At
	10	this time, I would like staff to introduce
	11	themselves.
	12	MS. GOLDSTEIN: Rachel Goldstein, Chief Legal
	13	Counsel for Property Tax Oversight Operations.
	14	MS. HARPER: Jenna Harper, Compliance
	15	Assistance Process Manager.
	16	MR. JACKSON, JR.: Anthony Jackson, Tax
	17	Specialist.
	18	MR. KELLER: Steve Keller, one of the
	19	attorneys.
	20	MS. FORRESTER: Today is January 15, 2025.
	21	This is a public rule hearing scheduled under
	22	Section 120.54 (3)(c) Florida Statutes. As deemed
	23	necessary, the Department is holding this hearing
	24	to discuss the proposed amendments to forms and
	25	rules.

Page 6 The Department published three notices of 1 2. proposed rule in the Florida Administrative Register on December 20, 2024, Vol. 50, No. 247 and 3 December 23, 2024, Vol. 50, No. 248. 4 For those of you on the computer, the draft 5 rules and forms are on the Department's proposed 6 7 rules Web page at FloridaRevenue.com/rules. Select 8 the property tax button at the bottom of the page, 9 then select the rule or form you would like to 10 review. 11 I will well now ask Anthony Jackson to explain 12 the process that we will use for taking comments on the agenda items. 13 MR. JACKSON, JR.: Good morning, ladies and 14 15 If you are attending this hearing using gentlemen. the option telephone with audio pin and you have a 16 question or comment, send an email to 17 18 dorpto@FloridaRevenue.com to let me know you wish 19 to speak. 20 We will address you by name, and unmute your 21 phone when it is your turn to speak. If you are 2.2 using the option telephone with no audio pin, you 23 must email your question or comment directly to dorpto@FloridaRevenue.com. 24 25 Please use the subject line January 15

Page 7 1 For the comment, add your name and whom hearing. 2. you represent in your email. We will read your comment out loud, and the court reporter will enter 3 it into the record. 4 If you are attending this hearing using your 5 computer, raise your hand using the icon on the 6 7 grab tab left of your control panel, and we will 8 address you when it's your turn to speak. 9 Please state your name and whom you represent, 10 and the court reporter will enter it into the 11 record along with your question or comment. If you 12 experience difficulty, use the quick chat option to 13 send me a message. Thank you, Anthony. 14 MS. FORRESTER: 15 take comments on each agenda item from anyone present or from the conference call attendees. 16 For 17 anyone using the computer, again, raise your hand 18 electronically. Tell us your name and whom you 19 represent. 20 We'll get started on the agenda items. 21 not received any comments on the amendments to Rule 2.2 12D-8.0064 titled Assessments; Correcting Errors 23 and Assessments of a Homestead. 24 Are there any comments on Rule 12D-8.0064? 25 MR. JACKSON, JR.: Ms. Danke had her hand

- 1 raised. Ms. Danke, you can go ahead and unmute
- 2 yourself to speak.
- 3 MS. FORRESTER: We still can't hear you,
- 4 Ms. Danke. If you would like to unmute your phone
- 5 and try again.
- 6 MR. JACKSON, JR.: Ms. Danke, you can go ahead
- 7 and speak.
- 8 MS. FORRESTER: Let's see if there are any
- 9 other comments on 12D-8.0064?
- 10 MR. JACKSON, JR.: Ms. Nelson, you can go
- 11 ahead and speak.
- MS. NELSON: Can you hear me?
- MS. FORRESTER: Yes.
- 14 MS. NELSON: My mother died. And after she
- died, her property taxes went from \$2,800 to \$5,000
- 16 and then doubled again to over \$10,000. I have a
- 17 claim from the Miami-Dade Office of Tax Collector
- 18 for \$54,000 which would set my mother's estate up
- 19 for bankruptcy and foreclosure.
- Now, they should never have removed the
- 21 agriculture extension to my mother's property's
- 22 grove of avocado trees and lychee trees. It has
- 23 been that way for 30 years. And even before she
- 24 bought it, it was still agriculturally zoned.
- 25 Someone removed that zoning, caused us to have

- 1 humungous amounts of property tax increases,
- 2 delayed the process so that we couldn't finish it
- 3 before the end of last year, which set us up for
- 4 future taxes.
- 5 We got a fraudulent claim billing us for the
- 6 November 1, 2025 property taxes that aren't even
- 7 created yet as a claim against my mother's estate
- 8 by your government employees at the Property Tax
- 9 Collector's office of Miami-Dade Office of Tax
- 10 Collector.
- 11 MS. FORRESTER: Ms. Nelson.
- MS. NELSON: Did you read my comment there?
- MS. FORRESTER: Did you send in a comment,
- 14 Ms. Nelson?
- 15 MS. NELSON: There's a comment there that
- 16 explains something to you.
- 17 MS. FORRESTER: Ms. Nelson. Excuse me,
- 18 Ms. Nelson. Excuse me, Ms. Nelson. Excuse me.
- 19 This hearing today is to talk about the proposed
- 20 changes that we have made to the rule in relation
- 21 to 2024 legislation.
- 22 If you have any comment on the proposed
- 23 changes to the rule as the rule text reads, we will
- 24 take that comment. Your concern may be emailed.
- 25 We do have it in writing now, and we will be able

Page 10 1 to respond to it as a taxpayer inquiry and be able 2 to respond to you back in the office. 3 But do you have any comments on the proposed language that we amended the rule? 4 5 MS. NELSON: You're not allowed to have a 50 6 percent fine on anything that --7 MS. FORRESTER: Ms. Nelson, we're going to 8 have to move on. Thank you for your comments. 9 Thank you, Ms. Nelson. This is for rule 10 amendments. If you would like to send your 11 inquiry, you can send that to 12 dorpto@FloridaRevenue.com. 13 Are there any other comments on rule amendments on Rule 12D-8.0064? Hearing no further 14 15 comments, we'll move on to our next agenda item. We've received comments on some draft forms on Rule 16 17 12D-16.002. 18 They've been posted on the Department's 19 proposed rule Web page under public comments. 20 Department will go through the forms again today to 21 see if there are any additional comments on the 22 amendments. 23 After the hearing, the Department will review all of the comments. I'll go through each form to 24 25 take additional comments on the amendments.

- 1 DR-416 titled Physician Certification of Total and
- 2 Permanent Disability, are there any comments on
- 3 Form DR-416?
- 4 MR. JACKSON, JR.: Ms. Gomez-Roberts, you can
- 5 go ahead and speak. Ms. Danke, I see your hand up.
- 6 You can speak after Ms. Gomez-Roberts.
- 7 MS. GOMEZ-ROBERTS: Thank you. My name is
- 8 Lally Gomez-Roberts. I'm the Director of Public
- 9 Service, Exemptions, and Investigations with the
- 10 Alachua County Property Appraiser's Office.
- 11 We would like to include the fact that if
- 12 there is a way or form that this one can be
- 13 formatted to include the parcel ID due to the fact
- 14 that there's been additional forms to an exemption,
- and sometimes it's provided after the application
- 16 process.
- 17 It will be easier to identify where the form
- 18 goes to if we actually implement a portion of the
- 19 form that has the parcel ID to it.
- 20 MS. GOLDSTEIN: Okay. Thank you for your
- 21 comment.
- MS. GOMEZ-ROBERTS: Thank you very much.
- MR. JACKSON, JR.: Ms. Danke, you can go ahead
- 24 and speak.
- MS. FORRESTER: We still can't hear you,

- 1 Ms. Danke. If you would like to submit your
- 2 comment, go ahead and submit that to our email
- 3 address. I think there is a chat feature you can
- 4 go to if you're having problems. You can chat with
- 5 Mr. Jackson and see if we can't get your phone so
- 6 where we can hear you.
- 7 MR. JACKSON, JR.: Ms. Poskey, you can go
- 8 ahead. You have to unmute yourself, though.
- 9 MS. POSKEY: Thank you. My name is Meghan
- 10 Poskey. I'm in the Exemptions Department with the
- 11 Leon County Property Appraiser. I just wanted to
- 12 second the comment by Alachua County and maybe add
- 13 to that the property address because we find
- 14 individuals do not always know their parcel ID or
- 15 property ID, so both of those would be great
- 16 additions to the form, the DR-416.
- 17 MS. GOLDSTEIN: Okay. Thank you for your
- 18 comment.
- 19 MS. POSKEY: I have one second comment or
- 20 question. You mentioned where public comment could
- 21 be found that was previously submitted in this
- 22 workshop. Can you specify that again? I'm sorry.
- MS. FORRESTER: On proposed rule Web page
- 24 under property tax, there is a dropdown. You will
- 25 see three rules listed. If you select rule

- 1 12D-16.002, you will see the list of the forms.
- 2 And below that list of the forms, you'll see
- 3 documents, and it should be public comments.
- 4 There is a date range. I don't remember the
- 5 date offhand. You should pull up a PDF document.
- 6 We're going to ask Anthony to paste the link in the
- 7 chat and see if that will help.
- 8 MS. GOLDSTEIN: If you have any further
- 9 difficulty, you can email us as well.
- 10 MS. POSKEY: I think I found it. Thank you.
- 11 MS. FORRESTER: Are there any other comments
- on Form DR-416? Hearing no other comments, we'll
- 13 move to the next form. Form DR-453 titled Notice
- 14 of Tax Lien for Exemptions, Reduction in
- 15 Assessment, and Assessment Limitations. Are there
- 16 comments on Form DR-453?
- 17 MR. JACKSON, JR.: We have two comments.
- 18 First Ms. Danke and then Ms. Gomez-Roberts again.
- 19 MS. DANKE: So I sent an email. And in
- 20 regards to the notice of tax lien of 453, it has
- 21 the penalties and interest and the total due, but
- 22 that payment changes because the interest is
- 23 accrued every month. So it's going to change
- 24 depending on when the taxpayers pay.
- 25 So it's difficult to put in there an exact

- 1 amount because that's going to change depending on
- 2 when they pay if penalties and interest are
- 3 charged. So is there any way that we can just put
- 4 the percentage, the 15 percent accrued on the
- 5 DR-453 and then they have to contact the tax
- 6 collector for the payoff?
- 7 MS. GOLDSTEIN: That's a comment that we can
- 8 certainly take under advisement when we review
- 9 everything we've received after this proceeding and
- 10 discuss internally.
- MS. DANKE: Also any fees and stuff like that
- 12 the tax collectors charge for satisfaction and
- 13 stuff like that, they do at time of payment also.
- 14 So that basically needs to be determined at time of
- 15 payoff also.
- 16 MS. GOLDSTEIN: Okay. Thank you for your
- 17 comments.
- 18 MS. DANKE: You're welcome.
- 19 MR. JACKSON, JR.: Ms. Gomez-Roberts, you can
- 20 go ahead. You have yourself muted, though.
- 21 MS. GOMEZ-ROBERTS: So I got two feedbacks
- 22 from investigation compliance officer. One of them
- 23 is the portion of the reasoning as to why either
- 24 the assessment limitation of the exemption were
- 25 removed and they were not legal?

- 1 Maybe if we can expand it to two portions
- 2 instead of one, since it's very limited on space.
- 3 Two, our county -- and I don't know about other
- 4 counties. But our county has a few lien
- 5 impositions, and we're assessed parcel ID.
- 6 We either want to get clarification of either
- 7 parcel ID where the exemption is being received or
- 8 is being imposed because we did have a conversation
- 9 with a taxpayer who is trying to figure out why his
- 10 property received the lien, the lien imposition.
- MS. GOLDSTEIN: Okay. Thank you for those
- 12 comments.
- 13 MS. GOMEZ-ROBERTS: Thank you.
- 14 MS. FORRESTER: Are there any other comments
- on Form DR-453? Hearing none, we'll move to the
- 16 next Form DR-487 titled Certification of
- 17 Compliance. Are there any comments on the Form
- 18 DR-487?
- 19 Seeing no comments, the next one is Form
- 20 DR-501 Original Application for Homestead and
- 21 Related Tax Exemptions. Are there any comments on
- 22 the Form DR-501?
- MR. JACKSON, JR.: We have three. First
- 24 Ms. Danke, then Ms. Gomez-Roberts, and then
- 25 Ms. Poskey.

Page 16 1 Hi. In regards to the 501 part MS. DANKE: 2. the email that I submitted, some suggestions for modification would be on the second, the 3 4 co-applicant. Is a co-applicant a spouse, a 5 checkmark to that. There needs to be clarification in regards to 7 date of permanent residency. Is the date of permanent residency for Florida, or is the date of 8 9 permanent residency to that property? 10 And then another suggestion would be for the 11 deed because we need to know if the property is in 12 a trust to add an option for them to circle yes or no for property in a trust. 13 Another option would be the instrument number. 14 15 Area needs to be longer. And then under previous residence, it doesn't have a box for move-out date 16 17 because that is determined in regards to the Save 18 Our Homes cap affordability. Under proof of residency, evidence to 19 relinquish out-of-state driver's license. 20 21 handed in to the tax collector, so they're unable 2.2 to provide that due to the Real ID Act. There's not enough space for the declaration of domicile 23 for the recorded date. It's not date under the 24 25 date recorded.

Page 17 1 And then the bank and checking account with 2 the new way people do banking online, they don't have to submit proof of residency for a bank 3 statement like they used to do, like you would have 4 to have a Florida only to cash a check or anything. 5 So in regards to proof of residency, there's 6 7 stuff that is basically null and void that the 8 applicant can't -- it's difficult to supply. 9 is one portion missing from this form in regards to 10 other property owned within the U.S. and its 11 territories. 12 Because of dual exemption and compliance, we need to know if they own other property within the 13 U.S. and its territories. 14 That's it. 15 MS. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you. 16 MR. JACKSON, JR.: Ms. Gomez-Roberts, you can 17 go ahead and speak. 18 MS. GOMEZ-ROBERTS: Just to reiterate what was 19 previously said about the change of date of 20 permanent resident to either date of occupancy or 21 date of intent of residency at the property needs to be differentiated because we do have Florida. 2.2 23 And at the property, it kind of confuses a lot of 24 our applicants. 25 Now, did any applicant receive or file for

Page 18 exemption last year, because it is within the last 1 2 three years, maybe we want to ask and implement the three years instead of just last year because some 3 of them might not have received the last year, but 4 5 they might have received it within the last three years, maybe we want to ask and implement three 6 7 years instead of just last year because someone 8 might not have received the last year, but they might have received it within the last -- which 9 10 will entitle them to affordability which would 11 signal us. 12 If they're filing it on their own, they wouldn't know, so that's kind of one of those 13 If not, then of course putting the date 14 15 that they moved out might be one of those. 16 definitely the three-year is nowhere mentioned in 17 there. 18 We have a question. We understand that the 19 payments to long-term senior which is the long 20 resident senior which is 25 years or more of 21 permanent residency, it makes sense to have it on 2.2 the DR-501. But it's very confusing to age 65 and 23 older to be an option on the second page of the 24 DR-501. 25 If there's a secondary application, the same

Page 19 1 thing goes with the veteran abatement. A lot of 2. them mark it, and then they don't submit an secondary application. And we are unable to 3 sometimes grant the exemptions, and they end up 4 5 being denied. 6 So maybe if there is a way of removing the 7 option or maybe putting in an asterisk and like putting in there that an additional form is 8 9 required, please see Page No. 4. I know it says 10 Page No. 4 for qualification and required 11 documents, but it's not really a document. It's an 12 actual form. Also, we have a legal case with a property 13 owner that misconstrued the DR-501 form because it 14 15 says in addition to homestead exemption, I'm applying for the following benefits. 16 17 So because his named benefits, the taxpayer 18 argument is that it should automatically and 19 incorporated once they file the original 20 application for homestead instead of filing a 21 separate form as required. 2.2 Is there a way to change the word benefits to 23 exemptions or benefits and exemptions? That's something we would need 24 MS. GOLDSTEIN:

to review further. Do you know the case name?

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Page 20 I'll be more than 1 MS. GOMEZ-ROBERTS: Yes. 2. happy to email separately and provide you the 3 information of the taxpayer and his argument as to why he believes he's entitled. He never filed for 4 the total and permanent disability exemption. 5 6 And now he's arguing with us that he filed an 7 original application for homestead exemption and it's not titled exemption because it's benefits. 8 He's saying that it should be already be included 9 10 with the filing for his original homestead 11 exemption. 12 MS. GOLDSTEIN: It may be that our litigation counsel is already familiar with that case. 13 just to be on the safe side, I'd like to get the 14 15 details from you so that we can review it when we consider the comments. 16 17 MS. GOMEZ-ROBERTS: Perfect. If not, maybe 18 kind of like an opinion or something, or maybe an 19 email to us would be great. That way we could just 20 show it to him. We know an application is needed 21 for an exemption. He doesn't seem to believe so. 2.2 MS. GOLDSTEIN: Sure. 23 MS. GOMEZ-ROBERTS: Thank you. 24 MR. JACKSON, JR.: We have three more. 25 Ms. Danke has her hand back up again. We have

Page 21 1 Ms. Poskey, Ms. Sweeney, and then we'll come back 2. to Ms. Danke. MS. POSKEY: Our office did submit -- Gina 3 Fletcher, our assistant property appraiser did 4 5 submit an email with an attachment with comments related to the DR-501. I would like to just 6 7 mention here on the virtual meeting probably our two biggest pain points, which actually has already 8 9 been mentioned by others on this workshop. 10 The date of permanent residency. This is 11 frequently misinterpreted by constituents filing 12 for homestead exemption as the date of birth in Florida or the date they first moved to Florida, 13 which may not be when they occupied the property 14 15 they're filing on. We would love to see a change tied to date of 16 17 permanent residency making that date of occupancy, 18 potentially. We've noticed with that, too, that 19 there are some other counties that are modifying 20 the DR-501 form and putting in parentheses move-in 21 date or on their own custom form. 2.2 Or FAQs, they're providing instruction about 23 what that date should indicate. Some people are already making adjustments because of the confusion 24 25 of our taxpayers with that particular data field on

- 1 the form.
- 2 And then the second pain point that I would
- 3 just like to emphasize is one that was already
- 4 brought up as well, which is any applicant received
- 5 or filed their exemption last year. It would be
- 6 great to add the last three years to this specify
- 7 that three-year window because people are
- 8 misinterpreting and entering no to the question
- 9 when, in fact, they did receive homestead on a
- 10 prior property in Florida.
- 11 We've been able to catch some of those, but I
- 12 suspect not all of them. We would love to have the
- 13 opportunity to have that conversation with the
- 14 taxpayer, take in additional affordability act and
- 15 give people the benefit they are potentially
- 16 eliqible for. A slight tweak to that question may
- 17 allow us to do that.
- 18 MS. GOLDSTEIN: Okay. Thank you.
- 19 MR. JACKSON, JR.: Ms. Danke, you can go
- ahead, and then we'll come back to
- 21 Ms. Gomez-Roberts who had another comment.
- MS. DANKE: This is kind of an add-on to the
- 23 person who went after me in regards to a taxpayer
- 24 receiving a residence-based exemption or credit. I
- 25 think it needs to have residence-based exemption

- 1 credit or benefit because of the interpretation
- 2 from the other states in regards to their -- tax
- 3 deduction, but it's deemed as resident based.
- 4 There is a lot of confusion. So I know when
- 5 we send out hold notices, we specifically state
- 6 resident-based exemptions, credits, or abatement to
- 7 help cover the verbiage on how the other states
- 8 interpret the tax reduction that is similar to our
- 9 homestead because homestead in some other states
- 10 are like the low income seniors.
- 11 So I understand where there is confusion, but
- 12 I think the verbiage needs to be a little bit more
- 13 clear.
- 14 MS. GOLDSTEIN: Okay.
- 15 MR. JACKSON, JR.: Ms. Poskey, you can go
- 16 ahead and unmute yourself and speak.
- 17 MS. POSKEY: Thank you. Just one other, I
- 18 guess, question. It's part of our comments as
- 19 well. But Amendment 5 that's taking us back as of
- 20 January 1st this year, unless we overlooked it, we
- 21 didn't see it mentioned within the DR-501. We were
- 22 wondering if that would be part of future
- 23 revisions?
- MS. HARPER: Yes, ma'am, that will be
- 25 addressed now that the constitutional amendment has

Page 24 1 been past, and it is enacted this January. It will 2 be added yes, ma'am. 3 MS. POSKEY: Thank you. 4 MS. FORRESTER: Are there any other comments Hearing none, the next Form 5 on Form DR-501? DR-501PGP titled Original Application for 6 7 Assessment Reduction for Living Quarters of 8 Parents or Grandparents. Are there any questions or comments on the DR-501PGP? 9 10 MR. JACKSON, JR.: You can go ahead, 11 Ms. Danke. 12 MS. DANKE: In regards to noted in the email 13 that I sent, the suggestion is to make it more clear whose name goes at the top, whether it's the 14 15 owner's name or the applicant's. It says applicant 16 name, but it's actually the owner of the property. Because on the bottom, the parents who are 17 18 getting the exemption, their names go on the 19 bottom, so there's going to be I think a little bit 20 of confusion with that. 21 And then again the question regarding permanent residency last date became a permanent 2.2 23 resident in Florida. It needs to be most recent date became a Florida resident. I think they're 24 25 going to have come confusion in regards to that.

Page 25 And then at the bottom, it says address of 1 2 parent, grandparent not residing. I think they're going to get confused by like the in-laws who are 3 not residing on the property to where it could be 4 5 addressed of spouse of parent, grandparent not residing on the property. 6 7 So if they have another mother-in-law living 8 on the property, they know to put the surviving 9 spouse of the mother or mother-in-law on there. Τ 10 think we're just going to have a little bit of 11 confusion with this form on those areas. 12 MS. FORRESTER: Just a note on the Form It should be at the very bottom. 13 DR-501PGP. That yellow stricken language, that means the language 14 15 is being removed. 16 MS. DANKE: But then there's no option if 17 there is a spouse that's able to live on their own, 18 they just can't take care of their spouse for like 19 marital status -- nerver mind. I see that there. 20 But it doesn't -- if the parent or grandparent is 21 married, we do need to know where that other parent 2.2 is. Isn't the parent grandparent the actual 23 applicant, not the owner of the property? 24 MS. GOLDSTEIN: Okay. Thank you for your 25 comment.

Page 26 1 MR. JACKSON, JR.: Ms. Gomez-Roberts, you can 2. go ahead. MS. GOMEZ-ROBERTS: Kind of to back what the 3 4 previous person was saying, the applicant will be 5 the actual owner of the property. But if the grandparent or parent gets married, whoever the 6 7 spouse is, we will need also security because they're considered a union. 8 Which means if the other spouse does not 9 10 reside at the grandparent, the granny flat 11 property, and they have their own homestead 12 exemption, it would be the grandparent that's residing on the granny flat, they wouldn't be 13 entitled to the granny flat because they already 14 15 have a homestead exemption somewhere else. can't have that homestead anywhere else. So adding 16 17 the spouse's social section makes sense. 18 MS. GOLDSTEIN: Okay. Thank you for that 19 explanation. 20 MS. FORRESTER: Any other comments on 21 DR-501PGP? Hearing none, we'll move on to Form DR-501V titled Tentative Verification of 2.2 23 Eligibility for Certain Exemptions or Discounts. This is a new form. The form is coded as 24 25 underlined, meaning all of the language is new. Do

- 1 we have any comments on Form DR-501V?
- 2 MR. JACKSON, JR.: You can go ahead,
- 3 Ms. Gomez-Roberts.
- 4 MS. GOMEZ-ROBERTS: The only comment I have in
- 5 regards to this new form, first thing it does not
- 6 mention a dollar amount, by the way. But some of
- 7 the exemptions based on ownership because ownership
- 8 does apportion the exemption in the properties, I
- 9 don't know if there's a way to enter a percentage
- 10 amount, at least so they're aware if the property
- 11 has to be apportioned in some sort of way, it will
- 12 not be at 100 percent.
- Because it doesn't give a dollar amount, I
- 14 mean, I've gotten some pushback honestly from some
- of the veterans of these houses because the
- 16 mortgage companies, that's not what they're looking
- 17 for.
- But regardless of that, if we have to grant
- 19 the exemption and there's multiple ownerships,
- 20 tenancies on the property and we have to apportion
- 21 that total and permanent veteran exemption or any
- 22 exemption that's in there, maybe we could have some
- 23 sort of space to indicate the apportionment of that
- 24 exemption.
- MS. GOLDSTEIN: Okay. Thank you for your

Page 28 1 comments. Are there any other comments on the Form 2. DR-501V? Hearing none, the next Form DR-504AFH titled Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Application and Return for Multi-Family Project and Affordable 4 5 Housing Property. Are there any questions or comments on the DR-504 AFH? 6 7 MR. JACKSON, JR.: You can go ahead, 8 Ms. Gomez-Roberts. 9 MS. GOMEZ-ROBERTS: One request if there is 10 any -- well, two. If there is any way to include 11 the requestable sections of the program remrole 12 (phonetic) or the report as of January 1st of the 13 application year or the current tax year. I don't see it anywhere in there. 14 That's the 15 only reason why we're asking for it. So if they can please provide a copy of the remrole for 16 17 January of the current tax year under section, I 18 believe, D and C or old sections, that would be 19 great.

- 20 MS. GOLDSTEIN: Okay. Thank you for your
- 21 comment.
- 2.2 MS. FORRESTER: Are there any other comments
- 23 Seeing none, Form DR-504CS on Form DR-504AFH?
- titled Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Application and 24
- 25 Return for Charter School Facilities.

Page 29 MR. JACKSON, JR.: You can go ahead, 1 2. Ms. Gomez-Roberts. MS. GOMEZ-ROBERTS: To include a portion that 3 if the amount of the square footage changes or if 4 amended, notification is needed. I don't believe 5 it's in there. And if that is possible to include 6 7 it anywhere in there for the facility or charter school, that if any of those changes occur, if 8 there can be notification of such. 9 10 I know that there is a lessee change, which 11 would be an amendment. But if the square footage 12 changes, if that could be included in there. 13 MS. HARPER: Thank you. Any other comments on Form 14 MS. FORRESTER: 15 Seeing none, the next Form DR-505 titled DR-504CS? 16 Report of Discounts, Errors, Double Assessments, and Insolvencies. The name is being changed to 17 18 Report of Errors and Insolvencies. 19 No comments, we'll look at the next Form 20 DR-5002 titled Decision of the Value Adjustment 21 Board - Hurricane Ian or Hurricane Nicole Tax 2.2 Refund. This form is being repealed. 23 Also Form DR-5003 Report of Total Reductions in Taxes From Hurricane Ian or Hurricane Nicole. 24 25 This form is also be repealed. Are there any

Page 30 1 comments on these two forms being repealed? 2. That is all the forms on the agenda. 3 going to move on to the next item. We've not received comments on Rules 12D-17.002, 12D-17.003, 4 5 or 12D-17.004. Are there any comments on these rules in Chapter 12D-17? Hearing none, are there 6 7 any additional comments from our public? 8 MR. JACKSON, JR.: You can go ahead and speak, 9 Ms. Danke. 10 MS. DANKE: I don't know if I can go back to 11 the first one, the 12D-8.0064 due to my mic not 12 working. But in regards to -- I see on that rule where it says that it shall be corrected within the 13 role, there's nothing in the administrative code 14 15 regarding the new legislation change of 196.161 in regards to if a person receives exemption as a 16 result of a clerical mistake and it is voluntarily 17 18 disclosed to the property appraiser prior to the 19 property appraiser finding out. 20 It says no back taxes shall be due -- my 21 question with that is I don't know if this is on 2.2 that 12D-8.0064 in regards to what happens with 23 affordability and cap with that? It's not addressed in the administrative code. 24 25 Okay. That's something that MS. GOLDSTEIN:

- 1 we'll have to take a look at and consider.
- 2 MS. FORRESTER: Any other comments before we
- 3 finish?
- 4 MR. JACKSON, JR.: You can go ahead and speak,
- 5 Ms. Poskey.
- 6 MS. POSKEY: I just wanted to thank you all
- 7 for the time and the workshop and the chance to
- 8 give feedback, whether in writing or verbally
- 9 today. I just had one question that I'm curious
- 10 about.
- I know that a form just came through with
- 12 certain proposed changes, but then there has been a
- 13 lot of thoughtful comment without other possible
- 14 enhancements or changes to certain forms.
- 15 What's the process for DOR in reviewing those
- 16 and making a decision one way or the other? How
- 17 does that get handled, I guess?
- 18 MS. GOLDSTEIN: This is Rachel Goldstein. I'm
- 19 glad you asked that question because I wanted to
- 20 make a statement at the end of the proceeding, just
- 21 because I wanted to let you know and
- 22 Ms. Gomez-Roberts, Ms. Danke that we sincerely
- 23 appreciate all the feedback.
- We strive to improve the forms, improve the
- 25 rules at every possible occasion. And we are

Page 32 really thrilled with all of your participation and 1 2. continued participation in the future to have a 3 collaborative effort to make the best product 4 possible that serves the taxpayers and the 5 counties. Just so you are aware, this particular 6 7 proceeding, this particular round of rulemaking is intended -- it's sort of a narrow purpose. 8 It's 9 really intended to address the recent 2024 10 legislative changes or other legislative changes in 11 the past that we haven't incorporated into the 12 rule. And so a lot of the comments that we received 13 14 today were outside of the narrow scope of the 15 intent of this particular rulemaking. But I wanted 16 to assure everyone that participated today that we 17 catalog all the feedback. 18 We discuss it internally with leadership, and 19 make decisions about changes for the future, changes for future rulemaking. And so even if we 20 21 don't incorporate some of the wonderful suggestions we've had in this particular round, I want to 2.2 23 assure everyone that we are listening, and we're eager to hear your feedback. 24 25 You don't have to wait for rulemaking to

Page 33 submit comments or suggestions in the future. 1 You 2 can always email those in at any time. 3 MS. POSKEY: Thank you. That's helpful. Thank you very much. 4 MR. JACKSON, JR.: Ms. Danke, you had another 5 6 comment? 7 MS. DANKE: Yes, I do. Kind of on to what she just said. A little bit of clarification. 8 So in 9 the interim while the suggestions and you're 10 reviewing all these forms because I know our county 11 is probably not the only county with liens that 12 needs to be processed. Do we go ahead and use the previous approved 13 lien forms in the interim until the new ones are 14 15 approved, or what is the process with that? So I believe right now as it 16 MS. GOLDSTEIN: stands, we have the provisional form out there with 17 18 the updated changes that are before us today, so I 19 think you're welcome to use that before something 20 is formally promulgated. 21 MS. DANKE: I just wanted to make sure that if the liens go to court, they don't throw the lien 2.2 23 out because they're going to say, well, the lien is invalid because you didn't use the right form. 24 25 MS. GOLDSTEIN: We'll take that under

Page 34 1 consideration. I'm not sure about that. That's 2. something we'll discuss. 3 MS. DANKE: Okay. Thank you. MS. GOLDSTEIN: 4 Sure. MR. JACKSON, JR.: Ms. Danke, you can go ahead 5 6 and speak, ma'am. 7 MS. DANKE: I'm good. 8 MS. FORRESTER: On behalf of the Department, I 9 want to thank everyone for participating in the hearing and sharing your comments with us. 10 11 participation is very helpful during the rule 12 promulgation process. You may provide written comments to us. 13 Please bear in mind, they do become part of the 14 15 public record. We ask that any written comments to be provided to us by the close of business Friday, 16 17 January 24th. You may send these comments by email 18 to dorpto@FloridaRevenue.com or mail your comments 19 to Property Tax Oversight Florida Department of 20 Revenue, P.O. Box 3000, Tallahassee, Florida 21 32315-3000. We will review and evaluate all comments 2.2 received. After review, we will determine the next 23 24 step of the rule promulgation process and update 25 the information on our website accordingly. This

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     concludes the hearing. Thank you.
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