

**MINUTES**  
**ALACHUA COUNTY 2014**  
**VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD**  
**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**  
Thursday, January 15, 2015 – 10:00 a.m.  
County Administration Building  
Grace Knight Conference Room - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
12 Southeast First Street  
Gainesville, Florida

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Robert “Hutch” Hutchinson, Chair, Citizen Member Kirk Smith Vice, Chair; Commissioner Mike Byerly and School Board Member Gunnar Paulson.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Clerk of the Court J.K. Irby; VAB Deputy Clerk Rosie Gilmore; VAB Deputy Clerk Deanne Williams and VAB Attorney Denise Lyn.

1. Call to Order –

**Chair Hutchinson called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.**

2. Approval of Agenda

Chair Hutchinson requested to move Petitions 2014-041-AD, 2014-032-OD, 2014-033-OD, 2014-043-OD, 2014-028-OD and 2014-031-HD to the top of the agenda and remove Petition 2014-105-O from the agenda.

**Commissioner Byerly moved** to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried 4-0 with Citizen Member Smith out of the room.

3. Approval of Minutes of the meeting on April 7, 2014

**School Board member Byerly moved** to approve the minutes. The motion carried 4-0 with Citizen Member Smith out of the room.

Chair Hutchinson recognized newly appointed VAB member Commissioner Mike Byerly and VAB Attorney Lyn went over his duties and VAB member procedures.

4. Consideration of Recommended Decisions on Petitions heard by the Special Magistrates

**Agriculture Classification**

<u>Petition #</u>	<u>Magistrate recommends Granting</u>
2014-041-AD	Michael Streicher

Chair Hutchinson recognized Frederick L. Koberlein Jr. and Attorney John Dent to speak regarding 2014-041-AD.

**Citizen member Smith moved** to approve the magistrate's recommendation to grant petition 2014-041-AD. The motion carried 5-0.

### Organizational Exemptions

<u>Petition #</u>	<u>Magistrate recommends to Deny</u>
2014-032-OD	Walter Jenkins
2014-033-OD	Walter Jenkins

**Chair Hutchinson recognized** Walter Jenkins, Attorney John Dent and Devon Sloan to speak regarding petitions 2014-032-OD and 2014-03-OD.

**School Board member Paulson moved** to approve the magistrate's decision to deny Petitions 2014-032-OD and 2014-033-OD. The motion carried 5-0.

<u>Petition #</u>	<u>Magistrate recommends to Deny</u>
2014-043-OD	Academy for Five Element Acupuncture

**Citizen member Ramos left the meeting at 12:15 p.m.**

Chair Hutchinson recognized Misty Pickeral, Attorney Paul Donnelly, and Attorney John Dent to speak regarding Petition 2014-043-OD.

**Citizen member Smith moved** to approve the magistrate's decision to deny Petition 2014-043. The motion failed, no second.

**Commissioner Byerly moved** to grant Petition 2014-043, the VAB finds that the license issued by the Commission for Independent Education, a department of the State Department of Education, is a certification. Under conclusions of law, "Because the license is a certification, the educational institution qualifies for exemption." The motion carried 3-1 with Smith voting "Nay."

**Commissioner Byerly moved** to authorize the Chair to sign the revised decision. The motion carried 4-0, with Ramos out of the room.

<u>Petition #</u>	<u>Magistrate recommends Granting</u>
2014-028-OD	LifeSouth Community Blood Centers

Chair Hutchinson recognized Attorney John Dent, Attorney Kevin Hyde and Walter Jenkins to speak regarding Petition 2014-028-OD.

**School Board Member Paulson moved** to approve the magistrate’s recommendation to grant Petition 2014-028-OD. The motion passed 3-1 with Hutchinson voting “Nay”.

### Homestead Exemptions

Petition # [Magistrate recommends to Deny](#)

2014-031-HD Walter Jenkins

Chair Hutchinson recognized Walter Jenkins and Attorney John Dent to speak regarding Petition 2014-031-HD.

**Citizen member Smith moved** to approve the Magistrates recommendation to deny Petition 2014-031-HD. The motion carried 4-0.

### Agriculture Classification

Petition # [Magistrate recommends to Deny](#)

2014-004-A Johnell Young Jr  
2014-038-AD Williams G Gaston III  
2014-081-A Thomas McKee  
2014-026-AD Clifton & Lisa Robinson

**Citizen member Smith moved** to approve the magistrate’s decision to deny Petitions 2014-004-A, 2014-038-AD, 2014-081-A and 2014-026-AD. The motion carried 4-0.

### Organizational Exemptions

Petition # [Magistrate recommends to Deny](#)

2014-012-O Reichert House  
2014-046-OD Heart’s Desire Inc.  
2014-047-OD Kalisha Eagle/Heart’s Desire Inc.

**Citizen member Smith moved** to approve the magistrate’s recommendation to deny Petitions 2014-012-O, 2014-046-OD and 2014-047-OD. The motion carried 4-0.

## Homestead Exemptions

<u>Petition #</u>	<u>Magistrate recommends to Deny</u>
2014-016-HD	Albert & Paula Ugelow
2014-042-HD	Kiram Mohammad
2014-044-AHD	Richard Bezesky
2014-077-H	Donald C Morrow
2014-132-H	Jonathon Klein

**School Board member Paulson moved** to approve the magistrate's recommendation to deny Petitions 2014-016-HD, 2014-042-HD, 2014-044-AHD, 2014-077-H and 2014-132-H. The motion carried 4-0.

<u>Petition #</u>	<u>Magistrate recommends Granting</u>
2014-036-HD	Karen L. Haskell

**School Board member Paulson moved** to approve the magistrate's recommendation to grant Petition 2014-036-HD. The motion carried 4-0.

## Real Property

<u>Petition #</u>	<u>Magistrate recommends to Deny</u>
2014-062-V	Stephen & Rosemary Asare
2014-069-V	Jacobs & Jacobs Trustees
2014-099-V	Reza Kayhani
2014-117-V	Oaks Square Joint Venture

**Citizen member Smith moved** to approve the magistrate's recommendation to deny Petitions 2014-062-V, 2014-069-V, 2014-099-V and 2014-117-V. The motion carried 4-0.

## Tangible

<u>Petition #</u>	<u>Magistrate recommends to Deny</u>
2014-118-T	N FL Regional Medical

**Citizen member Smith moved** to approve the Magistrate's decision to deny Petition 2014-118-T. The motion carried 4-0.

5. Authorize the Chair to sign the decision of the VAB (Form DR-485) for the final decisions made by the VAB and the 2013 Certification of the VAB (Form DR-488).

**Citizen member Smith moved** to authorize the Chair to sign the DR-485 and the DR-488 forms. The motion carried 4-0.

6. Public Comment

There was no present that wished to address the Board.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m.