



## Cuyahoga County Board of Revision

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### Minutes

#### Special Meeting of the Statutory Members of the Cuyahoga County Board of Revision July 11, 2014 at 2:00 PM

Required legal notices were provided and posted. The meeting was held at Courthouse Square, 310 Lakeside Avenue, 7<sup>th</sup> Fl., Cleveland, OH 44115. The meeting was called to order at 2:06 PM by **Matt Carroll**, Chief of Staff, representing Cuyahoga County Executive, Edward FitzGerald, Board Chairman, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5715.09. The roll was called. Present were:

- **Matt Carroll**, Chief of Staff
- **Mark A. Parks, Jr.**, Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer
- **David Greenspan**, Cuyahoga County Council

The Minutes of the March 24, 2014 meeting were approved as presented. A Motion was made by **Greenspan** and seconded by **Parks**.

**Carroll** asked for any public comment. No public comments were made.

**Carroll** asked for any new business and opened the discussion on the Rules and Procedures specific to the Board of Revision (BOR). Shelley Davis, Administrator of the BOR, presented an extensive overview of the procedures as summarized in Article I, distributed during the meeting. **Greenspan** had questions regarding the paragraph titled Prohibition Against Taping Or Using Audio Equipment. Davis enumerated supporting reasons to prohibit taping and audio taping of hearings, citing taxpayers are currently intimidated by the Board, and taping of hearings would only increase their anxiety.

Additionally, Davis noted that taping of hearings may impact taxpayers' freedom to discuss certain issues and/or present photographic evidence pertaining to their neighbors and/or neighborhood, which may be considered negative, but relevant to their property values. **Greenspan** stated that he feels the BOR should adopt similar language used by County Council and in doing so; the BOR would maintain a higher level of transparency. Davis was requested to reach out to other counties and the Board of Tax Appeal to see what their current practices are.

A Motion was made by **Parks** and seconded by **Greenspan** to adopt the procedures summarized in Article I, with the exception of the paragraph titled Prohibition Against Taping Or Using Audio Equipment, which would be excluded.

**Carroll** asked for any other business. Alex Morton, Esq. noted his frustration with the reappraisal process and the in-ability to view the field records kept at Southgate. Discussion ensued.

As there was no further business before the BOR, **Carroll** called for a Motion to Adjourn. The Motion was seconded by **Parks**. The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 PM.

**Minutes Recorded by: Bonnie Inniss**