

2023 Minutes will be reviewed and approved at the 2024 meeting of the Duluth Local Board of Appeals & Equalization

Minutes of the Duluth Local Board of Appeals & Equalization

May 17, 2023, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Members present:

Steven Goldschmidt

Appraiser

2nd Term: 4/1/21 – 4/1/25

Appointed by Mayor

Frank A Messina

Realtor

1st Term: 4/27/21 – 3/31/25

Danielle Erjavec

Equalization Course

1st Term: 2/4/22 – 1/1/26

Appointed by CAO

Thomas D Henderson

Realtor

1st Term: 3/23-20 – 3/31-24

Roberta A. Pirkola

1st Term: 5/9/23 – 5/31/27

Appointed by Mayor

Finance Director Carlson opened the meeting at 10:00. All board members were in attendance. A motion was made by Mr. Messina and seconded by Mr. Henderson to appoint Ms. Pirkola as board president. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Goldschmidt moved to approve the 2022 minutes and was seconded by Mr. Messina. The motion passed unanimously.

Gary Moline spoke regarding assessments on 010-4470-08110- & 010-4470-08270, 010-0130-00160, and 010-4480-00760 & 010-4480-00830. Bill Downs spoke on behalf of St. Louis County. Mr. Henderson moved to reduce the valuation of all properties in question by _____. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Goldschmidt and passed unanimously.

Meghan Jonas spoke regarding assessments to 010-2110-07200. Steve Birman spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no changes. Mr. Henderson moved to make no changes and was seconded by Mr. Messina. The motion passed unanimously.

Terry Anderson spoke regarding assessments on 010-0130-00293 and 010-3597-00020. Scott Sutherland spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no changes. Mr. Goldschmidt moved to make no changes and was seconded by Mr. Messina. The motion passed unanimously.

Steve Stojevich spoke regarding assessments on 010-1630-01390. Steve Birman spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended a reduction to \$166,600 on the main parcel. Mr. Goldschmidt moved to make no changes and was seconded by Commissioner Messina. A motion was made by Mr. Goldschmidt to withdraw the motion and was seconded by Mr. Messina. Ms. Pirkola moved to accept the reduced amount and was seconded by Mr. Messina. The motion passed unanimously.

Ben Funke spoke regarding assessments on 010-1830-00770. Steve Birman spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no changes. Mr. Goldschmidt moved for no change. The motion failed for lack of a second. Mr. Messina moved to reduce the assessed value to \$173.50 per square foot and was seconded by Commissioner Goldschmidt. The motion passed unanimously.

Joe Odell spoke for St. Louis County regarding a proposed agreement with homeowner Paige Orcutt. Motion to accept the agreement was made by Mr. Messina and seconded by Mr. Goldschmidt. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Erjavec abstained.

A written appeal received from Keith Tomassoni regarding 010-0590-01500 was read by Chair Pirkola. Steve Birman spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no changes. A motion was made by Mr. Henderson and was seconded by Ms. Erjavec. The motion passed unanimously.

A written appeal received from Kent Torve regarding 010-0500-01820 was read by Chair Pirkola. Ms. Erjavec moved to make no changes and was seconded by Mr. Henderson. The motion passed unanimously.

Theresa Davis spoke regarding assessments on 010-2780-00852. Ben Thomas spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no changes. Mr. Goldschmidt moved to make no changes and was seconded by Mr. Messina. The motion passed unanimously.

The board adjourned for lunch at 12:17 PM and resumed discussion at 12:49.

A written appeal received from Christine Dyson regarding 010-0154-00120 was read by Chair Pirkola. Al Parrent spoke on behalf of St. Louis County. Mr. Henderson moved to recommend no changes and was seconded by Ms. Erjavec. The motion passed unanimously.

A written appeal received from Kathleen Pattison regarding 010-1220-00820 was read by Chair Pirkola. Steve Birman spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no changes. Ms. Erjavec moved to recommend no changes and was seconded by Mr. Henderson. The motion passed unanimously.

Guy Ritchie spoke regarding assessments on 010-0510-00240. Joe Odell spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no changes. Ms. Erjavec moved for no changes and was seconded by Mr. Goldschmidt. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark Bauer spoke regarding assessments on 010-0000-12402. Ms. Erjavec and Chair Pirkola recused themselves. Bill Downs spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no changes. Mr. Henderson moved for no changes and was seconded by Mr. Messina. The motion passed unanimously.

A written appeal received from Paul Lind regarding 010-1220-00820 was read by Chair Pirkola. Dave Christenson spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no changes. Mr. Henderson moved for no changes and was seconded by Mr. Goldschmidt.

A written appeal received from Kevin Fawcett regarding 010-3490-00260 was read by Chair Pirkola. Bill Downs spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no changes. Mr. Messina moved for no changes and was seconded by Ms. Erjavec. The motion passed unanimously.

A written appeal received from John Vallez and Brittany Kuehn regarding 010-4450-00580 was read by Chair Pirkola. Steve Birman spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no changes. Mr. Goldschmidt moved for no changes and was seconded by Mr. Messina. The motion passed unanimously.

A written appeal received from George and Colleen Holiday regarding 010-2080-00280 was read by Chair Pirkola. Jason Borman spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no changes. Mr. Henderson moved for no changes and was seconded by Ms. Erjavec. The motion passed unanimously.

A written appeal received from Candace and John Rendulich regarding 010-4710-00470 was read by Chair Pirkola. Frank Carver spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no changes. Mr. Henderson moved for no changes and was seconded by Ms. Erjavec. The motion passed unanimously.

A written appeal received from Ty Lahren regarding 010-3300-02220 was read by Chair Pirkola. Joe Odell spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no change – passed unanimously.

A written appeal received from Naveen Gowda regarding 010-3813-00040 was read by Chair Pirkola. Steve Birman spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no change. Passed unanimously. County stated that they would work with the tax payer

A written appeal received from Patricia Goodman regarding 010-0620-01810 was read by Chair Pirkola. Al Parrent was appraiser, Frank Carver spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no change. Passed unanimously.

A written appeal received from Katherine Meyer regarding 010-0500-01640 was read by Chair Pirkola. Joe Odell (appraiser) – Dave Christensen spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no change. Passed unanimously.

A written appeal received from David Gore regarding 010-2950-02640 was read by Chair Pirkola. Dave Christensen spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no change. Passed unanimously.

A written appeal received from Michel Harry regarding 010-0151-00120 was read by Chair Pirkola. Al Parrent was appraiser. Frank Carver spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no change. Passed unanimously.

A written appeal received from Ronald Bergh regarding 010-3780-00220 was read by Chair Pirkola. Dave Christensen spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no change. Passed unanimously.

A written appeal received from Ronald Bergh regarding 010-1350-03480 was read by Chair Pirkola. Frank Carver spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no change from the same market value as last year. Motion made by Goldschmidt. Motion passed unanimously.

A written appeal received from Ronald Bergh regarding 010-1350-10480 was read by Chair Pirkola. Frank Carver spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no change from the same market value as last year. Motion made by Goldschmidt. Motion passed unanimously.

A written appeal received from Ronald Bergh regarding 010-3780-01310 was read by Chair Pirkola. Dave Christensen spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended Mr. Goldschmidt moved for no changes from the same value as last year and was seconded by Mr. Messina. Motion passed unanimously.

A written appeal received from Charles Gallet regarding 010-2610-01130 was read by Chair Pirkola. Jason Borman spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no changes. Ms. Erjavec moved for no changes and was seconded by Mr. Henderson. The motion passed unanimously.

A 10 minute break was called from 2:20 - 2:30 pm.

A written appeal received from Ben Hanson regarding 010-3305-01950 was read by Chair Pirkola. Ryan Sauve spoke on behalf of St Louis County and recommended no changes. Mr. Messina moved for no changes and was seconded by Mr. Goldschmidt. The motion passed unanimously.

A written appeal received from Jon Leppala regarding 010-1480-01680 was read by Chair Pirkola. Jason Borman spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no changes. Mr. Messina moved for no change and was seconded by Ms. Erjavec. The motion passed unanimously.

A written appeal received from Xin Liang regarding 010-0690-00040 was read by Chair Pirkola. Jason Borman spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no changes. Ms. Erjavec moved for no changes and was seconded by Mr. Messina. The motion passed unanimously.

A walk-in appeal received from Steve Northrop regarding 010-4595-00060 was read by Chair Pirkola. Steve Birman spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no changes. Mr. Goldschmidt moved for no changes and was seconded by Mr. Messina. The motion passed unanimously.

A walk-in appeal received from Richelle Murray regarding 010-4540-00720 was read by Chair Pirkola. St. Louis County and recommended no changes. Ms. Erjavec moved for no changes and was seconded by Mr. Henderson. The motion passed unanimously.

A walk-in appeal received from Maria Chepelik regarding 010-2550-00600 was read by Chair Pirkola. Joe Odell spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no changes. Mr. Messina moved for no changes and was seconded by Mr. Goldschmidt. The motion passed unanimously.

A walk-in appeal received from Blake Austin regarding 010-3430-03680 was read by Chair Pirkola. Steve Birman spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no changes. Mr. Messina moved for no changes and was seconded by Ms. Erjavec. The motion passed unanimously.

A walk-in appeal received from Marcus Dresbach regarding 010-1370-00660 was read by Chair Pirkola. St. Louis County recommended no changes. Mr. Goldschmidt moved for no changes and was seconded by Mr. Messina. The motion passed unanimously.

A walk-in appeal received from Johnathan Jenkins regarding 010-3300-02470 was read by Chair Pirkola. Ryan Sauve spoke on behalf of St Louis County and recommended no changes. Mr. Henderson moved for no changes and was seconded by Mr. Messina. The motion carried unanimously.

A walk-in appeal received from Mike Kueten regarding 010-1310-00370 was read by Chair Pirkola. Frank Carver spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no changes. Mr. Goldschmidt moved for no changes and was seconded by Mr. Messina. The motion passed unanimously.

A walk-in appeal received from George Knutson regarding 010-3410-07270 was read by Chair Pirkola. Al Parrent spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no changes. A motion was made by Mr. Messina for no change and was seconded by Mr. Goldschmidt. The motion passed unanimously.

A walk-in appeal received from Lori Roberts regarding 010-0640-02540 was read by Chair Pirkola. Anne Sims spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no changes. Mr. Henderson moved for no changes and was seconded by Mr. Goldschmidt. The motion passed unanimously.

A walk-in appeal received from Jess Kasper regarding 010-2167-00390 was read by Chair Pirkola. Steve Birman spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no changes. Ms. Erjavec recused herself. Steve Birman spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no changes. Mr. Messina moved for no changes and was seconded by Mr Goldschmidt. The motion passed unanimously.

A walk-in appeal received from Denise Hinnenkamp regarding 010-1790-05890 was read by Chair Pirkola. Steve Birman spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no changes. Chair Pirkola recused herself. Mr. Henderson moved for no changes and was seconded by Mr. Messina. The motion passed unanimously.

A walk-in appeal received from Patrick Meyers regarding 010-3010-01190 was read by Chair Pirkola. Ryan Sauve spoke on behalf of St Louis County and recommended no changes. Mr. Messina moved for no changes and was seconded by Mr. Henderson. The motion passed unanimously.

A walk-in appeal received from Patrick Meyers regarding 010-0330-00560 was read by Chair Pirkola. Ryan Sauve spoke on behalf of St Louis County and recommended no changes. Mr. Messina moved for no changes and was seconded by Mr. Goldschmidt. The motion passed unanimously.

A reduction in the estimated market value of 010-2700-00162 was recommended by Mike Busick from St. Louis County. Mr. Messina moved to approve the recommended amount and was seconded by Mr. Goldschmidt. The motion passed unanimously.

A walk-in appeal received from Patricia Stoll regarding 010-4270-00150, 010-4270-00210, and 010-4270-00220 was read by Chair Pirkola. Al Parrent spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no changes. Ms. Erjavec moved for no changes and was seconded by Mr. Henderson. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill Downs from St. Louis County spoke regarding 010-2710-01772 and recommended a lower valuation of \$19,400. Ms. Erjavec moved to adopt the county's recommendation and was seconded by Mr. Henderson. The motion carried unanimously.

Bill Downs from St. Louis County spoke regarding 010-3830-10670 and recommended the estimated market value be reduced to \$203,600. Mr. Messina moved to accept the county's recommendation and was seconded by Mr. Henderson. The motion carried unanimously.

Bill Downs from St. Louis County offered a public comment regarding the objective fairness of the process and indicated that he believed that the board acted with bias in their reduction to the assessment of Gary Moline.

The board postponed discussion at 3:15pm for lack of business; The board resumed discussion at 4:05pm.

A walk-in appeal received from Richard Rodenwald regarding 010-4500-02720 was read by Chair Pirkola. Al Parrent spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no changes. Ms. Erjavec moved for no changes and was seconded by Mr. Henderson. The motion carried unanimously.

A walk-in appeal received from Stanley Eisenberg regarding 010-4265-00020 was read by Chair Pirkola. Joe Odell spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no changes. Mr. Messina moved for no changes and was seconded by Mr. Henderson. The motion carried unanimously.

A walk-in appeal received from Faith Claflin regarding 010-1180-03790 was read by Chair Pirkola. Steve Birman spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no changes. Mr. Henderson moved for no changes and was seconded by Mr. Messina. The motion passed unanimously.

Michael R Bergh spoke regarding assessments on 010-2010-00990 & 010-2010-01000. Joe Odell spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no changes. Mr. Goldschmidt moved to reassess the current estimate of the fair market value of said properties by 50% and was seconded by Mr. Messina. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Erjavec abstained.

A walk-in appeal received from Joseph Macor regarding 010-1760-02410 was read by Chair Pirkola. Steve Birman spoke on behalf of St. Louis County and recommended no changes. Mr. Messina moved for no changes and was seconded by Mr. Goldschmidt. The motion passed unanimously.

St. Louis County requested that the board adopt a blanket motion adopting all other assessor recommendations arranged by St. Louis County Staff. Mr. Messina moved to approve and was seconded by Mr. Henderson. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Henderson moved to adjourn and was seconded by Ms. Erjavec. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned: 5:00 PM