

# STATE OF NEVADA STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

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In the	Matter of	)	
	James Beauparlant APN: 163-35-202-026 Clark County, Nevada PETITIONER	) ) )	
	Michele Shafe Clark County Assessor RESPONDENT	)	Case No. 16-121
	Appeal of the Decision of the CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION	) ) , )	

# **NOTICE OF DECISION**

# Appearances

James Beauparlant appeared on behalf of himself (Taxpayer).

Dallas Tripp and Jeff Payson appeared on behalf of the Clark County Assessor's Office (Assessor).

## Summary

The matter of the Taxpayer's petition for review of property valuations for the 2016-17 Secured Roll within Clark County, Nevada, came before the State Board of Equalization (State Board) for hearing in Las Vegas, Nevada, on July 19, 2016 after due notice to the Taxpayer and the Assessor.

The Taxpayer offered new evidence consisting of information about the subject property; article about high foreclosure rates in Nevada; article about mean versus median; comparable sale information; value stipulation from 2014; and appeal procedures from the Department of Taxation on sales and use tax. The State Board admitted the new evidence into the record. See Tr., 7-19-16, p. 113, I. 14 through p. 114, I. 22.

The State Board, having considered all evidence, documents and testimony pertaining to the valuation of the property in accordance with NRS 361.227, hereby makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1) The State Board is an administrative body created pursuant to NRS 361.375.
- 2) The State Board is mandated to hear all appeals of property tax assessments pursuant to NRS 361.360 and NRS 361.400.
- 3) The Taxpayer and the Assessor were given adequate, proper and legal notice of the time and place of the hearing before the State Board, and the matter was properly noticed pursuant to the Open Meeting Law at NRS 241.020. The Department provided evidence to show the Taxpayer received notice of the hearing. See Record, SBE page 51.
- 4) The subject property is a one-story single family residence containing 3,838 square feet, built in 1997, and located on .98 acres on Ponderosa Way in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada. See Record, SBE page 39 and 47; Maps, SBE pages 41-42; Tr., 7-19-16, p. 123, l. 24 through p. 124, l. 4.
- 5) The Clark County Board of Equalization (County Board) ordered the total taxable value for the subject property of \$552,943 be upheld for the 2016-2017 secured roll. See Record, SBE pages 11 and 49.
- The Taxpayer presented sufficient evidence to support a value different from that established by the County Board. The State Board found the taxable value of the subject property should be reduced based on the information provided by the Taxpayer as well as Assessor's sales 1, 4, and 5 on page 39 of the record and testimony that Sale #5 subsequently closed \$42,000 below the pending price and other downward adjustments referenced in the record. See Tr., 7-19-16, p. 141, I. 1 through p. 144, I. 15.
- 7) The State Board found the taxable value of the subject property should be reduced to \$527,019 with the taxable value of the land remaining the same and the obsolescence applied to the improvements. See Tr., 7-19-16, p.145, l. 18 through p. 146, l. 15.
- 8) Any finding of fact above construed to constitute a conclusion of law is adopted as such to the same extent as if originally so denominated.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1) The Taxpayer timely filed a notice of appeal, and the State Board accepted jurisdiction to determine this matter.
- 2) The Taxpayer and the Assessor are subject to the jurisdiction of the State Board.
- 3) The State Board has the authority to determine the taxable values in the State.
- 4) The subject property is appraised, as adjusted, at the proper taxable value in accordance with NRS 361.227. The assessed value is 35% of taxable value.
- 5) Any conclusion of law above construed to constitute a finding of fact is adopted as such to the same extent as if originally so denominated.

#### DECISION

The Petition of the Taxpayer is granted based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. The Clark County Comptroller is instructed to correct the assessment roll by adjusting the assessed valuation of the subject property as follows:

2016-2017 Secured Roll

	Taxable Value		Assessed Value	
Parcel Number 163-35-202-026	Established by County Board of Equalization	Revised By State Board	Established by County Board of Equalization	Revised by State Board
Land	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$43,750	\$43,750
Improvements	\$427,943	\$402,019	\$149,780	\$140,707
TOTAL	\$552,943	\$527,019	\$193,530	\$184,457

The Clark County Comptroller is instructed to certify the assessment roll of the county consistent with this decision.

BY THE STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION THIS 27 DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016.

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