



## 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 Tr., 7-20-16, p. 298, ll. 5-7; Record, SBE page 14.*
- 4) The subject property is a single-story residence containing 1,456 square feet, built in 1954 with a swimming pool; and located on Howard Avenue at the intersection of Howard Avenue and Spencer Street in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada. *See Record, SBE pages 6-7.*
- 5) Pursuant to NRS 361.360 (1), any taxpayer aggrieved at the action of the county board of equalization in equalizing, or failing to equalize, the value of his property, or property of others, or a county assessor, may file an appeal with the State Board of Equalization on or before March 10 in the current assessment year. The appeal to the State Board was not first heard by the County Board. *See Record, SBE page 1.*
- 6) The State Board found the Taxpayer did not show substantial circumstances beyond the control of the Taxpayer as to why the appeal was not filed first with the County Board. The State Board declined to accept jurisdiction of the case because administrative remedies available to the Taxpayer had not been exhausted prior to appeal to the State Board. *See Tr., 7-20-16, p. 301, l. 15 through p. 301, l. 5.*
- 7) 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 State Board has authority to determine whether it has jurisdiction to hear a matter. The State Board has the authority to determine matters necessary to carry out the power conferred on the State Board by statute. *Checker, Inc. et al. v. Public Serv. Comm'n*, 84 Nev. 623, 629-630, 446 P.2d 981 (1968).
- 2) The State Board found the Taxpayer did not show circumstances beyond the control of the Taxpayer as to why the appeal was not first filed to the County Board, and declined to accept jurisdiction of the case. *NRS 360.291.*
- 3) The Taxpayer failed to appear at the hearing. Pursuant to NAC 361.708, the State Board proceeded with the hearing.
- 4) 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

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the State Board held it is without jurisdiction to hear case number 16-135. 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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Deonne Contine, Secretary  
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