



LOCAL BOARD OF APPEALS AND EQUALIZATION

City Hall—Council Chambers, 3989 Central Ave NE
Monday, April 27, 2026
5:00 PM

Mayor
Amáda Márquez Simula
Councilmembers
Connie Buesgens
Rachel James
Justice Spriggs
Laurel Deneen
City Manager
Aaron Chirpich

MINUTES

The following are the minutes for the Board of Appeals and Equalization Meeting of the City Council held at 5:00 pm on Monday, April 27, 2026, in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 3989 Central Avenue NE, Columbia Heights, Minnesota.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Márquez Simula called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

Present: Mayor Márquez Simula; Councilmember Deneen; Councilmember James, Councilmember Spriggs.

Absent: Councilmember Buesgens

Also Present: Aaron Chirpich, City Manager; Sara Ion, City Clerk/Council Secretary; Diana Stellmach, Chief Deputy Anoka County Assessor; Brandon Hodge, Anoka County Appraiser; Shane Gurrec, Anoka County Appraiser; Verna Savage, Resident.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 1. Introduction.**
City Manager Aaron Chirpich introduced the members of the Anoka County Assessor Team.
- 2. Statement of Purpose of the Board of Review.**
Mayor Márquez Simula read the Statement of Purpose of the Board of Review as follows:
“To review the property valuations as of January 2, 2026, for taxes payable 2027, and to hear appeals from property owners who feel aggrieved or have questions regarding property valuations”.
- 3. Questions and Answers Regarding Property Values.**
Deputy County Assessor Stellmach gave a brief overview of the documents prepared for the packet and the process for accessing properties in the City of Columbia Heights. Several properties were read into the meeting minutes for follow up: PID 25-30-24-33-0114, 36-30-24-22-0016, 35-30-24-32-0102, 25-30-24-33-0055 and 36-30-24-14-0050
- 4. Council Actions Regarding Specific Cases or Cases on which Additional Information is Required.**
Motion by Councilmember James, seconded by Councilmember Spriggs, to adopt the 2026 assessed value as presented. All Ayes, Motion Carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Márquez Simula adjourned the meeting at 5:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Ion, City Clerk/Council Secretary

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