



California State Board *of* Equalization

BOARD WORK GROUP: 2025 COUNTY ASSESSOR AND ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD (AAB) ISSUES, PART 2 MEETING

**May Lee State Office Complex Auditorium
651 Bannon Street, Sacramento
Wednesday, September 17, 2025**

AGENDA

10:00 a.m. Board Work Group Meeting Convenes

Call to Order

Roll Call

Work Group Participants¹

Assessment Appeals Board Perspective Speakers:

Thomas Parker, AAB Deputy County Counsel,
Assessment Appeals Board, Los Angeles County Board
of Supervisors

Jennifer Tran, Assistant Executive Officer, Los Angeles
County Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors

Ann Moore, Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, San
Diego County

Bhavit Madhvani, Deputy County Counsel, Assessment
Appeals Board, Santa Clara County²

¹ Unless otherwise noted, each participant will present on each of the items on the Work Group agenda in the order listed below. Changes to the speaking order may be necessary for scheduling purposes.

² Mr. Madhvani will not present on Item 5.

Brenden Vlahakis, Chair, Assessment Appeals
Subcommittee, California Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Association (CCBSA), and Assistant Clerk of the Board,
Butte County Board of Supervisors

Melissa Kitts, Assistant Clerk of the Board, Butte County
Board of Supervisors

Assessor Perspective Speakers:

Hon. Jeffrey Prang, Los Angeles County Assessor,
represented by:

Matthew Hererra, Chief Appraiser

Lizzett Cornejo, Chief Appraiser

Alenoosh Sarkissian, Principal Appraiser

Andrew Yim, Information Technology Manager II

Hon. Greg Monteverde, Acting Assessor, Santa Clara
County

Hon. John Tuteur, Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk, Napa
County and Representative, California County Assessor
Information Technology Authority (CCA ITA)

Taxpayer Organization Perspective Speakers: ³

James DePasquale, Board Chair and President,
California Alliance of Taxpayer Advocates

Cris O'Neill, Shareholder, Greenberg Traurig, LLC

Paul Waldman, Partner, Ryan LLC

³ For the Taxpayer Organization Perspective Speakers, Mr. DePasquale will present on Items 2 and 3, Mr. O'Neill will present on Item 4, and Mr. Waldman will present on Item 5.

1. Greetings and Introductory Remarks..... Mr. Vazquez

2. Best Practices – AAB Member Recruitment and Training

Discussion and input on AAB Member recruitment and training, including:

- Current county models and BOE resources for AAB Member training
- Recommendations for BOE collection of data and assistance in training development
- Recommended guidance on appointing AAB Members from other counties when needs exists
- Recommended BOE increasing access to AAB trainings

3. Best Practices – AAB Applications and Applicant Resources

Discussion, input on AAB applications and applicant resources, including:

- BOE and county self-help resources on applications – recommendations for statewide assistance
- Recommended simplification of the current appeals application or development of a simplified version for certain appeals
- Recommended options for addressing excessive or problematic appeal filings.

4. Best Practices – AAB Scheduling Exchange of Information, and Other Procedures.

Discussion and input on AAB procedures, including:

- Recommended methods to encourage timely exchanges of information

- Recommended guidance and practices on good cause
- Recommendations for guidance on AAB scheduling questions
- Possible development of a statewide AAB portal similar to the CCA ITA efforts.

5. Best Practices – AB 1879 Implementation, e-Signatures, and Possible Expansion to AABs.

Discussion and input on e-signature best practices, including:

- Recommendations for BOE guidance on acceptable forms of e-signatures, authentication, and resources
- Recommendations for future expansion of e-signature acceptance into the AAB process.

6. Wrap-Up and Next Steps

Summary of testimony and discussion of information received. Detailed Minutes, Report, and Recommendations to be presented and discussed at October 2025 Board meeting.

Adjourn Board Work Group