



# County of Los Alamos

# Council Meeting Staff Report July 9, 2024

Agenda No.: F.

Indexes (Council Goals): Quality Governance - Communication and Engagement

Presenters: Linda Matteson

Legislative File: 18907-24

## **Title**

Board/Commission Appointment(s) - Property Valuation Protest Board

### **Recommended Action**

I move that Council appoint Kenneth Milder as the Valuation Protests Board Professional Representative; Wendy Keffeler as the Valuation Protests Board Professional Representative - Alternate; Kevin Talley as the Valuation Protests Board Community representative; and Richard Klamann as the Valuation Protests Board Community Representative - Alternate, all for the term July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

Body

The purpose of this item is to appoint four members to the Property Valuation Protests Board.

The purpose of the Valuation Protests Board is to serve as an independent board to hear and make decisions, based on evidence presented and current law, on protests of value determinations made by the County Assessor. This board, mandated by State Statute (Attachment A), consists of three voting members plus three alternates. One member plus an alternate are employees of the State Property Tax Division (PTD). The NM PTD staff member (or alternate) serves as the Chairman of the Valuation Protests Board. Two additional members plus alternates are to be appointed by the County Council.

The members and alternates appointed by the County Council must meet the following requirements: 1) for the Primary Community Representative(s) position - one member and one alternate shall be qualified electors of the county and shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years; 2) for the Professional Representative position - one member and one alternate shall be qualified electors of the county, shall have demonstrated experience in the field of property valuation, and shall be appointed for a term of two years.

The applicants for the four vacant positions are: Wendy Keffeler, Richard Klamann, Kenneth Milder, and Kevin Talley.

#### **Attachments**

A - Valuation Board Ordinance Statue

B - VPB Applications 2024