

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ARAPAHOE COUNTY, COLORADO

TUESDAY, July 8, 2025

At the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for Arapahoe County, Colorado held at the Administration Building, 5334 South Prince Street, Littleton, Colorado on Tuesday, the 8th day of July 2025, there were present:

Leslie Summey, Chair	Commissioner District 4	Present
Jeff Baker, Chair Pro Tem	Commissioner District 3	Present
Carrie Warren-Gully	Commissioner District 1	Present
Jessica Campbell	Commissioner District 2	Absent and Excused
Rhonda Fields	Commissioner District 5	Present
Ron Carl	County Attorney	Present
Joan Lopez	Clerk to the Board	Absent and Excused
Cooney Sarracino	Clerk to the Board	Present
	Administrator	

All draft resolutions hereto presented to the Board, as may have been modified by Board review, are contained herein in final form as approved by the Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-157 It was moved by Commissioner Warren-Gully and duly seconded by Commissioner Fields to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 39-8-102, the Board of County Commissioners may appoint independent referees who are experienced in property valuation to conduct hearings on behalf of the County Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, after said hearings, said referees shall make findings and submit recommendations to the County Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, the Board is desirous of appointing referees who will conduct these protest hearings.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Arapahoe County as follows:

The Board hereby appoints the following seven (7) individuals as referees to conduct protest hearings during the tax year 2024 session of the County Board of Equalization pursuant to Section 39-8-102(2)(i) C.R.S.

Jeff Hamilton	Terry Jenni
Joan Whittlesey	Jack Smith
Rob Roy	Adam Ingram
Timothy Moore	

The vote was:

Commissioner Baker, Yes; Commissioner Campbell, Absent and Excused; Commissioner Holen, Yes; Commissioner Summey, Yes; and Commissioner Warren-Gully, Yes.

The Chair declared the motion carried and so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-158 It was moved by Commissioner Warren-Gully and seconded by Commissioner Fields to make the following appointments and reappointments to the following resident boards and committees representing Arapahoe County beginning July 8, 2025, for terms as prescribed below:

1. **Arapahoe County Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors.** Pursuant to the Foundation's by-laws:
 - a. Appoint Iriana Reyes-Corral for a three-year term.
2. **Community Services Block Grant Advisory Committee.** Pursuant to Resolution No. 23283, the Community Services Block Grant Act (42 USC 9901 *et seq.*) and the requirements of the Colorado Department of Local Affairs:
 - a. Appoint Pamela Jacobsen to a one-year term.
3. **Cultural Council.** Pursuant to the Council's bylaws:
 - a. Reappoint Joanna Floribus for a three-year term.
4. **Planning Commission.** Pursuant to 30-28-103, C.R.S. and Resolution No. 010213:
 - a. Reappoint Richard Sall for a three-year term.

The vote was:

Commissioner Baker, Yes; Commissioner Campbell, Absent; Commissioner Fields, Yes; Commissioner Summey, Yes; Commissioner Warren-Gully, Yes.

The Chair declared the motion carried and so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-159 It was moved by Commissioner Warren-Gully and duly seconded by Commissioner Fields to authorize the Chair to sign the 2025 Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).

The vote was:

Commissioner Baker, Yes; Commissioner Campbell, Absent and Excused; Commissioner Fields, Yes; Commissioner Summey, Yes; Commissioner Warren-Gully, Yes.

The Chair declared the motion carried and so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-160 It was moved by Commissioner Warren-Gully and duly seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve (1) the acceptance of two easements to be granted to the County by the Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority and the Cherry Creek School District for the new Dove Creek Trail and (2) authorizing the Open Spaces Director to sign the easements as presented today.

The vote was:

Commissioner Baker, Yes; Commissioner Campbell, Absent and Excused; Commissioner Fields, Yes; Commissioner Summey, Yes; Commissioner Warren-Gully, Yes

The Chair declared the motion carried and so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-161 It was moved by Commissioner Warren-Gully, and seconded by Commissioner Fields to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Arapahoe County met at a duly and lawfully called meeting held on July 8, 2025; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 39-8-102, the Board, in its role as the County Board of Equalization (“CBOE”), annually reviews assessed property valuations and corrects “any errors made by the assessor, and, whenever in its judgment justice and right so require, it shall raise, lower, or adjust any valuation for assessment in the assessment roll to the end that all valuations for assessment of property are just and equalized within the county”; and

WHEREAS, agreements to settle property tax protests filed with the Board of Assessment Appeals (“BAA”) have been reached on the BAA matters noted below through discussions involving the CBOE Appeals Coordinator, the County Attorney’s Office, the Assessor’s Office, and the taxpayers’ representatives; and

WHEREAS, these agreements have been reached between the taxpayers and the County to change the valuations for assessment as noted, in an effort to further the goal of ensuring that all valuations for assessment are just and equalized within the County; and

WHEREAS, based upon the evidence submitted to the Board on this date, the Board has no reason to disagree with the proposed Stipulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Arapahoe County as follows:

The Board, hereby authorizes the Arapahoe County Attorney to settle the following property tax protest filed with the BAA, for the tax year listed below:

Docket#	Property Owner	Tax Year
2023BAA6053	McDonald Douglas I	2023
2023BAA6167	Tynan & Company	2023
2024BAA935	Toll Southwest LLC	2024
2024BAA936	Lennar Colorado LLC	2024
2024BAA1434	2821 S Parker Property LLC	2024
2024BAA1538	Storage Masters Denver I LLC	2024

2024BAA1798
2025BAA178

Zymotic LLC
George W and Amanda L Ciotti

2021/2022
2023

The vote was

Commissioner Baker, Yes; Commissioner Campbell, Absent and Excused; Commissioner Fields, Yes; Commissioner Summey, Yes; Commissioner Warren-Gully, Yes.

The Chair declared the motion carried and so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-162 It was moved by Commissioner Warren-Gully and duly seconded by Commissioner Fields to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners previously authorized the County Attorney to engage in settlement negotiations in an effort to resolve civil claims asserted by Kendall Austin arising from his civil lawsuit captioned *Austin v. Brown, et al.*, United States District Court of Colorado, Case # 21-cv-02682-RMR-SBP that is also the subject of a pending appellate action in the United States Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals captioned *Austin v. Peterson, et al.*, Case #25-1156 (collectively, the “Lawsuit”); and

WHEREAS, a mutually satisfactory resolution of the claims has been achieved between the parties consistent with the parameters previously designated by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has recommended that the Board formally approve and authorize the terms and execution of a settlement agreement reflective of the agreement negotiated between the parties; and

WHEREAS, the Board has been fully apprised of the facts, circumstances, and terms of the parties’ negotiated settlement agreement and the release of all claims addressed therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners for the County of Arapahoe, Colorado, that the Chair of the Board is authorized execute a settlement agreement on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Arapahoe County for the purpose of fully and finally resolving the civil claims asserted by Kendall Austin arising from his civil lawsuit captioned *Austin v. Brown, et al.*, United States District Court of Colorado, Case # 21-cv-02682-RMR-SBP that is also the subject of a pending appellate action in the United States Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals captioned *Austin v. Peterson, et al.*, Case #25-1156 (collectively, the “Lawsuit”).

The vote was:

Commissioner Baker, Yes; Commissioner Campbell, Excused; Commissioner Fields, Yes; Commissioner Summey, Yes; and Commissioner Warren-Gully, Yes.

The Chair declared the resolution adopted and so ordered.

The foregoing Resolutions from the meeting of July 8, 2025 have been reviewed and approved.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Lisette Summney

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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CLERK TO THE BOARD

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