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Sarasota County seeks applicants for Value Adjustment Board

The Sarasota County commissioners are seeking applicants to serve as the citizen representative to the Value Adjustment Board.

The Value Adjustment Board (VAB) hears appeals from property owners challenging assessments of their property for taxation purposes by the Property Appraiser. The five members of the VAB currently include three county commissioners and two school board members. After Sept. 1, the membership structure will change to include two county commissioners, one school board member and two residents.

Any resident who owns a homesteaded property in Sarasota County is eligible for appointment so long as they are not a member or employee of any taxing authority. Any person representing a property owner in an administrative or judicial review of property taxes is also ineligible for membership on the VAB.

Commissioners will consider appointments to the new advisory committee at their Aug. 26 meeting.

The deadline for applications is 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 18. To apply, go to the county's Web site at www.scgov.net and click on Advisory Boards and Councils. An advisory board application form is available in a pdf format with instructions for completion. Mail applications to the Clerk to the Value Adjustment Board, P.O. Box 8, Sarasota, FL 34230, or hand-deliver them to Board Records, second floor, County Administration Center, 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota.

For more information about the VAB, call the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 and ask for the Board Records office.

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