

COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

Jurisdiction of the Board

The Board of directors may hear any complaint concerning, but not limited to, the items listed below. The Board may not hear complaints concerning appraised value that are the responsibility of the Appraisal Review Board.

1. Appointing the Chief Appraiser
2. Contracting with other appraisal offices, taxing entities or private firms to perform appraisal functions
3. Adopting annual budgets for the operation of the District and any collection functions it may have under contract
4. Determining the method of financing the annual budgets based on cost allocations among taxing entities
5. Purchasing or leasing real property, as well as constructing improvements, to establish the appraisal office
6. Ensuring preparation of annual audits by certified public accountants
7. Selecting a financial institution to deposit funds through bid solicitation
8. Entering into contracts for appraisal functions and for all expenditures in excess of \$5,000 in order to ensure that they comply with the competitive bidding requirements established by law
9. Being a necessary party to lawsuits brought by property owners concerning appraisals
10. Approving the appointment of Agricultural Advisory Board
11. Appointing the members of the Appraisal Review Board and increasing the size of the Board's membership when necessary
12. Administering the District office in any other manner required by law
13. Appraisal Review Board

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Any complaint requiring action by the Board must be filed in writing with the Chief Appraiser. The complaint must adequately describe the situation, the person(s) involved and the action(s) the property owner would like the Board to take concerning the complaint.

Complaint Resolved by Chief Appraiser

The Chief Appraiser will research each complaint for all possible remedies. If the Chief Appraiser and the taxpayer are able to resolve the problem, the Chief Appraiser will report the problem and its resolution to the Board at their next scheduled meeting.

Complaint Unresolved by Chief Appraiser

A property owner that is unable to resolve a complaint with the Chief Appraiser will be granted the opportunity to present the complaint to the Board in person. The complaint will be placed as an action item on the agenda for the next scheduled meeting of the Board.

Special Provisions

If a property owner has impairment and cannot present the complaint in writing, the complaint will be tape recorded and played to the Board in lieu of the written complaint and personal appearance.

A translator will be provided by the District for non-English speaking persons and for the hearing impaired if requested in writing by the property owner.

For those property owners filing a complaint that have a physical, mental or developmental disability, the District will provide the necessary services, including but not limited to, providing the proper arrangement for public forums to include the correct placement of microphones and sufficient area for wheelchairs and other mobility aides.