

CITY OF DETROIT

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT

MEMORANDUM

To: Willie Donwell, Director, Property Assessment Board of Review (BOR)

Through: Council Member Fred Durhal, Chair, Budget, Finance & Audit Standing

Committee

From: Council President Mary Sheffield submitting memorandum relative to

Date: 3/29/2023

RE: Board of Review (BOR) Budget Hearing Questions for FY23-24

SUMMARY:

- 1) What technology or equipment purchases would make the BOR more efficient?
- 2) What type of reporting would help the BOR to be more informed about property values and assessments?
- 3) How many appeals applications did the BOR receive last year?
- 4) Does the BOR of review need more marketing and advertising dollars?
 - a. How many city-wide mailings does the BOR complete annually?
 - i. What was advertised?
- 5) The property tax reform ordinance, will require financial support, what activities in the ordinance do you think should be funded first?
- 6) How many trainings do BOR Members take per year?
 - a. Is additional money needed for BOR training?
- 7) Board of Review members are currently assigned as TASS positions, is this beneficial?

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