

701—72.15(441) Appointment of assessor.

72.15(1) Meeting of the conference board. At the time specified in Iowa Code section 441.6, the conference board shall hold a meeting and take action to appoint an assessor or request permission to hold a special examination. Within ten days of this meeting, the conference board shall notify the director of the appointment or request a special examination. The notice shall include a statement by the conference board stating whether there have been any charges or evidence of any misconduct, nonfeasance, malfeasance, or misfeasance against the appointee. If there have been charges or evidence of any misconduct, nonfeasance, malfeasance, or misfeasance against the appointee, the notice shall include a summary of the misconduct, nonfeasance, malfeasance, or misfeasance and any action taken regarding the misconduct, nonfeasance, malfeasance, or misfeasance. For purposes of this rule, “misconduct” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 441.9.

72.15(2) Time for action. A conference board shall adhere to the time frames specified in Iowa Code section 441.6 in appointing an assessor to fill a vacant position.

72.15(3) Special examination. A request for a special examination shall be made only after the conference board has made a good faith attempt to appoint an assessor from the current register of eligible candidates. The request shall state the reason or reasons the conference board feels the director of revenue should grant permission to hold the special examination.

72.15(4) Confirmation by the director of revenue.

a. The appointee selected by the conference board shall not assume the office of city or county assessor until such appointment is confirmed by the director of revenue. In considering whether to confirm the appointment, the director shall consider any charges or evidence of misconduct, nonfeasance, malfeasance, or misfeasance by the appointee. For purposes of this rule, “misconduct” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 441.9. Within 30 days of receiving the notice contemplated in subrule 72.15(1), the director shall notify the conference board and assessor of the acceptance or rejection of the appointment. An appeal of the director’s decision under this subrule may be made under rule 701—7.37(441).

b. Immediately following selection by the conference board, the appointee assessor shall submit information to the director as required for the director or designee to conduct a background check. The director or designee may review the department’s records and other records in considering whether to confirm the appointment of an assessor.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 441.6.
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