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**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
HOUSING APPEALS BOARD**

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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and Executive Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Pursuant to RSA 94:6, the Housing Appeals Board respectfully requests that Ms. Stephanie N. Verdile, of Gilmanston, New Hampshire, be placed at Step 03 of unclassified salary grade DD, earning \$80,824 annually for the position of Housing Appeals Board board member, Position #9U656, effective retroactive to April 26, 2024, Ms. Verdile's start date, upon Governor and Council approval. 100% General Funds.

**EXPLANATION**

The Housing Appeals Board respectfully requests an entrance salary higher than the minimum salary within the established range of unclassified salary grade DD for Ms. Stephanie N. Verdile, Position #9U656. In accordance with RSA 94:3 and because of Ms. Verdile's considerable professional experience that she brings to the Housing Appeals Board, this board requests a retroactive adjustment to Ms. Verdile's entrance salary to compensate her appropriately for her expertise and service.

RSA 679:2 authorizes the New Hampshire Supreme Court to appoint board members – who are learned and experienced in questions of land use law or housing development or both – to serve on the Housing Appeals Board for staggered terms. The Housing Appeals Board is mandated by its legislation, RSA 679, to "hear and affirm, reverse, or modify, in whole or in part, appeals of final decisions of municipal boards, committees, and commissions regarding questions of housing and housing development." An adjudication of this board has immediate and real implications for stakeholders involved. "In matters within its authority, the board shall have concurrent, appellant jurisdiction with the superior court." RSA 679:7, I.

Ms. Verdile's education includes two bachelor's degrees. Her first degree, obtained in 1990, is a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from Marywood University (formerly Marywood College) in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Her second degree, obtained in 1995, is a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Science, Concentration in Natural Resource Planning and Management, from the State University of New York at Plattsburgh in Plattsburgh, New York.

Ms. Verdile's career has included over 23 years in various New Hampshire state and municipal planning departments – the last six (6) years of which she served as a Principal Planner for the

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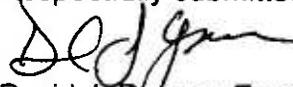
New Hampshire Office of Planning and Development (OPD), formerly the New Hampshire Office of Strategic Initiatives. Her experience includes a broad working knowledge of land use boards and their application processes, as well as the organization and duties of municipal land use boards.

Before working for OPD, Ms. Verdile worked in municipal land use departments in Laconia, Alton and Gilford for eighteen (18) years where she was the board clerk for planning boards, zoning boards, a historic district and heritage commission, and conservation commissions. For six (6) years she was the Town Planner for the Town of Pembroke where she was staff to the planning board. In her community, Ms. Verdile was an elected member of the Alton Planning Board in 2004, as well as a Commissioner to the Lakes Region Planning Commission in 2024, representing the Town of Gilmanton.

Based upon Ms. Verdile's extensive experience as a planner and involved member of the land use community, the Housing Appeals Board respectfully requests that Ms. Verdile be placed at Step 03 of unclassified salary grade DD, earning \$80,824 annually for the position of Housing Appeals Board board member, Position #9U656, effective retroactive to April 26, 2024, Ms. Verdile's start date, upon Governor and Council approval.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chair, Housing Appeals Board