

The Thousand Oaks Community Development District is a special purpose unit of local government created under Florida Law, chapter 190, for the purpose of financing, constructing, operating, and maintaining community-wide infrastructure, improvements, and services for the benefit of the properties within its boundaries.



# PALM BEACH COUNTY REGULAR BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 12, 2024 4:15 p.m.

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#### AGENDA THOUSAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# Thousand Oaks HOA Office 1034 Center Stone Lane Riviera Beach, Florida 33404 **REGULAR BOARD MEETING** February 12, 2024

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#### PALM BEACH

#### STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PALM BEACH:

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared ANGELINA GARAY, who on oath says that he or she is the LEGAL CLERK, Legal Notices of the Palm Beach Daily Business Review f/k/a Palm Beach Review, of Palm Beach County, Florida; that the attached copy of advertisement, being a Legal Advertisement of Notice in the matter of

THOUSAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE -NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE THOUSAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT WILL HOLD REGULAR MEETINGS AT 4:15 P.M., ETC.

#### in the XXXX Court,

was published in a newspaper by print in the issues of Palm Beach Daily Business Review f/k/a Palm Beach Review on

09/29/2023

Affiant further says that the newspaper complies with all legal requirements for publication in chapter 50, Florida Statutes.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29 day of SEPTEMBER, A.D. 2023

(SEAL) ANGELINA GARAY personally known to me



#### THOUSAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors of the Thousand Oaks Community Development District will hold Regular Meetings at 4:15 p.m. in the Thousand Oaks HOA Office located at 1034 Center Stone Lane, Riviera Beach, Florida 33404, on the following dates: October 9, 2023 November 13, 2023 December 11, 2023 January 8, 2024

February 12, 2024 March 4, 2024 April 8, 2024 May 13, 2024 June 10, 2024 July 8, 2024 July 8, 2024 August 12, 2024 September 9, 2024 The purpose of the meetings is to

the bulk of the meetings is to conduct any business coming before the Board. The meetings are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of law. Copies of the Agendas for any of the meetings may be obtained from the District's website or by contacting the District Manager at (561) 630-4922 and/or toll free at 1-877-737-4922 prior to the date of the particular meeting.

From time to time one or more Supervisors may participate by telephone; therefore, at the location of these meetings there will be a speaker telephone present so that interested persons can attend the meetings at the above location and be fully informed of the discussions taking place either in person or by telephone communication. Meetings may be continued as found necessary to a time and place specified on the record.

If any person decides to appeal

any decision made with respect to any matter considered at these meetings, such person will need a moord of the proceedings and such person may need to mure that a verbahm record of the proceedings R made at his or her own superise and which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is based In accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations or an interpreter to perficipate at any of these meeting should contact the District Manager at (561) 630-4922 and/or toll free at 1-877-737-4922 at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the perticular meetng Meetings may be cancelled from time to time without advertised notice. THOUSAND GAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 9/29 23-03/0000685721P

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#### THOUSAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING JANUARY 8, 2024

# A. CALL TO ORDER

The January 8, 2024, Regular Board Meeting of the Thousand Oaks Community Development District (the "District") was called to order at 4:17 p.m. in the Thousand Oaks' HOA Office located at 1034 Center Stone Lane, Riviera Beach, Florida 33404.

#### **B. PROOF OF PUBLICATION**

Proof of publication was presented that notice of the Regular Board Meeting had been published in the *Palm Beach Post* on September 29, 2023, as part of the District's Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Regular Board Meeting, as legally required.

#### C. MOMENT OF SILENCE

### D. ESTABLISH A QUORUM

A quorum was established by the presence of Chairman Jeff Jackson, Vice Chairman Rance Gaede and Supervisors Malachi Knowles, Horace Towns and Corey Smith.

Staff present included District Manager Sylvia Bethel of Special District Services, Inc.

#### E. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

# F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### 1. December 11, 2023, Regular Board Meeting

The minutes of the December 11, 2023, Regular Board Meeting were presented for consideration.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Knowles, seconded by Mr. Smith and passed unanimously approving the minutes of the December 11, 2023, Regular Board Meeting, as presented.

# G. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments from the public for items not on the agenda.

#### H. OLD BUSINESS

#### 1. Update on Newsletter and Website

Mr. Knowles indicated he was short on response and requested that this item be placed on the February agenda.

#### 2. Update on Fountain Installation

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Ms. Bethel advised that when she had spoken with the vendor, they indicated that the fountain arrival and installation would be completed in 3 weeks.

# 3. Update Regarding Encroachment Issue

Ms. Bethel advised that she had met with Mr. Wells who indicated that the project had been completed with the exception of a few minor changes and would be ready for presentation at the February meeting.

### 4. Update on 1277 Rosegate Boulevard Swell Issue

Ms. Bethel advised that she had reached out to the engineer who sent several e-mails to different vendors. One vendor came out late last week to inspect the location and advised that the proposal would be ready soon.

# 5. Update on Fence Line Maintenance (Northern/Western)

Ms. Bethel stated that it was determined at the last meeting that this was HOA property, however, she called Mock Ross several times and left messages with no return calls. Mr. Gaede stated that this should be removed from the agenda and the HOA would take it over from here.

# 6. Update on Tree Trimming Project along Congress

Ms. Bethel stated the project had been completed, however, at the last meeting Mr. Jackson stated that some trees were removed due to holiday lights. Therefore, Ms. Bethel is awaiting the revised invoice for the Board's review.

### 7. Update on Pressure Cleaning of Sidewalk along Congress

Ms. Bethel advised that this project would begin January 25 – January 31.

# 8. Update Regarding Fountain Repairs

Ms. Bethel indicated that she had followed up with the vendor and found out that the part will ship this week and should be installed by the end of next week. Mr. Knowles stated that he was very dissatisfied with this vendor and that he sent an email to Ms. Bethel and is unsure as to why it was not shared with the Board. The fountain has been without lights since October and no payments should be released to the vendor until it is repaired. Ms. Bethel stated that the company that ships the lights were closed for the holidays and that the part was under warranty so the District will be billed only for labor. The vendor has not yet sent an invoice because the lights have not been replaced and payments are not released until the job has been completed. Mr. Gaede stated, for future repairs, maybe they can look at other companies if they warranty fountain their parts.

### 9. Update on Preserve/Dry Conservation Project

Ms. Bethel indicated she had spoken with Mr. Russ and they had some setbacks due to other companies cutting trees on the property but said this would be completed today. Ms. Bethel stated once this project has been completed and Mr. Jackson returns from his conference, she will schedule a ride-through with Messrs. Jackson and Russ.

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# 10. Update on 2024 Conferences

Mr. Knowles stated that the Palm Beach County Day Conference was this week. Messrs. Jackson and Towns should be on their way, if not already there.

He further stated that the National League of Cities was in Washington this February/March and he does not deem this beneficial to attend. However, the Florida League of Cities would benefit the Board and he suggests that all Board Members attend, as he would like to attend himself.

Ms. Bethel stated that the FASD conference in Orlando would be held June 10-13 this year. Mr. Palen normally sends an email to the Board with information about this conference.

# I. NEW BUSINESS

There were no New Business items to come before the Board.

# J. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

There were no Administrative Matters to come before the Board.

# K. ATTORNEY MATTERS

Ms. Bethel advised that Mr. Palen was still out but should be at the February meeting.

# L. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Jackson stated that Mr. Wells had completed his project and there were some trees on CDD property that needed to be cut. He would like a motion for a not to exceed amount of \$5,000/\$10,000 to get this done. Mr. Knowles asked if this could wait until the next meeting. Mr. Smith stated he would like to have more information before making a decision. Mr. Jackson stated he wanted to get it completed at the same time as the HOA, since they are already trimming trees, but it can wait until the next meeting.

Mr. Towns stated that the trademarking needed additional questions answered and the attorney that initially completed this for the District had since passed. He will need to find another attorney to complete this task. Mr. Jackson asked if this could be taken care of now. Mr. Towns stated once he finds an attorney, then he can get with Ms. Bethel to move forward.

# M. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Knowles, seconded by Mr. Smith and passed unanimously.

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Royal Palms		Royal Palms trimmed	50.		200.00
Sabal Palms		Sabal Palms trimmed	40.		4,480.00
		Tree Services @ Thousand Oaks Master Association, Inc. 1085 Center Stone Lane Riviera Beach, FL 33404 ROADSIDE BERM			
Item	Quantity	Description	Rate	Location	Amount
					Due on receipt

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Item	Item Quantity Description		Rate	Location	Amount
Brazilian Pe	2	Brazilian Pepper removed/base cut	87.50		175.00
Tree Removal	2	Silver Buttonwood Tree Removal/base cut	137.50		275.00
Buttonwoo	2	Silver Buttonwood Tree trimmed	137.50		275.00
Saw Palmet	4	Saw Palmetto Cluster trimmed back off sidewalk only	50.00		200.00
Cypress Tree	4	Cypress Tree trimmed	100.00		400.00
Tree Removal	9	Holly Tree Removal/base cut	75.00		675.00
Holly Tree	8	Holly Tree trimmed	34.375		275.00
Palm Trees	m Trees TERMS: The Palm Trees will be trimmed at the 9-3 o'clock level. The seed pods and fruit will be removed.				
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**Payments/Credits** 

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Item	Quantity	Description		Rate	Location	Amount
Raise		Raise: Selective pruning t vertical clearance	o provide			
Base Cut		Base of tree/stump is the p that remains after the main removed. It was formerly the tree, which is now good	n tree is the base of			
Rep	Thank you for	your business, we appreciate it very	much!		Total	



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Rep	Thank you for	your business, we appreciate it ver	y much!		Total	1
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Debris		Complete clean-up and o is included in this estimate	lebris removal ate/invoice.			
Convenienc		For all credit card transa Trees LLC will assess a non-refundable convenie	2.75%			
Rep	Thank you for	your business, we appreciate it ver	y much!		Total	\$11,905.00
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From: Frank Palen spalen@caldwellpacetti.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 12:25 PM
To: Corey Smith (cmsmithlaw@gmail.com) <cmsmithlaw@gmail.com</pre>; Horace Towns
(thehoracetowns@gmail.com) <thehoracetowns@gmail.com</pre>; Jeffery Jackson (jack3177@aol.com)
<jack3177@aol.com</pre>; Malachi Knowles (malachiknowles@icloud.com) <malachiknowles@icloud.com</pre>; Rance Gaede (gaeder@yahoo.com) <gaeder@yahoo.com</pre>
Cc: Sylvia Bethel <sbethel@sdsinc.org</pre>
Subject: FW: Save the Date for Blazin' Saddles

# Dear Board of Supervisors,

FYI. Mark your calendars. Sounds like a country western experience this year! Don't forget your boots. Frank

Frank S. Palen, Esq., AICP Caldwell Pacetti Edwards Schoech & Viator LLP FCB Bank Building 1555 Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard, Suite 1200 West Palm Beach, Florida 33401 Tel.: (561) 655-0620 Fax: (561) 655-3775 E-mail: palen@caldwellpacetti.com

From: FASD Events <angela@fasd.ccsend.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 4:30 PM
To: Frank Palen palen@caldwellpacetti.com>
Subject: Save the Date for Blazin' Saddles

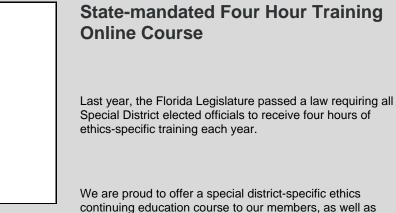
Join us for the FASD Annual Conference - Blazin' Saddles, scheduled June 10 - 13, 2024, at the Rosen Plaza in Orlando, FL.

This year's conference will be both fun-filled and educational as we plan for new and innovative ways to strengthen special purpose government through education, the exchange of ideas, and active involvement in the legislative process.

With fresh sponsorship opportunities, additional evening events, impactful preconference courses, and an array of new speakers, the year's Annual Conference is guaranteed to be a success.

To provide a sneak peek into what awaits, here's a preview of the speakers and events that have been confirmed:

# MONDAY, JUNE 10



non-members. We are bringing the state-required ethics course to you in-person at our Annual Conference.

This will require a separate sign up during Annual Conference registration.

# **TUESDAY, JUNE 11**

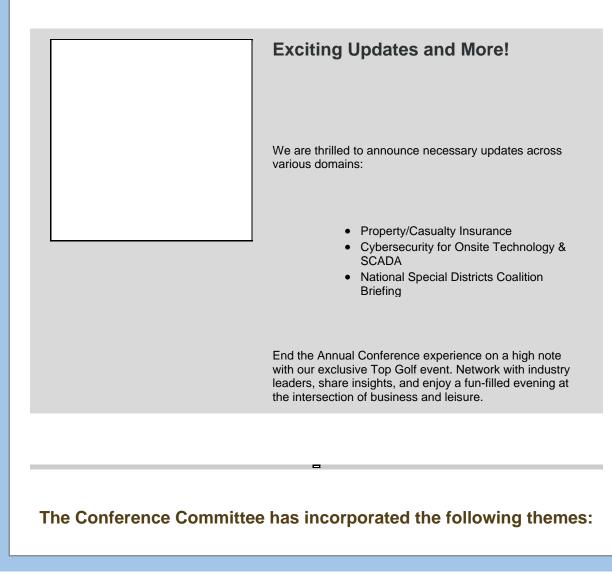
# Samantha Livingstone, Olympic Gold Medalist

Keynote Speaker

It's time to develop the skills, strategies, and supports to help you and those you lead to positively cope with challengers, stress, and struggle so you can live free, lead mindfully, and rise through hard things.

It's time to cultivate greatness and fulfillment by honoring our whole-selves.

# WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12



Monday, June 10	Badges & Buckles					
Tuesday, June 11	Boots & Cowboy Hats					
Wednesday, June 12	Wild West Wednesday					
FASD.com						
Florida Association of Special Districts   120 S Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301						
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Remainder: \$1,150.00

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# SLB General Contracting, LLC

6900 Barbour Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33407 Phone: 561-619-6822 Fax: 561-660-5349

#### Proposal

	Special District Services Attn: Sylvia Bethel	Date:	January 8, 2	024	
	2501A Burns Road	Project:	Thousand Oaks		
	Palm Beach Gardens FI, 33410		Palm Beach		
	561.630.4922 ext 227		Palm Beach Gardens		
	sbethel@sdsinc.org				
	SCOPE OF WORK	<u>QTY</u>	UNITS	<u>UNIT \$</u>	TOTALS
1	Mobilization	1	LS	\$1,160.00	\$1,160.00
2	Replace Rip Rap outfall pad at structures #5, #10, #16, #27, #64, & #116 - includes removal of existing rip rap bags, regrade to remove hump, install new rip rap bags on filter fabric with last two rows of bags pinned, sod disturbed access points.				
		1	Ls	\$46,950.00	\$46,950.00
3	Box Culvert structure #126 & #125 - Remove excess soil in front of and inside each		1.0		
	end of box culvert and sod disturbed areas	1	Ls	\$3,850.00	\$3,850.00
				Total	\$51,960.00

#### NOTES

1 No surveys or engineering is included.

2 We have excluded any permits and permit costs.

3 We have excluded the watering and grow-in of sod.

Thank you for allowing SLB General Contracting the opportunity to bid this project. Please contact us with any questions regarding the above.

Respectfully,

SLB General Contracting, LLC

Accepted:

Date:

#### A RESOLUTION NO. 2022-001 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THOUSAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AMENDING RESOLUTION 2018-05 (TRAVEL AND TRAINING EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY); PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Thousand Oaks Community Development District (the "District") is an independent special district of the State of Florida established by and operating in accordance with Chapter 190, F.S. and Ordinances 2968 and 2989 of the City of Riviera Beach, Florida (collectively, the "Authorizing Legislation"); and

WHEREAS, Section 112.061(14), F.S., confers the authority for a special district, as defined in Section 189.403(1), F.S., to establish rates that vary from the per diem rate, subsistence rate or the mileage rate for travel reimbursements provided in subparagraphs 6(a), 6(b) and 7(d) of Section 112.061, F.S.; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District previously adopted Resolution 2018-05 on June 11, 2018 creating a Travel and Training Expense Policy in accordance with and pursuant to the authorization set forth in Section 112.061(14), F.S., and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of the District wishes to amend Resolution 2018-05 to revise the allowable reimbursement amounts, as stipulated in Exhibit, and

#### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THOUSAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board of Supervisors approves and adopts the Travel and Training Expense Reimbursement Policy attached hereto as **Exhibit** "A" and made a part hereof.

2. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

3. This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption

THIS RESOLUTION PASSED AND WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THOUSAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ON May 9, 2022.

ATTEST:

Assistant Secretary

THOUSAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

By:

[22-0509]

#### **EXHIBIT "A"**

#### THOUSAND OAKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TRAVEL AND TRAINING EXPENSE POLICY

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to set forth the policy and procedures for travel and training advances and expense reconciliation for the Board of Supervisors and District staff.

#### POLICY

This policy establishes guidelines for allowable expenses and the procedure for accurate and timely accounting for and reconciliation of travel and training expenses.

#### PROCEDURES

General guidelines for travel and training expenses:

- 1. Travel for training and other public purposes shall be approved by the Biard of Supervisors.
- 2. Travel and training expenses shall reflect correct and complete expenditures (registration fees, lodging, transportation, etc.) that were incurred by the requesting party and shall be accompanied by original receipts.
- 3. Reimbursement should be requested within a reasonable time, generally fourteen (14) working days of return.
- 4. No reimbursement shall be allowed where those costs are incurred and accounted by another person (i.e., two persons traveling in one vehicle cannot claim duplicate mileage/travel costs).
- Subsistence shall be reduced for any meals or lodging included in the conference, seminar or meeting registration.
- 6. No reimbursement shall be allowed for the spouse or any other traveling companion of a Supervisor or District employee.
- 7. No reimbursement shall be allowed for costs not actually incurred.
- 8. All travel expenses incurred by a Supervisor must be approved in advance by the Board of Supervisors.
- 9. A photocopy of the program or agenda of the conference, seminar or meeting itemizing meals, lodging or fees must be attached to the request of reimbursement, when available.

10. The District Administrator will verify receipts and expenses to District guidelines.

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11. Unless otherwise provided in this Policy, the requirements of Section 112.061, Florida Statutes, shall apply to travel advances and reimbursements.

#### **GUIDELINES FOR CALCULATING REASONABLE EXPENSES**

The traveler may be reimbursed

1. <u>Either for</u> the Per Diem Reimbursement Rate provided by the current U.S. General Services Administration Travel Policy (<u>https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates</u>) for the place of destination;

#### <u>or for</u>

- 2. Actual expenses for lodging at a single-occupancy or convention rate, to be substantiated by paid bills therefor; *plus*
- 3. Payment for Subsistence/Meals & Incidentals actually incurred, limited to the following per diem:

Breakfast:	\$20
Lunch:	\$25
Dinner:	\$40

- 4. Meals or lodging included in the registration fee will be deducted from reimbursement.
- 5. Tips on food will be reimbursed on a reasonable and appropriate basis (i.e., not to exceed 20% on food).
- 6. No entertainment or alcoholic beverage expenses shall be reimbursed.
- 7. Unless specifically approved by the Board of Supervisors, travel will be limited to locations within the State of Florida.

### TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES

- 12. Airfare The traveler should arrange for the most economical means of airfare possible, taking advantage of special rates, when available. Reimbursement shall generally not exceed the reasonable cost of commercial airfare, including transportation to and from the airport.
- 13. Mileage The rate of reimbursement for the use of a personal car will be \$0.65 per mile. Travel must be by the most direct, usually-traveled route as determined by the District.
- 14. Rental Car A copy of the lease agreement must be provided.
- 15. Taxi/Limousine Service Receipts must be provided.
- 16. Tolls/Parking Facilities Receipts must be provided.

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#### **OTHER REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES**

- 1. Convention Registration Fee (including fess for extras events that enhance the public purpose) approved by the District.
- 2. Communication expenses.

#### **TRAVEL ADVANCES**

Travel advances may be approved by the Board of Supervisors to cover the reasonable anticipated costs of travel.

#### **EXPENDITURE CERTIFICATION & DECLARATION**

All claims for a **travel advance** shall be accompanied by an appropriate justification and shall contain a statement executed by the traveler, as follows:

"I hereby certify that the above estimated expenses are anticipated to be incurred by me as necessary traveling expenses in the performance of my official duties; attendance at the conference or convention directly relates to the official duties of the agency; any meals or lodging included in the registration fee have been deducted from this travel advance request. If the travel advance exceeds actual travel expenses incurred, I will refund to the District the remaining unexpended funds within 10 days after completion of the travel period."

All claims for **reimbursement of expenses** shall be accompanied by a written certification that "the expenses were actually incurred by the traveler as necessary travel expenses in the performance of official duties", and shall be verified by a written declaration that the claim "is true and correct in every material matter."