



New York State
Department of Economic Development
Division of Minority and Women's
Business Development

In the matter of the appeal of

Haas, Inc.

FINAL ORDER 17-66

From a denial of certification as a Women-owned Business Enterprise pursuant to Executive Law Article 15-A.

This order arises from an administrative appeal brought on behalf of Haas, Inc. (“Haas”) pursuant to section 144.4 of title 5 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations. Appellant seeks reversal of the decision of the Division of Minority and Women’s Business Development (the “Division”), dated December 12, 2016, to deny Haas certification as a Women-owned Business Enterprise (“WBE”).

This appeal was assigned to Administrative Law Judge Daniel P. O’Connell. Appellant appeared *pro se* at an appeal hearing concerning this matter on September 19, 2017. Mr. Phillip Harmonick, Esq. represented the Division. A recording of the proceedings is contained in the appeal record.

The issues on appeal were whether the woman owner of Haas: contributed money, property, equipment, or expertise proportionate to her equity interest in the business; possessed adequate managerial experience or technical competence to operate the business enterprise; and made decisions pertaining to the operations of the business enterprise.

On November 09, 2017, the Division received from Administrative Law Judge O’Connell a Recommended Order that recommended affirmation of the Division’s denial of the application to certify Haas as a WBE on the grounds set forth in the Division’s December 12, 2016 letter.

After considering the appeal record, I accept the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge as it pertains to the facts of this case. Incorporation by reference is hereby made with respect to the findings and conclusions of the Recommended Order.

It is hereby **ORDERED** that the decision to deny certification, dated December 12, 2016, is affirmed. Accordingly, Haas will not be listed in the Division's directory of certified Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises.

November 16, 2017



Lourdes Zapata
Executive Director
Division of Minority and Women's
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