



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

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In the matter of the appeal of

**King Ventures, LLC**

FINAL ORDER 17-44

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

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This order arises from an administrative appeal brought on behalf of King Ventures, LLC ("King Ventures") 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 September 19, 2016, to deny King Ventures certification as a Women-owned Business Enterprise ("WBE").

This appeal was assigned to Administrative Law Judge Lisa A. Wilkinson. Ms. Hadassah Klein submitted a written appeal on behalf of King Ventures on October 11, 2016. Mr. Phillip Harmonick, Esq. submitted a response on behalf of the Division on June 16, 2017. The respective submissions of the parties are contained in the appeal record.

The issues on appeal were whether Ms. Klein owned at least fifty-one percent of King Ventures and made contributions of money, property, equipment, or expertise to the business proportionate to her equity interest therein.

On July 17, 2017, the Division received from Administrative Law Judge Wilkinson a Recommended Order that recommended affirmation of the Division's denial of the application to certify King Ventures as a WBE on the grounds set forth in the Division's September 19, 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 September 19, 2016, is affirmed. Accordingly, King Ventures will not be listed in the Division's directory of certified Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises.

July 18, 2017



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Lourdes Zapata  
Executive Director  
Division of Minority and Women's  
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