



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

**Supreme Group, Inc.**

FINAL ORDER 18-44

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 Supreme Group, Inc. ("Supreme Group") pursuant to section 144.2 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 April 3, 2017, to deny Supreme Group certification as a Women-owned Business Enterprise ("WBE").

Appellant, through counsel, initiated this appeal and requested a hearing on April 20, 2017. An Appeal Hearing on this matter had initially been scheduled for November 13, 2017, however, Appellant was unable to appear on that date and the proceeding was rescheduled to occur on August 13, 2018, for this matter to be heard. The hearing occurred as scheduled before Administrative Law Judge Lisa A. Wilkinson. Joseph Andruzzi, Esq., of Bethpage, New York, represented Appellant, and Gretchen Robinson, Esq., represented the Division.

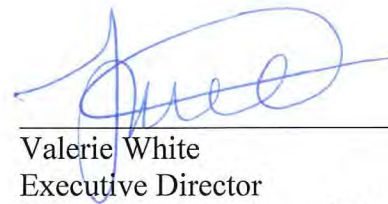
The issues on appeal were whether Supreme Group demonstrated that Ms. Lisa Bozan, as the woman owner, shares in the risks and profits of the business enterprise proportionate to her ownership interests, as required by 5 NYCRR § 144.2(c)(2); and whether the business enterprise has demonstrated adequate managerial experience or technical competence to operate the business enterprise, as required by 5 NYCRR § 144.2(b)(1)(i).

On October 29, 2018, the Division received a Recommended Order from Administrative Law Judge Wilkinson that recommended affirmation of the Division's denial of the application to certify Supreme Group as a WBE on the grounds set forth in the Division's April 3, 2017 denial 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 April 3, 2017, is affirmed. Accordingly, Supreme Group will not be listed in the Division's directory for Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises.

January 16, 2019



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