



# Citizen Commission for Performance Measurement of Tax Preferences

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Meeting Minutes  
May 16, 2014  
John A. Cherberg Building  
Senate Hearing Room 3  
Olympia, WA

**Members Present:**

William A. Longbrake  
Ron Bueing  
Rep. Kathy Haigh

Stephen Miller  
Grant Forsyth  
State Auditor Troy Kelley

**Members Absent:**

Lily Kahng

**Staff:**

Keenan Konopaski  
Mary Welsh  
Peter Heineccius  
Marilyn Richter  
Ashley Elliott

John Woolley  
Dana Lynn  
Eric Whitaker  
Matt Stoutenburg  
Stacia Hollar, AGO

### CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Commission Chair William Longbrake welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

#### 1. Approval of October 18, 2013, Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the October 18, 2013, meeting minutes.

The motion was seconded and carried. (See TVW recording at [0:00:00](#))

#### 2A. Public Records/Open Public Meetings Act Training

Stacia Hollar, with the Attorney General’s Office, presented training on the Public Records Act and Records Retention. (See TVW recording at [0:00:40](#))

Stacia Hollar also presented training on the Open Public Meetings Act. Commissioners discussed public disclosure of personal email accounts. Keenan Konopaski, Legislative Auditor, said that commissioners could elect to use email accounts created for them by JLARC staff. (See TVW recording at [0:17:19](#))

## **2B. Legislative Auditor's Report: Tax Preference Performance Statement Drafting Guide**

Keenan Konopaski presented the Legislative Auditor's report on drafting tax preference performance statements. (See TVW recording at [0:37:49](#))

## **2C. Legislative Session Update**

John Woolley, Deputy Legislative Auditor, briefed the Commission on the 2014 Legislative Session and its impact on staff resources. (See TVW recording at [0:50:05](#))

Keenan Konopaski briefed the Commission about additional directives and expectations from the Legislature contained in recent tax preference legislation. As a test case, JLARC staff will assess the accuracy of the fiscal note for Nonprofit Blood and Tissue Banks outside of the normal review schedule. (See TVW recording at [1:10:30](#))

The Chair reminded commission members that the terms of the Chair and Vice-Chair will expire in August, 2014, and that members will need to select officers at the August meeting. (See TVW recording at [1:15:25](#))

## **3. 2014 Expedited Tax Preference Report**

The Commission discussed possible questions the commission could ask stakeholders to consider when testifying regarding tax preferences. The Commission indicated it is interested in soliciting testimony from stakeholders for certain tax preferences receiving expedited review. The Chair and Commissioner Miller indicated they will work to develop a list of such preferences for the Commission's consideration at the August meeting. (See TVW recording at [1:15:50](#))

## **4. Ratifying Revised 2014 Review of Tax Preferences**

Keenan Konopaski presented a list of staff adjustments to the 2014 Tax Preference Review Schedule.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the revised 2014 Review Schedule.

The motion was seconded and carried. (See TVW recording at [1:43:43](#))

## **5. 2015 Preview Documents**

The Commission discussed the priority of the preferences JLARC should review in 2015, based on available resources. (See TVW recording at [1:47:35](#))

## **6. Approval of 2015 Review Schedule**

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the 2015 Review Schedule and Ten-Year Schedule as revised by the Commission.

The motion was seconded and carried. (See TVW recording at [2:07:34](#))

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Chair asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to provide public testimony. There was none.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.