



Citizen Commission for Performance Measurement of Tax Preferences

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Board of Directors, BECU
Lily Kahng, Vice Chair
Seattle University Law School
Ronald Bueing
PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLC

Dr. Grant D. Forsyth
Avista Corp
Stephen B. Miller
Washington Education Association

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:
Representative Kathy Haigh
Chair, Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee
Troy Kelley
State Auditor

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Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2014
John A. Cherberg Building
Senate Hearing Room 3
Olympia, WA

Members Present:

William A. Longbrake
Ron Bueing
Lily Kahng

Stephen Miller
Grant Forsyth
Rep. Kathy Haigh

Members Absent:

Troy Kelley

Staff:

Keenan Konopaski
Mary Welsh
Peter Heineccius
Marilyn Richter
Ashley Elliott
Jack Brumbaugh

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

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Keenan Konopaski, Legislative Auditor, called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. He explained that the Commission needed to elect a Chair and Vice Chair.

1. ACTION ITEMS

Election of Officers

Keenan Konopaski asked for nominations for Chair.

MOTION: A motion was made to elect William A. Longbrake as Chair of the Commission.
The motion was seconded and carried. (See TVW recording at [0:00:00](#))

The Chair asked for nominations for Vice-Chair.

MOTION: A motion was made to elect Lily Kahng as Vice Chair of the Commission.
The motion was seconded and carried. (See TVW recording at [0:02:10](#))

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Approval of May 16, 2014, Meeting Minutes

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the May 16, 2014, meeting minutes.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the May 16, 2014, meeting minutes.

The motion was seconded and carried. (See TVW recording at [0:03:10](#))

Conflict of Interest Policy

Stacia Hollar, Assistant Attorney General, answered questions regarding the Commission's Conflict of Interest policy. The Commission discussed disclosing communications about specific preferences that take place between third parties and individual Commissioners outside of a public meeting. Stacia Hollar will draft a proposed policy for the Commission's consideration. (See TVW recording at [0:03:33](#))

Open Public Meetings Act

Stacia Hollar answered questions regarding the Open Public Meetings Act. (See TVW recording at [0:16:10](#))

Discussion of General Public Testimony Questions/Expedited Preferences of Note

The Commission discussed the Chair's draft language for soliciting public testimony. The Chair suggested that written testimony provided to the Commission be posted to the Commission's public website.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the Chair's language for requesting public comment.

The motion was seconded and carried. (See TVW recording at [0:20:50](#))

The Commission discussed the Chair's draft language for soliciting public testimony regarding specific tax preferences receiving an expedited review in 2014. Staff will prepare a table with information about all of the expedited preferences based on a template provided by Commissioner Miller. (See TVW recording at [0:29:23](#))

2. STAFF REPORTS

Status of Past Recommendations

John Woolley, Deputy Legislative Auditor, presented a summary of legislative action on recommendations made in prior years. The Commission discussed the impact of having expiration dates on tax preferences. (See TVW recording at [01:00:43](#))

2014 Preliminary Report

John Woolley, Mary Welsh, and Dana Lynn with JLARC staff presented the 2014 Tax Preference Reviews to the Commission. Grant Forsyth disclosed he works for Avista, which is involved in the sale and resale of electricity. Ron Bueing disclosed he has clients that use the preference for International Investment Management Services (B&O Tax). (See TVW recording at [01:17:30](#))

PUBLIC COMMENT

LeAnn Webber, representing Russell Investments, testified regarding the preference for International Investment Management Services (B&O Tax). (See TVW recording at [03:07:35](#))

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.