



# Citizen Commission for Performance Measurement of Tax Preferences

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Chair, Joint Legislative Audit  
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**Troy Kelley**  
State Auditor

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Meeting Minutes  
September 19, 2014  
John A. Cherberg Building  
Senate Hearing Room 3  
Olympia, WA

### Members Present:

William A. Longbrake  
Ron Bueing  
Rep. Kathy Haigh

Lily Kahng  
Grant Forsyth  
State Auditor Troy Kelley

### Members Absent:

Stephen Miller

### Staff:

Keenan Konopaski  
Mary Welsh  
Peter Heineccius  
Marilyn Richter  
Ashley Elliott

Jack Brumbaugh  
Dana Lynn  
Eric Whitaker  
Matt Stoutenburg  
Stacia Hollar, AGO

### CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

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

### 1. Action Item: Approval of August 15, 2014, Meeting Minutes

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the August 15, 2014, meeting minutes.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the August 15, 2014, meeting minutes.

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

### 2. Tentative Dates for 2015 Commission Meetings

The Commission discussed the meeting schedule for 2015. The Commission decided to move the start time for 2015 meetings to 10:00 a.m. The proposed meeting dates for 2015 were revised to May 22, August 14, September 18, and October 16. The Commission will discuss the next ten-year cycle at the May 22, 2015, meeting. (See TVW recording at [0:01:16](#))

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## **3. Process for Adopting Commission Comments on the 2014 Tax Preference Performance Reviews**

The Commission discussed the process they will use at the October meeting for adopting comments on the 2014 Tax Preference Performance Reviews. (See TVW recording at [0:09:20](#))

## **4. Public Comment on 2014 Tax Preference Performance Reviews**

The Commission heard public comment on the 2014 tax preference performance reviews. The Chair asked that testimony be restricted to five minutes each. (See TVW recording at [0:20:16](#))

Andrew Nicholas, representing the Washington State Budget and Policy Center, testified regarding the Aerospace Industry Tax Preferences (B&O, Sales and Use, Property, and Leasehold Excise Taxes). (See TVW recording at [00:21:20](#))

Thomas Cafcas, representing Good Jobs First, testified regarding the Aerospace Industry Tax Preferences (B&O, Sales and Use, Property, and Leasehold Excise Taxes). (See TVW recording at [00:26:28](#))

Ray Goforth, representing the Society of Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace (SPEEA), testified regarding the Aerospace Industry Tax Preferences (B&O, Sales and Use, Property, and Leasehold Excise Taxes). (See TVW recording at [00:51:29](#))

Jon Holden, representing the International Association of Machinists (IAM) District 751, testified regarding the Aerospace Industry Tax Preferences (B&O, Sales and Use, Property, and Leasehold Excise Taxes). (See TVW recording at [00:55:38](#))

Kriss Sjoblom, representing the Washington Research Council, testified regarding the Aerospace Industry Tax Preferences (B&O, Sales and Use, Property, and Leasehold Excise Taxes). (See TVW recording at [01:09:58](#))

Ben Hempstead, representing Electroimpact, Inc., testified regarding the Aerospace Industry Tax Preferences (B&O, Sales and Use, Property, and Leasehold Excise Taxes). (See TVW recording at [01:18:41](#))

Erik Strom and Cindi Holmstrom, representing Russell Investments, testified regarding the tax preference for International Investment Management Services (B&O Tax). (See TVW recording at [01:37:28](#))

Dick Nelson, former Washington State Representative, testified regarding the Aerospace Industry Tax Preferences (B&O, Sales and Use, Property, and Leasehold Excise Taxes). (See TVW recording at [01:55:00](#))

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.