



Citizen Commission for Performance Measurement of Tax Preferences

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Citizen Commission for Performance Measurement of Tax Preferences

Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2016
John L. O'Brien Building
House Hearing Room E
Olympia, WA

Members Present:

Grant Forsyth
Stephen Miller
Ron Bueing
Diane Lourdes Dick

Members Absent:

Senator John Braun State Auditor Troy Kelley

Staff:

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| Keenan Konopaski | Rachel Murata | Casey Radostitz |
| John Woolley | Ashley Elliott | Matt Beverlin |
| Eric Whitaker | Erin Manning | Stacia Hollar, AGO |
| Marilyn Richter | Dana Lynn | Pete van Moorsel |
| Emily Schroeder | Stephanie Hoffman | Ian Larsen |

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Legislative Auditor Keenan Konopaski welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

1. Introduction of new Commissioner

Legislative Auditor Keenan Konopaski welcomed Diane Lourdes Dick. Professor Dick was recently appointed to the Commission by the Senate Democratic Caucus. She is an associate professor of law at The Seattle University School of Law.

(See TVW recording at [00:36](#))

2. Election of Commission Chair and Vice Chair

Legislative Auditor Konopaski called for a nomination for chair of the Commission.

MOTION: A motion was made to elect Grant Forsyth as Commission Chair.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Chair Forsyth called for nominations for vice chair of the Commission.

MOTION: A motion was made to elect Stephen Miller as Commission Vice Chair.

The motion was seconded and carried.

(See TVW recording at [01:40](#))

3. Action item: Approval of 6/17/16 meeting minutes

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the June 17, 2016 meeting minutes.

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The motion was seconded and carried.

(See TVW recording at [03:15](#))

4. Other Commission Business

- **Overview of public meetings and public records**

Assistant Attorney General Stacia Hollar discussed the Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act and answered questions from the Commissioners.

Legislative Auditor Konopaski also reminded the Commissioners about the notification requirements in the Commission's conflict of interest policy.

(See TVW recording at [04:03](#))

- **Purpose and dates for September & October meetings**

Legislative Auditor Keenan Konopaski noted that the September 9 meeting will be dedicated to public testimony. The October 14 meeting will be dedicated to the adoption of the Commissioner's comments on the 2016 reviews.

(See TVW recording at [34:38](#))

- **Draft questions for September public testimony**

Commissioners discussed and adopted a set of questions for those providing public testimony to address.

(See TVW recording at [35:02](#))

5. Legislative implementation of recommendations

Deputy Legislative Auditor John Woolley provided an overview of the "legislative scorecard" which summarizes legislative action on tax preference reviews conducted between 2007 and 2015.

(See TVW recording at [38:04](#))

6. 2016 Tax Preference Reviews – JLARC Staff Preliminary Report

The commissioners disclosed certain potential conflicts of interest they might have in the tax preferences being reviewed this year. JLARC staff then presented their findings on the 2016 tax preferences and answered questions from Commissioners.

(See TVW recording at [40:42](#))

7. 2016 Expedited Reviews

The Chair asked Commissioners if they had any questions on the expedited preference reviews or specific preferences where they wish to seek public testimony at the September 2016 Commission meeting.

Commissioners discussed a number of preferences, with Vice Chair Miller encouraging beneficiaries of the following preferences to provide public testimony at the Commission meeting in September: amphitheater, computers for publishers, professional employer organization wages, and sellers with limited Washington connection.

(See TVW recording at [02:39:35](#))

8. Public Comment

The Chair asked if any members of the public wished to testify. No one wished to do so.

(See TVW recording at [02:55:48](#))

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.m.