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Citizen Commission for Performance Measurement of Tax Preferences
Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2023
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

John L. O'Brien Building
House Hearing Room A, Olympia, WA
And Virtual

Commissioners Present:

Dr. Grant Forsyth
Dr. Sharon Kioko

Ronald L. Bueing

Andi Nofziger-Meadows

Staff Present:

Eric Thomas
Marilyn Richter
Eric Whitaker

Stephanie Hoffman
Jared Gunnell

Dana Lynn
Zack Freeman

Ryan McCord
Pete van Moorsel

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

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Chair Forsyth called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

The Chair welcomed everyone in attendance by Zoom and conducted a roll call.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

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1. Commission Business

a. Approval of May 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the May 3, 2023 meeting minutes.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

(See recording at [00:01:37](#))

b. Commission Policies Update

Eric Thomas, Legislative Auditor, reviewed the Executive Ethics Board Approval of update Tax Commission Conflict of Interest Policies. A training to review the updates will be held in October for Commission Members.

(See recording at [00:02:53](#))

2. 2023 Tax Preference Reviews Preliminary Report

Zach Freeman, Dana Lynn, Ryan McCord, Pete van Moorsel, and Eric Whitaker presented the preliminary reports. The Legislative Auditor issued six recommendations as part of its annual reporting cycle. The presentation included tax preferences for the following: Interstate Transportation, Rural County New Jobs, International Services, Hazardous Substance Tax

Exemption for Pesticides Sold Out of State, Historic Ships and Vessels, and Rehabilitated Historic Properties.

Five recommendations require legislative action: two are recommendations to continue with modifications, two are recommendations to continue with clarifications, and one recommendation is to terminate. A final preference has a recommendation to continue and does not require legislative action. All tax preference reviews included the newly required Racial Equity Analysis.

(See recording at [00:05:57](#))

Stephanie Hoffman, Audit Coordinator, described the public testimony process for the September 27, 2023 Citizen Commission meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.