

State of Washington
Citizen Commission for Performance Measurement of Tax Preferences

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Citizen Commission for Performance Measurement of Tax Preferences
Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2022
Virtual

Commissioners Present:

Grant Forsyth
Sharon Kioko

Ronald Bueing
James Orr

Andi Nofziger-Meadows

Non-voting Members:

Representative Gerry Pollet, JLARC Chair

Staff:

Keenan Konopaski
Marilyn Richter

Eric Thomas
Zack Freeman

Pete van Moorsel
Emily Martin

Liz Thomas
Geneva Johnston

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

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Chair Forsyth called the meeting to order at 10 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 August 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the August 2, 2022 meeting minutes.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

(See TVW recording at [00:01:43](#))

The Commissioners also disclosed any potential conflicts of interest with the tax preferences. Commissioner Forsyth noted that he currently serves on an economic advisory board for the Association of Washington Businesses, and that his company, Avista, serves many businesses involved in the food processing industry. Commissioner Bueing noted that he has a long-standing relationship with the Association of Washington Businesses, and previously served as Chair of its Tax and Fiscal Policy Committee. He also noted that he most likely worked with businesses in food processing industry throughout his career.

(See TVW recording at [00:03:02](#))

b. Public Testimony on 2022 Tax Preference Performance Reviews – Preliminary Report

The Legislative Auditor issued seven recommendations in four separate reports as part of its annual reporting cycle. The presentation included tax preferences for the

following: Commute Trip Reduction, Food Processors, Nonprofit Hospitals and Nonprofit Cancer Clinics, and Historic Automobile Museums Sales and Use Tax Deferral.

Five recommendations require legislative action. All but two of the preferences meet their objectives. Two recommendations do not require legislative action.

Public testimony was given on the 2022 Tax Preference Performance Reviews.

Note: Any written testimony provided before, during, and after this meeting has been posted to the Citizen Commission website under the 9/8/2022 meeting.

(See TVW recording at [00:05:06](#))

c. Process for Adopting Commissioner Comments at the October 18, 2022 Meeting

Eric Thomas, JLARC staff, reviewed the process for adopting commissioner comments on the 2022 tax preference performance reviews.

(See TVW recording at [01:16:59](#))

Meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

