Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2015
John A. Cherberg Building
Senate Hearing Room 3
Olympia, WA

Members Present:
William A. Longbrake
Lily Kahng
Ron Bueing
Stephen Miller
Grant Forsyth

Members Absent:
Senator John Braun
State Auditor Troy Kelley

Staff:
Keenan Konopaski
Rachel Murata
Christine Park
Marilyn Richter
Ashley Elliott
John Woolley
Dana Lynn
Eric Whitaker
Stacia Hollar, AGO

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME
Commission Chair William Longbrake welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Action item: Approval of 5/22/15 meeting minutes

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the May 22, 2015 meeting minutes.

The motion was seconded and carried.

(See TVW recording at 03:50)

2. Action item: Finalize public testimony questions

Commissioners discussed and amended questions they intend to use to solicit written and oral public testimony at the September Commission meeting.

MOTION: A motion was made to adopt the amended version of the six questions.

The motion was seconded and carried.

(See TVW recording at 04:08)
3. **Identification of expedited preferences where Commission has specific questions**

The Chair asked Commissioners if they had specific expedited preferences where they seek public testimony and specific questions they want to pose to the public about any of the 44 expedited preferences. The Chair identified specific questions for soliciting testimony on individual expedited preferences. He also identified a process where the name of the Commissioner who asked the question is identified, then other Commissioners have an opportunity to add their names to the question if they wish.

(See TVW recording at 39:51)

4. **Overview of legislative session**

Dana Lynn of the JLARC staff briefed the Commission on bills in the 2015 legislative sessions related to tax preferences, including new preferences, repeals, expirations, and extensions.

(See TVW recording at 1:06:09)

5. **Changes to the 2016 review schedule due to 2015 legislation**

Rachel Murata of the JLARC staff briefed the Commission on changes to the 2016 review schedule as a result of legislative action, specifically the repeal of five preferences that had been scheduled for review. This opens the possibility of completing more reviews on the alternate list.

(See TVW recording at 1:13:00)

6. **Discuss “Potential key issues” draft**

Commissioners discussed and amended a draft set of questions related to their embarking on the next 10-year cycle of tax preference reviews. The draft includes concepts related to scheduling of preferences for review and concepts related to how JLARC staff would conduct the evaluations. The Commission plans to solicit preliminary input from the public on the draft questions at the September meeting. The Commission will then continue work on these issues during 2016.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to post on the Commission website the “potential key issues” draft.

The motion was seconded and carried.

(See TVW recording at 1:17:13)

7. **2015 tax preference performance reviews**

John Woolley, Dana Lynn, Eric Whitaker, and Rachel Murata of the JLARC staff presented the 2015 tax preference reviews. Commissioners identified if they had a potential conflict of interest related to the beneficiaries of specific tax preferences.

(See TVW recording at 1:52:24)

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

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.